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CHIEF EXECUTIVE
REPORT



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Bike Week



New Ross TCF hosted a National Town Centre First delegation in New Ross Town



CRF24 Barntown Parish Field launch event, Barntown NS 22/05/26



HOUSING

Housing Strategy & Services

Under the Housing for All Programme 2022 to 2026, Wexford County Council must deliver a minimum of 1,159 new housing units within the programme timeframe. The status of overall programme delivery is contained in the diagram below. (1,190 below includes leasing).

Housing For All 2022-2026						
1,190 Target	- (1,170 Units Delivered	+	322 Units Projected	=	1,492 Delivery Pipeline
)				=	302 Shortfall/ Over

It is the Councils intention to continue to deliver new housing, above the target provided under the programme, where demand exists and Department funding is available.

The following tables outline the current delivery pipelines and status on projects. For LA Direct Build information, please refer to the Capital Development section of the Chief Executives Report.

Turnkey Delivery - The Housing Section periodically seek Expressions of Interest for the provision of social housing units via Turnkey Acquisition. The current Expression of Interest closed on 26th February. **A new Expression of Interest opened on 15th April and run until the 11th June, 2026.** All calls are seeking targeted delivery of smaller unit types (1 & 2 beds) in areas of need identified in the Housing Delivery Action Plan (HDAP). In addition, the process also seeks proposals for purchase of land in areas of need. All proposals received by Wexford County Council under the turnkey process are assessed by an Internal Assessment Committee.

Gorey/Kilmuckridge Municipal District

Project Address (TURNKEY)	Unit Type	Est. Delivery	Total
Mangan, Hollyfort, Gorey	2 x 3-Bed	Q1 2027	2
Spring View, Gorey Hill, Gorey	6 x 3-bed apt, 6 x 2-bed apt	Q4 2026	12
Grattan Court, Gorey	10 x 3-bed, 4 x 2-bed apt	Q1 2026	14
Sunset Avenue, Ballinatray Upper, Ardamine	2 x 2 Bed, 3 x 3 bed	Q1 2027	5
		Total Turnkey Units	33

Project Address (Part V)	Unit Type	Est. Delivery	Total
Forest Close, Ramsford Park	2 x 3-bed	Q1 2027	2
Spring View, Gorey Hill, Gorey	4 x 3-bed apt, 4 x 2-bed apt	Q4 2026	8
Deerpark (Ballowen or Ramsford Park) Gorey	6 x 3 bed, 1 x 3-bed apt 1 x 2-bed apt	Q2 2026	8
Grattan Court Gorey	2 x 2 bed	Q2 2026	2
Sunset Avenue, Riverchapel	1 X 2 bed hse	Q1 2027	1

Gorey/Kilmuckridge MD - cont'd

Project Address (Part V)	Unit Type	Est. Delivery	Total
Millquarter, Knockmullen	6 X 2 bed apt 6 X 3 bed apt	Q2 2026	12
Fermoyle Manor, Kilanerin	1 X 3 bed hse	Q2 2026	1
Ramsbrook, Ramstown Lower	10 X 3 bed hse	Delivering on a phased basis from Q3 2026	10
Dun Greine, Coolgreany	1 X 3 bed	Q2 2026	1
		Total Part V	45
Ballytegan Rd, Gorey (AHB)	3 x 1-bed 26 x 2-bed 52 x 3-bed 5 x 4-bed	Q3 2026	86
Overall Total			164

Rosslare Municipal District

Project Address	Unit Type	Est. Delivery	Total
Carrig-on-Bannow (TURNKEY)	5 x 1 bed 5 x 2 bed	5 Delivered Dec 2025 5 due in Q4 2026	10
Murrintown Upper (PART V)	3 x 2 bed hse	Q1 2027	3
Overall Total			13

Enniscorthy Municipal District

Project Address (TURNKEY)	Unit Type	Est. Delivery	Total
Cnoc na Greine, Enniscorthy	3 x 2-bed 9 x 3-bed 2 x 4-bed	4 Delivered December 2025. 10 due in 2026	14
Forgelands, Old Forge Rd, Enniscorthy	7 x 3 bed	4 delivered Q4 2025. 2 delivered March 2026	7
		Total Turnkey	21
Holly-Close, Clonhasten, Enniscorthy (Part V)	2 X 2 bed hse 1 X 3 bed hse	Delivered Q1 2026	3
Cnoc na Greine, Enniscorthy (Part V)	16 x 3 bed hse 2 x 2 bed hse 16 x 1 bed apt	9 Delivered Q4 2025. 5 delivered Q1 2026	34
		Total Part V	37
Milehouse, Phase 2, Enniscorthy (AHB)	7 x 1 bed hse 26 x 2 bed hse	19 delivered. 14 delivered Q1 2026	33
		Total AHB	33
Overall Total			91

New Ross Municipal District

Project Address	Unit Type	Est. Delivery	Total
Hewittlands, New Ross (LAGS site) (AHB)	10 x 1-bed, 16 x 2-bed, 22 x 3-bed	Q2 2026	48
Overall Total			48

Borough District of Wexford

Project Address	Unit Type	Est. Delivery	Total
Ard Uisce, Wexford	8 x 2-bed	Delivered 2 in Q2, 2 in Q3, 2 in Q4	8
Radharc an Chuain, Castlebridge	2 x 3 bed	Q2 2026	2
Turners Way, Coolcotts	4 x 2 bed apt	Delivering from Q2 2026	4
Clos na Pairce, Park	3 x 2 bed, 3 x 3 bed	Delivering from Q2 2026	6
The Paddocks, Coolcotts	7 x 3 bed	1 Delivered Q1 2026 3 Delivering Q2 3 Delivering from Q3 2026	7
Manor Grove, Roxborough	1 x 2 bed	Q2 2026	1
Roxborough, Wexford	23 x 2 bed apt	Q4 2026	23
Carrig Mor & Meadow Av.	1 x 2 bed & 2 x bed	Q3 2026	3
Kerlogue, Coolballow Road	8 x 2 bed	Delivering from Q4 2026	8
		Total Part V	62
Beechfield, Clonard (AHB)	25 x 1-bed, 23 x 2-bed, 1 x 3-bed, 1 x 4-bed	Q2 2026	50
Overall Total			112

Support has been offered to AHB's for other proposals amounting to **150** units across all districts. These proposals are subject to Planning and Departmental approval.

District	No. of Units
Enniscorthy	30
Gorey	31
New Ross	9

District	No. of Units
Rosslare	42
Wexford	45
Total	157

Housing Maintenance

The following table shows the number of repairs carried out from 01/01/2026 to 20/05/2026:

	Enniscorthy	Gorey-Kilmuckridge	New Ross	Rosslare	Wexford Borough	Total
Emergency	19	5	22	4	16	66
Routine	89	85	85	49	87	395
Urgent	773	555	813	385	757	3283
Total	881	645	920	438	860	3744

Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme 2026 is the sixth year of a new 10-year Energy Efficiency/Retrofit Programme to retrofit local authority housing stock. The new programme provides for a significant upscaling in the level of funding available and focuses on ensuring that the fabric of the home is upgraded, and an energy efficient heating system is provided. The table below outlines the targets and number of properties delivered and funded to date, under this programme.

Department Targets for County Wexford		
Year	No of Properties Allocated	No Delivered & Funding Received
2021	54	0
2022	68	37
2023	51	146
2024	116	118
2025	120	120
Total	409	421
Status Update May 2026		
Units completed to date		63*
Works in progress		24
Contract Awarded		21
In tender process		11
Survey/Tender Doc Prep		31
	Total	150 No.
	2026 allocation	130 No.

Notes: * 17 units completed in Q4 2025

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Affordable Housing

‘Launching June 2026’ – ‘An Lisín Mór’ Coolballow, Wexford. A new development of Superior A-Rated Homes.



Wexford County Council is delighted to announce the upcoming launch of new affordable homes at 'An Lisín Mór', a premium new development in Coolballow, Wexford.

Situated just minutes from Wexford Town, An Lisín Mór offers an exciting opportunity for eligible purchasers to secure a high-quality new A-Rated home in a sought-after residential location. The development will feature a range of beautifully designed 2, 3 & 4 Bedroom Homes each offering a generous specification.

Prices net of the Affordable Dwelling Contribution starts from **€240,000**, with buyers able to get support through the Government's Help to Buy Scheme.

Under the **Affordable Purchase Scheme**, Wexford County Council will make homes available at a reduced price for eligible applicants who are seeking to purchase a newly built home but need additional funds to bridge the gap between their mortgage and deposit to cover the full price of the home.

Application Process -

Applications for the 20 new A-Rated homes, will only be accepted online via a dedicated application portal which will be hosted on Wexford County Councils website, scheduled to launch **June 24th, 2026, at 12.00pm**. All applications received will be initially prioritised in order of date and time received.



In advance of the portal launch, Wexford County Council are hosting in-person/online events to assist applicants through the application process including:

- Information Launch Event – **11th June 2026, 7.00pm, Whites Hotel, Wexford.**
- Application Webinar – **Online Event, 18th June 2026, 7.00pm**

To register to attend any of these events please email rsvp@wexfordcoco.ie

Looking to Buy Your First Home – Upcoming Schemes Launching Soon -Summer 2026 in County Wexford.

Wexford County Council is continuing to deliver affordable homeownership opportunities across County Wexford. Stay informed about upcoming Affordable Housing Scheme launches by registering your interest today through the Wexford County Council Affordable Housing website.

http://customerservice.wexfordcoco.ie/en/service/Affordable_Housing_Expression_of_Interest

All programme details are available on the council website, alternatively please email affordablehousing@wexfordcoco.ie

Choice Based Letting - 143 properties were advertised on the Choice Based Letting website from 01/01/2026 to 27/05/26. Number of Views & Expressions of Interest are as per table below:-

Municipal District	No. of Properties Advertised	1-bed	2-bed	3-bed	4/5-bed
Enniscorthy	32	1	16	14	1
Gorey/Kilmuckridge	39	3	18	17	1
New Ross	49	9	21	19	0
Rosslare	9	5	3	1	0
Wexford	14	1	7	6	0
TOTAL	143	19	65	57	2

Housing Tenancies 2026 - From the 1st January to 29th May, 2026 there were 173 new tenancies.

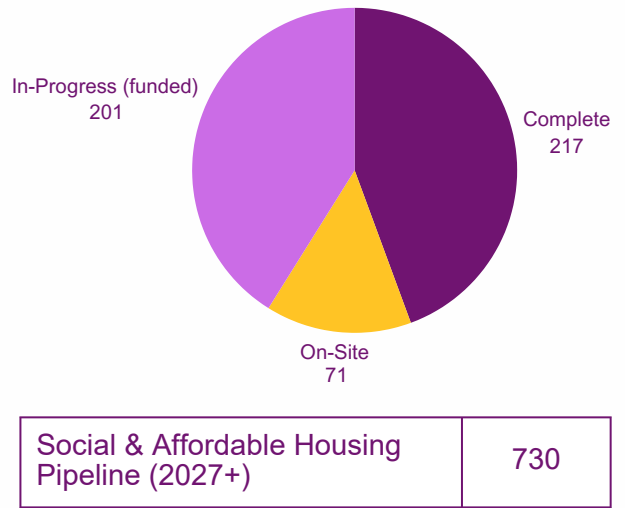
Area	Re-Lets (Incl. Bays)	Transfers	New Lets	AHBs	MTR	Total
Gorey/Kilmuckridge	9	5	31	6	0	51
New Ross	12	0	1	0	0	13
Enniscorthy	9	2	19	30	1	61
Wexford	10	5	3	9	2	29
Rosslare	7	2	3	7	0	19
TOTAL	47	14	57	52	3	173

Estate Management Cases – Logged between 01/01/2026 and 01/05/2026					
Complaint	Enniscorthy	Gorey/Kilmuckridge	New Ross	Rosslare	Wexford
Abandonment	0	4	5	0	0
Breach of Tenancy	0	6	5	3	8
Damage to Property	1	5	2	0	2
Estate Management	27	22	21	4	5
End of Tenancy	0	0	1	0	0
Unauthorised Occupants	2	3	5	1	3
Verbal Abuse/ Violence/ Harassment/Drugs	2	25	12	1	10
TOTAL	32	65	51	9	28

HOUSING CONSTRUCTION –CAPITAL BUILD PROJECTS

Construction Status

Housing for All 2022 - 2026 SUMMARY	
Dwellings Complete 2022	48
Dwellings Complete 2023	23
Dwellings Complete 2024	54
Dwellings Complete 2025	92
Dwellings to Complete 2026	71
Funded Projects for delivery 2026 / 2027	201



Dwellings Under Construction to complete in 2026

Lacken TAP	1	Monomolin, Gorey	5	Total 71
Killeens, Wexford	60	Ballygillane, Rosslare	5	

Funded Projects for delivery 2026 – 2027

Bullawn, New Ross	3	Belvedere, Wexford	18	Rosbercon, New Ross	50
Clonard, Wexford	57	Adamstown, New Ross	4	St. Walerans, Gorey (social)	40
Bride Street, Wexford	3	Cluain Fada, New Ross	22	Grogan's Road, Wexford	4
Total 201					

Projects in Design / Pipeline Social and Affordable Subject to Funding Approval

Group TAP Housing	5	Kilmore Quay (10 units & 4 serviced sites)	14
Creagh, Gorey	24	Castlemoyle, New Ross	82
The Lyre, Enniscorthy	101	Park, Wexford	12
Bunclody, Enniscorthy (social)	65	St Walerans, Gorey (affordables)	35
Bunclody, Enniscorthy (affordables)	45	Turrett Rocks, Enniscorthy	50
Cherryorchard, Enniscorthy	5	Taghmon	40
Ballynagee, Wexford Masterplan (to be phased)	252		
Total 730			

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE

Business of Wexford Food

The 'Business of Wexford Food' is a series of events covering a broad range of topics designed to support, educate and inspire Wexford's food, drink, primary production and AgriFood sectors.

The first event was held on the 7th May, co-presented by GreentechHQ and The Wexford Food Producers Network, in association with Wexford County Council and the Local Enterprise Office Wexford. An Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Joe Sullivan was among the speakers at the event which was also attended by LEO staff promoting supports available to food producers in County Wexford.



Start Your Own Social Enterprise

A new programme to encourage and support the establishment of Social Enterprises was delivered over eight modules in mid-May. The "Start Your Own Social Enterprise" programme was delivered by trainer, Noel Davidson, The Entrepreneurs Academy.

Clare Ryan from Wexford Local Development alongside Annette Dupuy from Local Enterprise Office Wexford presented the certificates, highlighting the collaboration with Wexford Local Development and Local Enterprise Office Wexford.



TOURISM

Local Government Tourism Conference 2026

The Local Government Tourism Conference 2026 conference took place on Thursday 14th May and Friday 15th May 2026 in Ballyfarnon, Co. Roscommon. This conference is a national two-day gathering of local authorities, government agencies, and tourism stakeholders focused on advancing regional tourism across Ireland, it is organised by the Local Government Management Agency (LGMA) and the County and City Management Association (CCMA) and is delivered in collaboration with the Department of Enterprise, Tourism and Employment and Fáilte Ireland.



The aim of the two day conference was to share best practice and innovation in tourism development, Strengthen the role of local government in driving tourism growth and explore how to scale regional tourism opportunities to support communities and economic development.

Over the two days, the sessions and discussions looked at some of the following areas

- The Future of Irish tourism and entering a “new era” for the sector
- Regional tourism development and spreading visitor demand beyond the major hubs
- The Economic impact of tourism at local and national level
- Food tourism and international best practice
- Leveraging sports, culture, and heritage to attract visitors
- Festivals, events, and the night-time economy as drivers of destination activity
- Sustainability, digital transformation, and long-term regional growth



The conference highlighted the central role of local authorities in shaping Ireland’s tourism offering and supporting community development and provided a platform for collaboration.

County Wexford Cluster Programme

The Wexford Cluster Programme is a core element of the Wexford Destination and Experience Development Plan (DEDP), a five-year tourism development strategy aimed at enhancing the value, sustainability, and international appeal of tourism across County Wexford.

The DEDP identifies the development of tourism clusters and networks as a key enabling initiative to strengthen collaboration, enhance visitor experiences, and support a more coordinated approach to destination development.

Fáilte Ireland, in collaboration with Wexford County Council, has initiated the rollout of the Cluster Programme across County Wexford.

The programme is being delivered through the following key geographic clusters, aligned with the DEDP framework with national meetings held in May.

- North Wexford Cluster (Enniscorthy & Gorey)
- Wexford Town & Rosslare Cluster
- New Ross & Hook Peninsula Cluster

The primary aim of the Wexford Cluster Programme is to foster collaboration and partnership across tourism and hospitality providers, supporting the development of a more integrated and competitive tourism offering across the county.

Visit Wexford Summer Tourism Campaign Launch

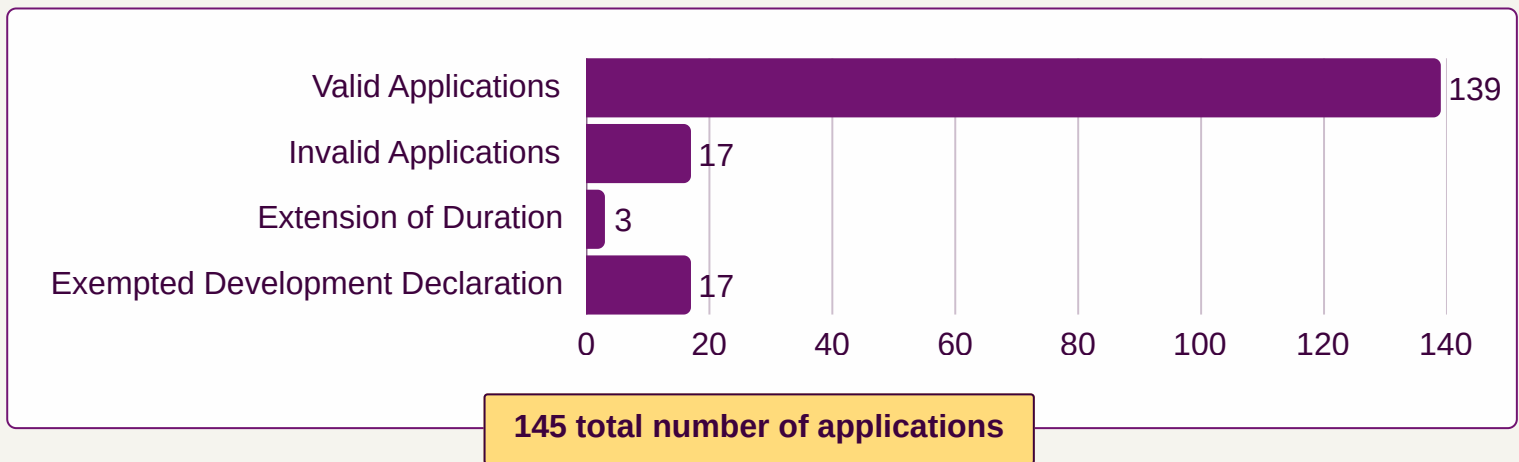
Visit Wexford formally launched its 2026 summer tourism campaign, “*Find Your Summer,*” on 29 May, positioning the county to capitalise on a strong upcoming tourism season. The campaign promotes Wexford across key domestic and overseas markets, including the UK, Germany, France and Spain, and highlights the county as a leading holiday destination within Ireland’s sunny southeast.

Developed by Visit Wexford with the support of Wexford County Council, the campaign showcases the breadth of visitor experiences available across the county, from its coastal and outdoor offerings to its rich heritage, food and cultural attractions, while also promoting events, accommodation and curated itineraries through the Visit Wexford platform. With domestic tourism performance remaining strong—almost one million visitors generating €211 million in 2024—the campaign is expected to further support local businesses, sustain employment and enhance vibrancy across towns and communities throughout the summer period.

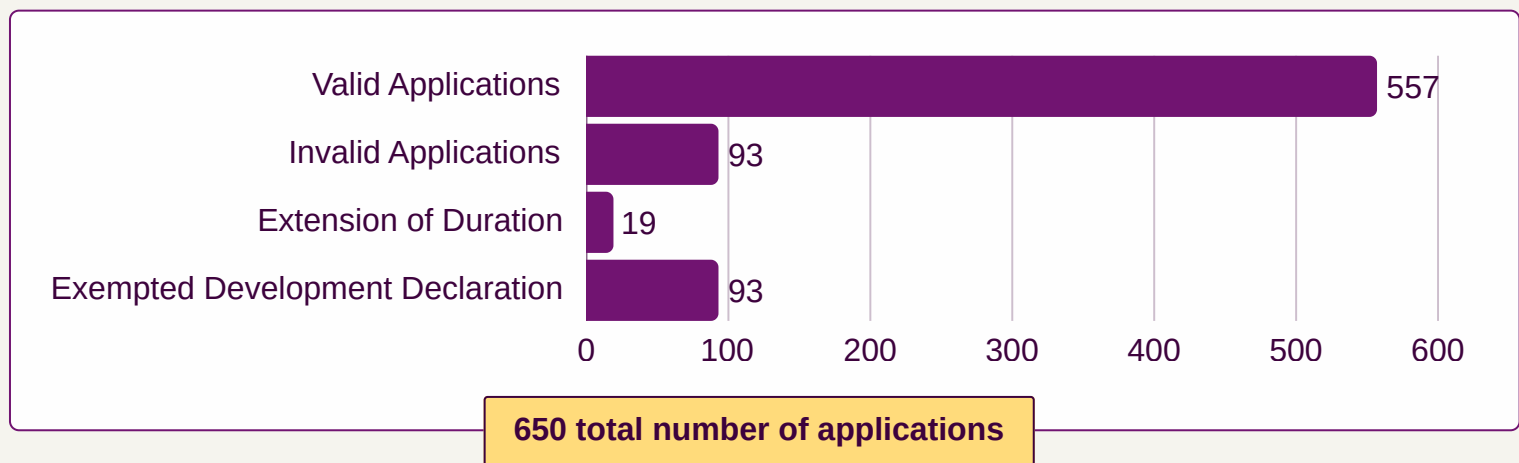


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Planning applications received 27th April 2026 to the 24th May 2026



Planning applications received 1st January to 24th May 2026



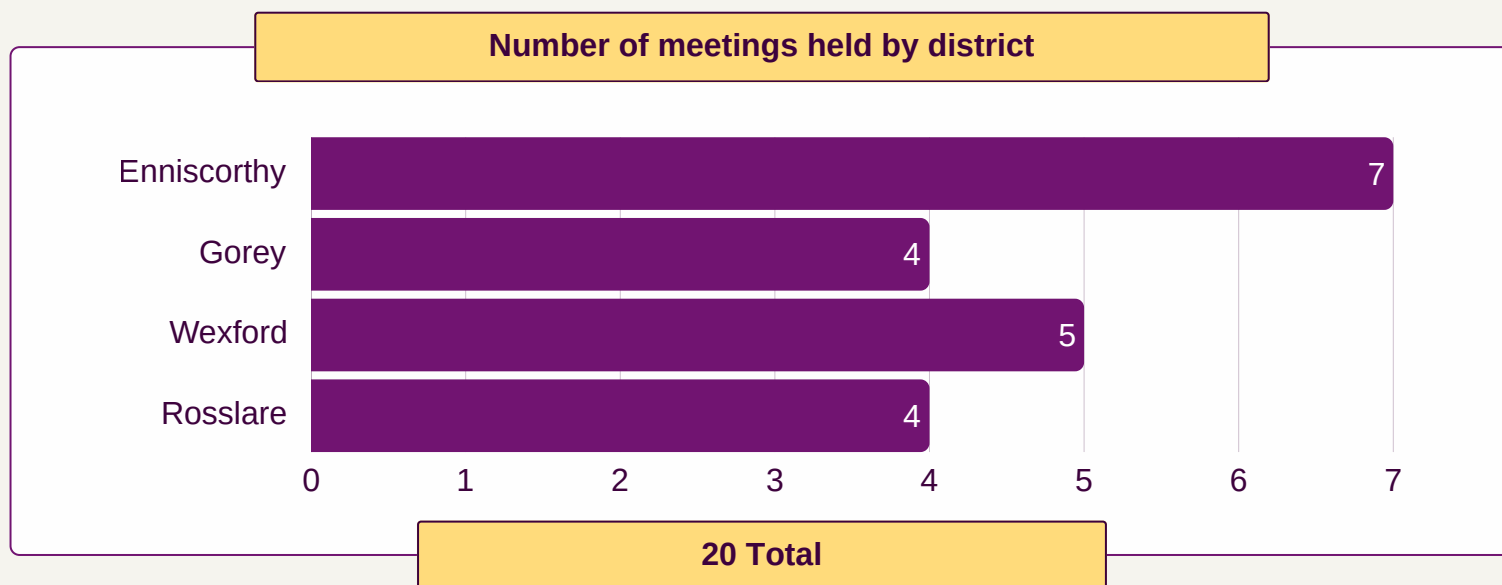
Pre-Planning - applications year to date up to the 24th May 2026

Pre-planning by District	Applications Received	Applications Closed	Open Pre-planning Applications
Enniscorthy MD	38	34	2
Gorey/Kilmuckridge MD	72	65	27
New Ross MD	42	37	5
Rosslare MD	44	40	1
Wexford BD	51	37	14
Total	247	171	49

Average days to pre-planning meeting is 24

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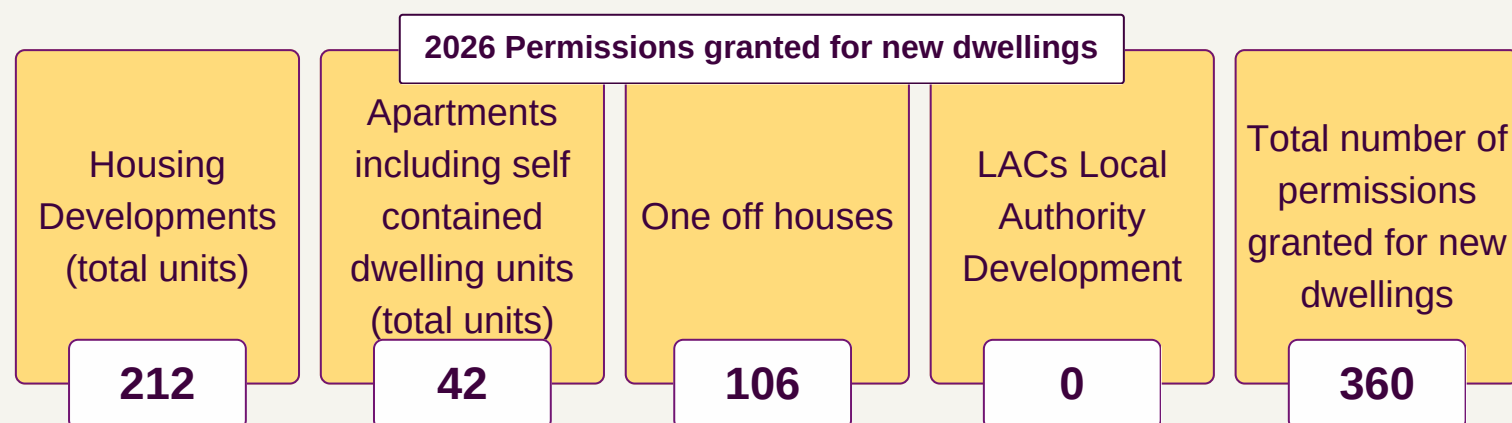
Major Pre-Planning - Year to date to the 24th May 2026



Number of Housing Units: 1557

Commercial Development (approx. sqm): 3781

Planning CSO Returns - year to date to the 24th May 2026



Forward Planning

Variation No. 1 of the Wexford County Development Plan

Proposed Variation No. 1 to the Wexford County Development Plan 2022–2028 is the first step in implementing the increased housing growth targets for County Wexford arising from the Housing Growth Requirements - Guidelines for Planning Authorities. This Variation provides the revisions required to the Core Strategy and land use zoning and objectives for Enniscorthy Town and New Ross Town.

Following the first public consultation period on the Proposed Variation No. 1, which ran from 11 February to 12 March 2026 and generated 64 submissions, the Chief Executive prepared a report summarising and responding to the submissions received and recommending Proposed Material Alterations to the Proposed Variation. The report was submitted to Members on 2 April 2026 and considered at workshops of New Ross MD on 14 April and Enniscorthy MD on 16 April 2026. It was subsequently considered at a Special Meeting of the Council on 20 April 2026, where Members agreed to make 45 Proposed Material Alterations to the Proposed Variation

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Variation No. 1 of the Wexford County Development Plan cont.

The Proposed Material Alterations to the Proposed Variation were on public display from the 29 April 2026 to 28 May 2026 during which time submissions were received relating to the Proposed Material Alterations. The Chief Executive will now prepare a report summarising the submissions received during the public consultation period and making recommendations with regard to the submissions and the Proposed Material Alterations.

The report will be submitted to the Members for their consideration in advance of the July Council meeting. The Members will consider the Proposed Material Alterations and the Chief Executive's Report and shall, no later than four weeks after the Chief Executive's Report has been furnished to them, by resolution i) make the Variation as originally proposed by the planning authority, ii) make the Variation with the Proposed Material Alterations, or iii) refuse to make the Variation.

Variation Number 2 to the County Development Plan 2022-2028

Proposed Variation No. 2 is to implement the revised Housing Growth Targets for Rosslare Harbour and Kilrane and Bunclody.

Workshops were held to discuss the Proposed Variation with the Members of the Enniscorthy MD on 6 May 2026 and the Members of Rosslare MD on 11 May 2026. It is hoped to have the Proposed Variation No 2 on display from 17th June to 15th July 2026. Public drop-in style Information sessions will be held in both Districts during the Public Consultation period.

Proposed Variation Number 3 to the County Development Plan 2022-2028

Proposed Variation No. 3 is to implement the revised Housing Growth Targets for Wexford Town and to introduce a new land use plan for the Town. Work has recommenced on the plan and is progressing well, with the planning team and their consultants progressing work on the written statement, land use zoning and associated strategies and assessments. The Forward Planning team are examining areas which can accommodate the additional growth arising from the new housing targets. Engagement with key statutory bodies is also ongoing

Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy

The Southern Regional Assembly has commenced the review of the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for the Southern Region (RSES). The new Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for 2027-2040 will set out the statutory framework for planning and economic development of the Southern Region, providing a strategy for growth, key policy objectives, and a plan for implementation and monitoring. The Regional Assembly have issued a series of four issues papers to assist input from the public and other stakeholders to the pre-draft consultation process which takes place from 26th March 2026 to 22 May 2026.

Staff from the Planning Department and across the Local Authority have contributed to workshops with the Southern Regional Assembly over the last few weeks which will assist them in the formulation of the final Strategy. The Forward Planning team made a submission on behalf of Wexford County Council outlining key priority areas, which will contribute to the strategic planning and economic policy framework for the development of the Southern Region into the future. There will be a further opportunity to comment on the Draft Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy in Q4 2026

PLANNING CONT.

Heritage

Kilmannan Graveyard

Essential conservation repairs have just been completed on the historic graveyard wall at Kilmannan, Co. Wexford. Kilmannan is an ancient site associated with St. Moininne, an important Early Christian female saint who was reputedly baptised by St. Patrick. The graveyard, which is vested in Wexford County Council, includes a fine collection of 18th- and 19th-century headstones, along with the remains of a fortified medieval church tower.



Built Heritage Investment Scheme(BHIS) 2026

The first progress report was submitted to The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage on Friday 22nd May in relation to Wexford's 2026 BHIS grant awards.

Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS)

- 13 projects with total grant allocation of **€261,989.00**

BHIS Historic Thatched Building Stream projects

- 3 projects with total grant allocation of **€46,774.00**



All applicants have confirmed that their projects have either commenced or are due to commence shortly and all have confirmed that at present they remain on target to complete works by the required deadline. We have one successfully completed project this week which entailed roof repairs at Sweetfarm House, see image above taken on Wednesday 27 May 2026. This project was allocated €25,000.00



Enniscorthy Castle

A multidisciplinary Conservation Consultancy team has recently been appointed to design and supervise remedial repair works at Enniscorthy Castle which received funding earlier this year under the Historic Towns Initiative Grant Fund. They have also been appointed to undertake a full structural and condition survey of the Castle which will result in a priority works and maintenance plan for this nationally important landmark heritage structure.

Planning Enforcement - Year to date up to the 24th May 2026

491

Live cases

107

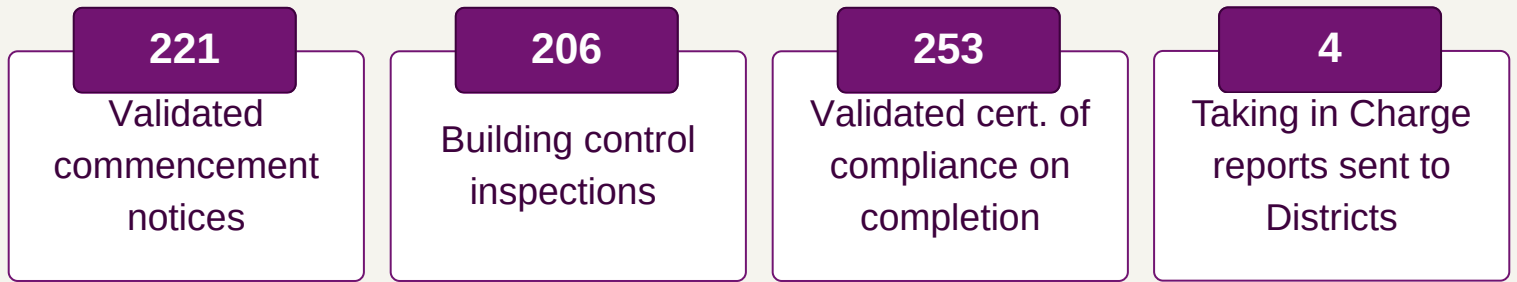
Cases opened
year to date

91

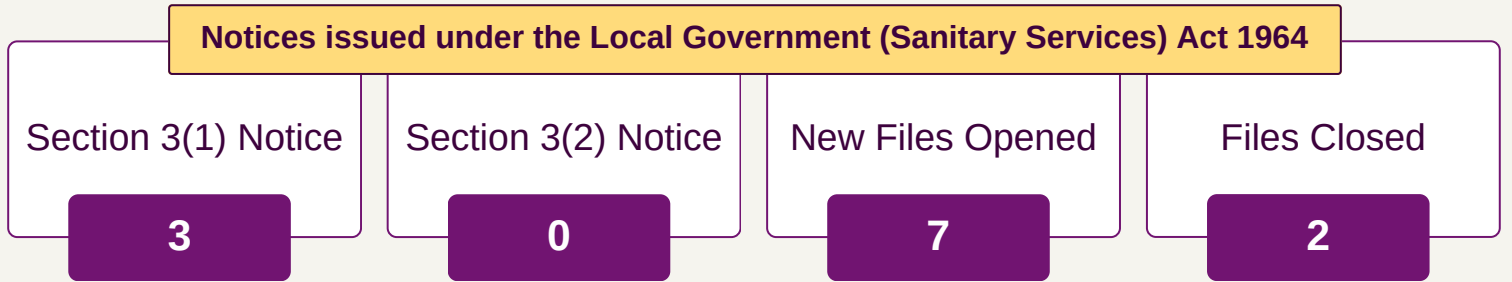
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year to date

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Building Control - Year to date up to the 24th May 2026

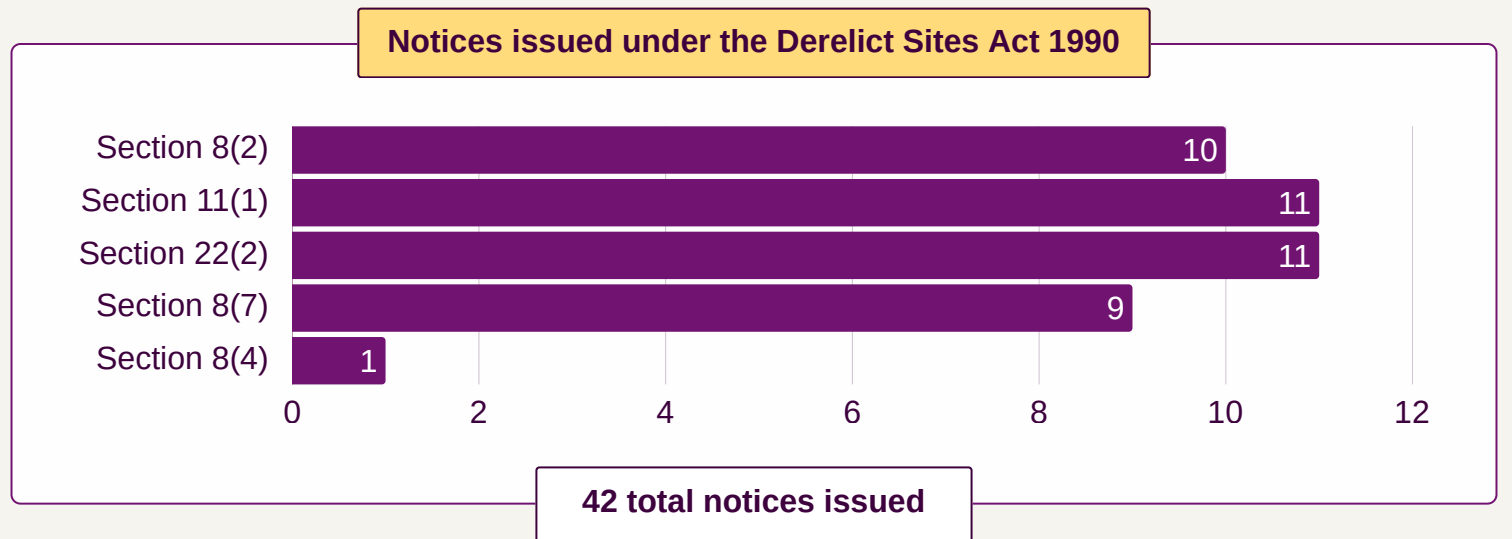


Dangerous Structures and Places - Year to date up to the 24th May 2026

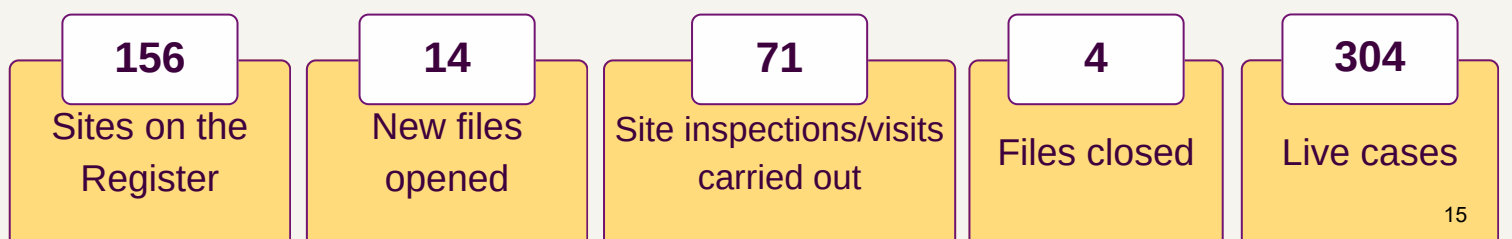


- **Section 3(1) Notice** instructs the owner to carry out works to make the site safe within a timeframe
- **Section 3(2) Notice** the Local Authority carries out the works to make the site safe. The owner is charged the cost of works.

Derelict Sites - year to date up to 24th May 2026



- **Section 8(2):** Notice of intention of entry onto the Derelict Site Register
- **Section 11(1):** A list of works required to be carried out by the owner within a timeframe
- **Section 8(7):** Notice of entry onto the Derelict Site Register
- **Section 22(2):** Notice of site valuation prior to the issue of Derelict site levies
- **Section 8(4):** Removal from the Register



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Derelict Sites Cont.

Back to Life - Podcast MiniSeries

Back to Life: Wexford Stories of Derelict Homes Brought Back to Life

Wexford County Council in conjunction with South East Radio has produced a 6-part podcast mini-series around stories of derelict properties brought back to life with support, grants and advice.

This podcast mini-series will release over a six-week period in June and July beginning from 2nd June. Each episode will focus on a story of a derelict property in County Wexford brought back to life by its owners with support and help from the vacant property refurbishment grant and through support from Wexford County Council Regeneration Unit, Planning Department and Property Unit.



This series offers an opportunity to bring real stories of people who have taken on the challenge of restoring a property and the difference it has made to their lives and their communities. By combining those personal journeys with expert insight from Wexford County Council speakers, the podcast will help demystify the process and encourage others to explore the opportunities that exist.

Each episode will follow the journey of a property owner who has transformed a vacant or derelict building into a home or business. Their experience - the challenges, the decisions, the moments of doubt and the eventual success - will form the heart of the story.

Alongside these personal accounts, contributors from Wexford County Council will provide practical insight into the supports available, the steps involved in restoring a property and the wider benefits for towns and communities.

The podcast mini-series will be available from the Wexford County Council website, South East Radio website, Spotify, YouTube and Apple Podcasts.

URDF Call 3 - Urban Regeneration Development Fund

193 sites approved on the programme as of the 24th May 2026



PLANNING CONT.

Disability Access Certificates (DACs) Year to date up to the 24th May 2026

Applications for Districts	Total for Districts	Awaiting Assessment	Further Information	Granted	Refused
Enniscorthy	7	1	1	5	0
Gorey	5	1	0	4	0
New Ross	11	0	1	9	1
Wexford	11	2	4	5	0
Rosslare	6	0	3	2	1
Totals	40	4	9	25	2

Disability proofing - year to date up to the 24th May 2026

73

LAC/PLAC/LRD and
General Planning
Applications

3

Major pre-planning event
days

1

Event Licences

REGENERATION UNIT

Town Centre First

We were delighted that Wexford County Council and New Ross TCF Team were selected to host a National Town Centre first delegation in New Ross Town to showcase the public realm improvements in the Town and District which is quickly becoming a National Exemplar in public realm improvement and regeneration. The 2 day event involved a meeting of the National Town Centre First Office and Town Regeneration Officers around the Country followed by a tour of the Town and talk on the Regeneration projects and public realm improvements that are helping to transform New Ross Town.

Deputy Chief Executive Eamonn Hore gave a 2 hour walking tour and presentation to the large delegation and answered queries around placemaking, project management, funding/delivery and the challenges that were encountered on the New Ross Regeneration journey. The comprehensive tour incorporating a reference booklet described the journey from dereliction to vibrancy and reclaiming of the public spaces with great interaction and interest from the delegation throughout the Tour.

It culminated in a civic welcome by the Municipal District Vice Chair and members of the Town Team with words of welcome from the Leas Cathaoirleach Cllr John Fleming, Chair of the New Ross Town Centre First Team Cllr Michael Sheehan and Chief Executive Eddie Taffee

On day 2 the District Manager Alan Fitzhenry provided a tour to the delegation of Duncannon Fort showing the first stages of the redevelopment of this heritage gem with huge future development potential. There was a great appreciation of the potential of the site and the substantial works that were completed with the limited funding that was available resulting in the reopening of the Fort.



TOWN CENTRE FIRST TEAMS REVIEW

Wexford - The Town Team met in March to progress the TCF Strategy which will be incorporated into the LAP. Work on the draft TCF Strategy is ongoing and is expected to be brought to the Town Team in June/July for decision.

Enniscorthy - Meeting Bimonthly, currently looking at the TCF Plan and funding stream applications. Plans to look at nighttime economy and review of Digital Town blueprint in 2026.

New Ross - Hosted a successful delegation from the National TCF Office along with New Ross Municipal District showcasing the many public realm improvements in the Town over the last number of years.

Courtown/Riverchapel.- Meeting Bimonthly with a focus currently on funding streams for Project Interventions on TCF Plan. The May meeting focused on Vacancy & Dereliction in Courtown/Riverchapel. The Town Team along with WCC officials carried out a Vacancy/Dereliction audit of the Town Centre area.

Castlebridge – Meeting regularly with specific attention around TVRS Grant of €300k for Castlebridge House gardens and working very closely with WCC special projects section on the RRDF €5m grant application for Castlebridge House.

Bunclody – Meeting Bimonthly. Putting programme together for the year with current strong focus on Parking issues within the Town, with new 4 hr max stay bye laws coming into effect in the coming weeks.

Taghmon – Meeting Bimonthly. Current focus on local traffic and development issues outlined in TCF Health check and a review of Town Team membership. Working on developing plans for square redevelopment.

VACANT HOMES

There has been very strong renewed interest in the existing VPRG's since our Roadshows and also a good few queries coming on the above the Shop Grants. Interest remains very high with a high volume of new applications coming in the last few weeks.

Existing Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant

Work is continuing on vacant homes with €864,025 paid out in Grants in the last 4 weeks and €1,280,000 of initial approvals granted in this time period which is having a very positive impact on improving vacancy and dereliction throughout the County.

Croi Conaithe Applications Wexford County Council as at 27-05-26			
Applications Received	635	Awaiting Approval	0
Inspections Required (First)	5	Applications Rejected	12
Inspections Required (Final)	14	Applications Approved In Principle	5
Applications Info Requested	98	Withdrawn By Applicant	19
Applications Approved	478	Funding Issued	221
Total Funding Paid to Date		€12,279,796.70	
Total Funding Approved in Principle		€27,849,425.00	

Multi Annual Rural Water Programme

<p>Measure 3 – Enhancement of Existing Schemes including Water Conservation</p>	<p>Blackstairs GWS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CaimTank – Works complete. 85% grant paid to the group. • Reservoir Bypass - Drawdown complete for stage 1 payment Recouped from Dept. • Majority of funding expected to be claimed and recouped by Q3 2026.
<p>MARWP 2024-2026</p>	<p>MARWP 2024-2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding approval – €1.2 million for the upgrade of 3.9km Watermain for Blackstairs GWS. • Topographical Survey carried out • Detail design ongoing <p>Site Investigations contract preparation underway</p>
<p>Measure 8 – Individual wells (private or household wells)</p>	<p>Individual Well Grants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of 29 new well grant applications were registered in May 2026 • 13 Well Grants have been paid in this period, totalling €27,553.72 • 60 inspections to date carried out in May 2026.
<p>Group Water Scheme Subsidies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subsidy A Applications due in by 30th June 2026. 4 subsidies paid to date totalling €269,740. • Subsidy B (payable (in addition to Subsidy A) towards O&M costs associated with “bona fide” DBO contracts for GWS’s). Validated figures for Q1 2026 sent to Group Water Scheme Managers for payment on 28th April. Payment approved for Q1 €94,225 • MARWP Capital Replacement Costs of the DBO GWSs have been reviewed and approved for Blackstairs, Borrmount and Mullawn GWSs. The Employers representative has certified that all equipment has been replaced. 3 of the DBO GWSs have been paid a total of €114,654.67. Kilanerin have just submitted their claim which is undergoing review.
<p>Measure A8 – Wastewater Collection & Treatment Needs for Villages & Settlements without access to Public Wastewater Service</p>	<p>New Advance Phase of MARWP 2022-2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ramsgrange – €8.1 Million funding approved to Wexford County Council • Wexford County Council responsible for the project management and delivery of the project. • Wexford County Council to procure the appointment of consultants. Meeting with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and Uisce Eireann scheduled for June to review next steps in process.
<p>Lead Remediation Grant</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11 applications received to date on revised grant, 8 paid, 2 approved, 1 new application.
<p>Compliance monitoring</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 168 private supplies on register for compliance monitoring. • Compliance testing ongoing for 2026 as per schedule

DPI Resolution Project					
	Name	Towland	Expecting Costings	75% Funding Provided	Project Completion/ Programme
DPI Resolution Programme 2019-2021	Cois Cuan	Arthurstown	€152,475	€114,356	Q3 2026
	Kyles Close	Oulart	€107,153	€80,365	Q3 2026
	Mountain View	Ballindaggin	€208,016	€156,012	Q2 2027
	Gleann na gCaor	Monageer	€302,878	€227,159	Q4 2027
DPI Resolution Programme 2023	Beach View	Duncannon	€72,300	€54,225	Q3 2026
	Farrin Carraig	Duncannon	€202,986	€152,240	Q3 2026
	Beechfields	Ballaghkeen	€353,968	€265,476	Q4 2027

- Cois Cuan, Farrin Carraig & Beach View – WCC have gone out to the market for quotations for the works. Quotes have been returned. Uisce Eireann have forwarded the required connection offers which Wexford County Council has signed. Contractor appointment imminent
- Stonebrook submitted to Planning for Part XI Planning Approval
- Kyle Close submitted to Planning for Part XI Planning Approval.

ROADS & TRANSPORTATION

MAJOR NATIONAL ROADS PROJECTS

N11/N25 Oilgate to Rosslare Harbour - Phase 3 – Design and Environmental Evaluation.

- Project design is progressing, with additional work ongoing to address Service Area requirements, Active Travel provisions, and Biodiversity considerations.
- The additional Topographical Survey Contract for the proposed Online Service Area is expected to be awarded in the coming weeks. The fee proposal for the preliminary design is pending from the Technical Advisors, and consultation with affected landowners has commenced.
- Preliminary design of the Active Travel facilities is ongoing.
- Preliminary design of the River Slaney Bridge has continued. The Rail Protection Structure (RP1) – Structures Options Report has been prepared and is currently awaiting TII's approval.
- The Maritime Usage Licence (MUL) and Maritime Area Consent (MAC) applications have been prepared and are currently under review.
- Traffic modelling has been completed, with sensitivity testing of the model currently ongoing. Environmental surveys also remain ongoing.
- Consultation with affected landowners is continuing.
- A Real Estate Valuation of the currently proposed alignment is due to commence in the coming weeks.
- Work on the Environmental, Planning, Design, and other supporting reports is also progressing.

N25 Rosslare Europort Access Road - The project is currently in Phase 5 – Enabling and Procurement.

- Negotiations between the Real Estate Valuers and landowners regarding Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) compensation are ongoing.
- The procurement process for the appointment of Technical Advisors for Phases 6 and 7 is ongoing. Contract award is expected in coming weeks.
- The Main Construction Tender was published by Wexford County Council on 12th May 2026, with a return date of 1st July 2026.

In relation to the Archaeological Services Contract, AMS Archaeological Consultants has been instructed by Wexford County Council to commence Stage II archaeological works. A kick-off meeting with the Consultants was held on 26th May 2026, and on-site works are expected to commence within two weeks.

NATIONAL ROADS

SAFETY SCHEMES

N25 Tagoat - The design report is being finalised and will be submitted to TII for approval by the end of May. Once approval is secured a period of consultation will commence.

N30 Leeches Bend – West of Clonroche - Works are substantially complete

N25 Larkins Cross - The design report was submitted to TII was approved. A preplanning meeting will take place in June with a planning submission soon after.

HIGH LEVEL COLLISION ANALYSIS NATIONAL PRIMARY AND SECONDARY

10 Locations Identified 2026

N11WX 118.0 Tinnahask - Site under review no clear options identified.

N11WX 119.0 Whitefort - Line marking and Signage review underway by THRDO. Additional warning signage has been installed.

N11WX 122.0 Kyle - Major N11/N25 Scheme required.

N25WX 165.0 Newtown - Safety scheme design solutions will be included as part of design for pavement scheme in this location.

N25WX 166.0 Coolcotts - Safety scheme design solutions will be included as part of design for pavement scheme in this location.

N25WX 167.0 Clonard Great/Little - Safety scheme design solutions will be included as part of design for pavement scheme in this location.

N30WX 019.0 Ballymackesy - Safety issues identified included in 2025 HD28 site - will progress in 2026

N30WX 023.0 leeches Bend - Site included in 2025 safety scheme. Scheme is now complete.

N80WX 100.0 Bunclody - Restrict parking on approaches to existing zebra crossings. Design required.

N80WX 102.6 Clohamon - Draft Feasibility and options report sent to TII regional safety Team. Full site survey and feasibility design required to progress draft report. Survey complete and design progressing. Feasibility and Options report to be submitted to TII by end of May for approval to proceed.

2025 Road Safety Inspection - N25 Lot 2C RSIs P3A – N25 (Wexford) - under review.

Park and Share M11 Junction 11 - A potential Park and Share facility is being investigated at Junction 11 on the M11. Feasibility and options stage.

2026 PAVEMENT SCHEMES

Pavement Schemes for completion in 2026

- N25 New Ross Roundabout to Clonard Great – design works ongoing
- N30 Rathturtin to Clonleigh Pavement – design works ongoing, tender process to commence in June

HD28 Pavement Improvements 2026

The following HD28 schemes will be designed in 2026. WCC will apply for funding once designs are complete and the schemes can be brought to tender stage. There is no guarantee an allocation will be provided for all works in 2026.

- N30 Ballymackesy 1.0km – Tender has been awarded, works will commence shortly
- N80 Ballycarney Cross North 1km – the project is in design phase
- N11/N25 New Ross Roundabout and N25 Duncannon Road Roundabout – to be included as part of a feasibility and options study to consider how vulnerable road users can traverse the junction
- N25 Duncannon Roundabout to Drinagh Roundabout – 2 separate sections 3km in total – The project is out for tender; tender award is expected in late June with works commencing soon after.
- Retexturing works
 - N80 – Clohamon 2.7km
 - N80 – Scarawalsh to Tomacurry 1.5km

HD28 PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENTS 2025

The following schemes have been identified for surface course replacement for 2025

- N11 Oylegate to Scurlocks bush Roundabout. 1.7km – works are substantially complete

REGIONAL AND LOCAL ROADS - Wexford's allocation through the Regional and Local Road Grant 2026 is **€23,317,100**.

Restoration Improvement €12,837,500

91 projects are now added to the road strengthening programme for 2026. Works are progressing on this roads programme with 58 projects completed to date.



Restoration Maintenance €2,917,000 - The restoration maintenance / surface dressing programme is scheduled to start in June 2026 with 75 projects for 2026.

Bridge Rehabilitation €690,000 - 12 bridges are included in this year's programme.

Completed Bridge Rehab Works at Rathaspeck, Rosslare MD



Climate Change Adaptation & Resilience Works €700,000 - 19 projects. Preparation works underway.

Community Involvement Schemes €665,700 - 5 schemes included.

Safety Improvement Works €559,000 - 15 projects included. Design works underway.

Strategic Rehabilitation Roads €420,000 - One road – R772-12 Gorey (former N11).

Specific Improvement Grant €570,000

- Wexford, Edermine and Kildavin (Murntown) Bridge Remediation Project **€270,000**.
 - Roughan O'Donovan Consulting Engineers appointed. Works involve bridge inspections, overseeing site investigations and designs for remediation works.
 - Going to tender shortly for Special Inspection and Investigation works on the 3 bridges.
 - Kildavin Bridge requires stabilisation support measures which are expected to commence over the coming weeks.
- Grange Beach Coastal Erosion **€150,000**. Cliff stabilisation works – extension to original scope of works to protect a section of road. The contractor started the works on 18th May, which will take approx. 8 weeks to complete, depending on weather.



Cliff Face 2: the new works at Grange will stabilise the section of cliff outlined in red above and further protect the section of public road.

R733 Safety Improvement Project €150,000. Safety improvement project including line marking, studs, junction improvements. Junction improvements completed at R733 / Redshire junction. Studs installed at a number of locations, line marking planned for a number of locations along the R733.

Storm Chandra, Tuesday 27th January 2026

The estimated repair cost is in the region of €20m and we have applied to the Department of Transport (DoT) to fund the repairs. We are awaiting funding approval from the DoT.

ACTIVE TRAVEL UPDATE

Pathfinder projects	
Project & Location	Project Update
Newtown Road Phases 2 & 3	Tender awarded to successful contractor with commencement expected in Aug 2026. Construction traffic management discussed with Contractor. One way proposal by contractor on Phase 2 discounted due to decision to maintain two-way traffic. Phase 3 works potentially to operate a one-way system into town during construction phase.
Hospital Junction Newtown Road	Landowner negotiations still ongoing between Council and HSE.Lands to be valued through Tailte Eireann valuations Services.
Beechlawn/Clonard Cycle Scheme	Part XI Planning Application lodged. Submissions reviewed and discussed with Planning. Responses to all submissions formulated.
Roxborough Cycle Scheme	Planning Part XI to be completed this year.

WX/22/0001 Wexford Town Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA)

TII have reviewed the draft Plan and issued feedback which Consultants have incorporated into the Plan. Meeting took place with planning department to establish impacts of Town Centre First plan for town together with planners reviewed comments. Updated Wexford Town zoning is expected to be completed in the coming weeks. Roads Section have requested a draft copy of zoning maps to allow our Consultant to review impact of same.

WX/23/0010 Enniscorthy Town Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA)

TII have reviewed the draft Plan and issued feedback, which has been incorporated into the draft Plan by the consultants. They also incorporated suggestion to undertake separate LTP for new zoned lands in Enniscorthy. Alignment of the ABTA with the revised land use zoning will result in additional consultancy costs (10k to 12k).

Safe Routes to School Schemes (SRTS)

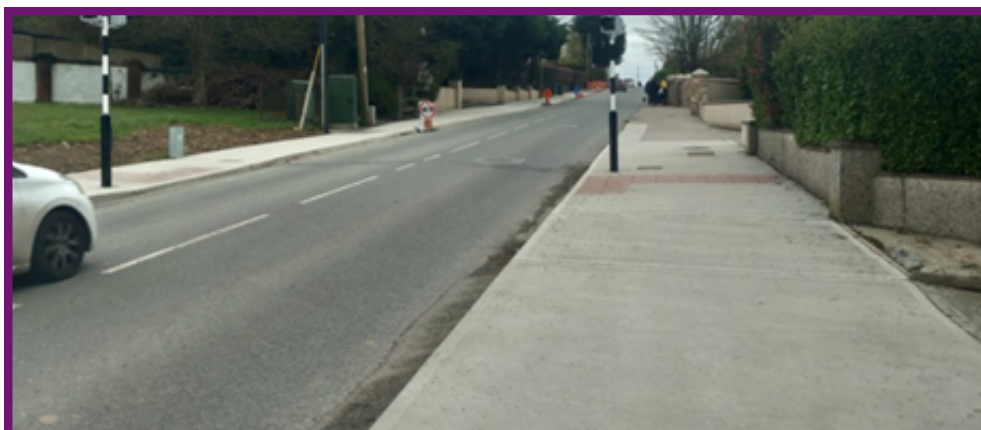
Three schools have been selected for works in 2026:

- Kennedy College, New Ross
- St Fintan's National School, Taghmon
- St Anne's National School, Rathangan

Preliminary concept designs discussed with each school principal.

Enniscorthy Vocational College

Works are ongoing with installation of new footpath, upgraded street lighting and pedestrian crossings.



Bus Stop Enhancement Scheme

Propose to survey and locate bus shelters as follows:

Wellingtonbridge	Clongeen	Enniscorthy – Kilcannon
Glynn	Gorey - Ardamine	Parnell Road, Wexford Town

Rural Bus shelter update

Curraclloe – Base slab poured	Castlebridge – Base slab poured	Tagoat – Base Slab poured
Coast Hotel Rosslare – Base slab poured	Duncormick – Excavate and pour next week	Campile – Excavate and pour next week

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Bike Week 2026 included 31 events held across the County over 10 days. A short video recap is available on our YouTube & Social Media channels.

A huge thanks to Clinton Donovan and the assistance of the Roads staff for a fantastic week.



PUBLIC LIGHTING

Public Lighting Development Fund

The following are schemes are being progressed at present:

Scheme	Current Position	Detail to Progress
Saltmills Village	ESB connection applied for awaiting completion of installation	Civil work to be completed next week, ESB connection awaited.
Ballycullane Village	Prices returned and contractor appointed	Contractor appointed, installation to commence February.
Auburn Avenue, New Ross	Awaiting ESB connection	Installation completed by contractor, awaiting ESB connection
Maudlins to Millhouse Care Centre, New Ross	ESB application submitted.	Contractor appointed, works to commence in March.
Kilhile Arthurstown	Design returned, awaiting pricing	Further information sought from contractors on design.
Glentire Heights to the Ballagh Village	Works Ongoing	Works 90% completed.
Kiltealy Village	Works Ongoing	Works 80% completed.
Kilrane Manor, Kilrane	All lights replaced with LED lanterns.	Complete
Sean O Byrne Park, Gorey	Installation complete, awaiting ESB connection.	Complete
Clonattin Road, Gorey	Installation completed, ESB connected	Complete
South Quay, New Ross	Out for design and pricing	Assess tenders for replacement of old decorative lighting
Midletown, Riverchapel	ESB connection made in December.	Operational
Carnew Road, Gorey	Works completed, awaiting ESB connection.	Connected
Oylegate Community Centre	Works completed.	Awaiting ESB connection
Kilrane Road Infill	Works completed.	Awaiting ESB connection

CLOARD TO WHITEMILL LINK ROAD

Clonard to Whitemill Link Road is progressing. Soil removal, road base construction, and retaining walls are complete. Utility works are mostly complete, and kerbing and footpath works are underway. The road is due for completion in Q4 of 2026. Tie in works at the junction with Whitemill Road and Clonard Road will be required prior to the road opening.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Projects at Planning Stages

Project Name	Status	New Monthly Update: June 2026
Ballast Office- a)Essential repair Work	Tender Stage	Works ongoing. Due for completion June 2026.
b)Refurbishment	Planning Stage	No update.
Ballynagee Link Road	Design Stage	Surveys and Ground investigation works are ongoing. The full scheme progressed through the “major pre-planning” process in Q1 2026 and it is anticipated be submitted for development consent sought via Part 8 in July 2026. Funding for this project has been applied for under the Housing Infrastructure Investment Fund in February 2026.
Carrigfoyle Activity Centre Building	Planning Stage	No update
Courtown Coastal Protection & Beach Nourishment Scheme	Planning Stage	Submission to ACP will follow receipt of an MAC from MARA, expected towards the end of 2026.
Dunbrody Centre and Extension	Detail Design	Initial OMC (Order of Magnitude Costing) for the project has come in above the approved project budget. A value engineering exercise is underway however; it is expected that the project brief may have to be reviewed to address budgetary concerns.
Enniscorthy Flood Relief Scheme		
Phase 1-New River Slaney Bridge Project	Design Phase	The road bridge alignment option and and junction designs are continuing. Ecology surveys are being kept up to date, such as, wintering bird surveys. The application to MARA for the pre-submission meeting was submitted on the 8/05/2026. MARA held the pre-application meeting on the 14/05/2026
Phase 2		The Stage 1 of the restricted competition for the appointment of the Consultant Engineer for this Phase has closed and the applications are currently been assessed. Preparations are ongoing for submission of the MAC application to MARA for the new road bridge, scheduled for Q2 2026.
Enniscorthy Technical Park Access Road Phase 2 420827	Design stage	The Technical Consultancy Services Contract has been awarded for Stage (i) to (v) design services. Site investigations are complete, and design work is ongoing. The tender for construction works was published March 2026. Appointment of main works contractor is anticipated in June 2026.
Enniscorthy Technical Park IDA Tech Building 420847	Design stage	The Technical Consultancy Services Contract was awarded for an architect-led design team to prepare a planning application for a proposed advance factory building in Enniscorthy Technology Park. Planning application was submitted in December 2025. Final grant was issued in March 2026.

Project Name	Status	New Monthly Update: June 2026
Enniscorthy- (A) Town Centre & Tourism Project	Design stage	Consultants for detailed design, procurement and works supervision will be procured in tandem with consultants for the Templeshannon scheme. and will be procured using a two-stage process. Stage 1, invitation to pre-qualify, was advertised in April 2026. Submissions have been received and are being assessed. An application for the whole of the Market Square and Town Centre Regeneration Project, along with the enabling and demolition works for the Castle Quarter project, was made under the new Town and Cities Regeneration Investment fund on 1st May 2026.
(B) Templeshannon Regeneration Project.	Tender Stage	Stage 1, invitation to pre-qualify, is currently advertised on eTenders. An application has been submitted for the project as part of the Category 1A Towns and Cities Regeneration Investment Fund call seeking funding of €150,000 for project development and DT fees on 1st May 2026.

Esmonde Street, Gorey	Tender Stage	Construction works on-site are expected to commence in the coming weeks.
Gorey Market House	Tender Stage	The main works tender package was issued to the shortlisted contractors in March 2026. Appointment of main works contractor is anticipated June 2026.
Gorey Relief Road, Ballytegan Avenue (St Waleran's Link Road)	Design Stage	The Irish Rail Pre-Project Assessment was applied for February 2026. Irish Rail approvals process is ongoing and the project has now received Approval in Principal. The full scheme progressed through the "major pre-planning" process in Q1 2026 and was submitted for development consent sought via Part 8 in April 2026.
John Street Grain Store, New Ross	Planning	The application for development consents for the new public realm to the rear of the property was submitted to An Coimisiún Pleanála on March 12th 2026. An application for the whole project was made under the new Town & Cities Regeneration Investment fund (TCRIF) on 1st May.
Riverchapel Community Centre	Design stage	Initial costings have been returned in excess of the original project budget. A thorough review is being carried out into the design brief as part of project value engineering. A project review was submitted to the Dept. 08.04.26 requesting additional funding. WCC is awaiting a response.
Wexford Town Public Space Improvements (Cornmarket to Common Quay)	Funding stage	A TCRIF (Town Centre Regeneration Reinvestment Fund) Category 1A funding application has been submitted to support the development of the project and allow for the engagement of a design team to develop the project in line with the objectives set out in the draft TCF Strategy.
Wexford Town to Rosslare Greenways		W2R -Additional flood modelling is currently ongoing . RS2RH-Options Selection Report Peer review completed. Preferred Route Corridor agreed. A public Consultation process was conducted from 4/3/26 to 1/4/26. Phase 2 Gate Review Statement for the Rosslare Strand to Rosslare Harbour Greenway is complete.

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Irish National Heritage Park	Design Stage	It is planned to submit a planning application for the entire project to An Coimisiún Pleanála in Q3 2026, subject to the receipt of a Marine Area Consent from MARA. Progressing through statutory consent process for marine based developments. Preliminary Design of the new visitor centre is now complete.
Hook Lighthouse	Preliminary Design	A Public Consultation event with display of the most up to date designs for the local community will be held in the existing visitor centre at Hook Lighthouse in Q2 2026. Finalising design for the Visitor Centre and progressing through documentation for development consent process
New Ross Tourism Project:	Design Stage	The tender process is now complete and an apparently successful tenderer has been identified. Finalising interpretive design phase. An application for additional funding for completion of the centre was submitted to the DCRDG in December 2025.

Projects Under Construction

Project Name	Status	New Monthly Update: June 2026
Adoration Convent	Construction Stage	Works are progressing well onsite & completion is scheduled for January 2027 which is targeted to occupy the first students from GSU.
Enniscorthy Sports Hub 420330	Construction Stage	Works are progressing & currently on programme for completion in Sept. 2026
Ferndale Gymnasium	Completion Stage	Substantial completion on the building was achieved on 6th May 2026, with an official opening scheduled for mid-June.
Mechanics Institute	Renovation stage	Work ongoing. To be completed at the end of Mid July 2026.



SouthEast Greenway		
Lot 1, Lot 2, Lot 3, 4a	Complete	
Rosbercon Trailhead	Preliminary Design	Awaiting decision on Rosbercon trailhead Part 8 process, commenced in February 2026.
Lot 4	Detailed Design	It is targeted to commence works on Lot 4 in Q3 2026 with the tender for the main works contract due to be advertised in June 2026.
Lot 4a	Preliminary Design	No update

Project Name	Status	New Monthly Update: June 2026
Lot 5a	Under construction	Lot 2 and 5a Works now substantially complete. We await completion and handover of an access ramp on the North Quays Project to enable us open this section of greenway. Our latest information is that this will happen in June 2026.
Lot 5b ,Lot 6, 7, 8, 9	Detailed Design	No update
Lot 8	Preliminary Design	No update

Trinity Wharf	Detailed Design Stage	Irish Rail works are ongoing to construct a new automated level crossing pending the licence agreement confirmation. As per the licence agreements with Irish Rail a new temporary security fence was erected to allow Irish Rail to undertake their works on the Trinity Wharf site. The revised Stage 1 pre-qualification for the next site development works contract (Phase 1A) closed on the 6th of February 2026. The submissions are currently being assessed.
Wexford Town & Environs Flood Relief Scheme	Design Stage	The Scheme is currently in optioneering. The consultant has presented the short list of options to the Steering Group which showing areas that require defence. These options will be further refined in the coming weeks to determine the type of defence (hard defence/demountable, etc) that will be required.

Funding & Development Schemes

Town & Village Renewal Scheme (TVRS) 2025	n/a	DRCDG announced the TVRS 2026 Building and Land Acquisition Measure (B/LAM) on 29th April, 2026 . A max. fund of €500,000 per LA is available under this measure. 2no. properties have been selected to be submitted for consideration. Closing date for submission to DRCDG is 29th May, 2026
Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS)	n/a	Measure 1 and Measure 4 Projects approved under the 2024/2025 ORIS Fund are being progressed by the relevant Community Groups with an expected completion by Q1 2027. Measure 2 and Measure 3 Projects to be delivered by WCC - completion before scheme deadline of Q4 2027
Rural Regeneration Development Fund (RRDF)	n/a	The sixth call under RRDF Cat 1 is currently open with a closing date of 28th July 2027. Category 1 provides funding for shovel ready large scale strategic projects. Each LA may submit up to 2no applications to DRCDG for consideration.
CLÁR Funding		Closing date for applications to DRCDG is 3rd July. Up to 12 applications for funding of between €5,000 and €65,000 with a further 2 applications up to €100,000 may be submitted Community Section is administering submission of CLÁR applications

COMMUNITY

GARDA YOUTH AWARDS

The Garda Youth Awards were held on Monday 18th May in County Hall. These awards acknowledge the achievements of the young people of County Wexford. Ten individuals and two groups were awarded on the night. There was over 130 people in attendance. One nomination from the evening will go forward to the National Garda Youth Awards being held in Portlaoise in November.



LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP



Public consultation on Community Safety concluded on the 21st of May with a final public meeting/town hall event in Rosslare Community & Sports Centre. The entire process involved four separate approaches which included Pop-up and Targeted surveys, an Online Consultation Portal, Workshops, and Public Meetings / Town Hall events. In total 1,045 people participated.

Development of 3-Year Local Community Safety Plan: On the 28th of May a summary of the key findings was presented to the Partnership which included an overall result that 88% of people surveyed believe Co. Wexford is a safe place to live. The Partnership will now work on a detailed analysis of the public consultation and begin developing the Local Community Safety Plan for Co. Wexford. A workshop is scheduled for the 25th of June for the Partnership members to discuss and agree the actions and priorities for the 3-Year Plan. This will be facilitated by consultant Dr. Yvonne Byrne.

COMMUNITY BUILDINGS

Works have been completed on **Ferndale Boxing Club**. The contractors have now vacated the building. We are in the process of handing over to Na Fianna Boxing Club and the official opening is expected shortly.

UKRAINIAN RESPONSE UNIT UPDATE

Accommodation

The Offer A Home scheme will come to an end in March 2027. The team will manage existing pledges and encourage Ukrainian families to enter private rental agreements with the homeowners. Where this is not possible, we will encourage families to find alternative long-term accommodation. *Pledge Type*

<i>No. of Properties</i>	<i>No. of People Placed</i>	
Offer a Home	279	806
Irish Red Cross	28	91

Ukraine Refurbishment Programme

All six Refurbishment Programme properties are now open and operational.

Name	Occupancy	Capacity
Carne Accom. Centre	54	68
Unity Court, Wex.	42	57
Michael Street, Wex.	13	19
Borromount Lodge, Ennisc.	18	37
Rafter Street, Ennisc.	8	15
Ryland Rd., Bunclody	13	21

AGE FRIENDLY WEXFORD

Sporting Memories Event: Held on the 27th of April in Kilrane organised by Marguerite Furlong and mc'd by Tony Dempsey, Age Friendly Ambassador. Sporting memories were shared and Tom Foley recited a poem written by his father after a Rathnure win.



Parkinson Walk in Min Ryan Park: On April 11th the Wexford Branch of the Parkinson Group had their Annual walk in Min Ryan Park with Songs by the Parkinson Choir and with the rain holding off till after the tea and cake, a good morning was had by all.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NETWORK

Grant Writing Workshop: Wexford PPN with Wexford Volunteer Centre held a Grant Writing Workshop in the Riverside Hotel in Enniscorthy. Dr Yvonne Byrne focused on grants like the Community Centre Investment Fund, the Community Sports Grant and the Town & Village Renewal. She provided general tips for any grant application. Feedback was positive.

Community Growers Group: Wexford PPN with funding from Healthy Wexford provided a healthy vegetable talk & demonstration in Enniscorthy Allotments. Mr Geoff Stebbings also known as the "Biking Gardener" advised of the many seasonal easy to grow vegetables for our climate, concluding with a very informative Q & A session.

Community Knowledge Attitudes & Practices in One Health: PPN met with the team from Georgia State University to discuss the findings of their survey in association with Healthy Wexford.



LOCAL AUTHORITY INTEGRATION TEAM (LAIT)

May Highlights:

Africa Day: The LAIT and FDYS organised Africa Day in Min Ryan Park which celebrated African traditional dance, music and food.

World Cup Soccer Blitz - A 6-week World Cup Soccer programme in Glynn Barntown AFC has been organised by LAIT, Sports Active, Wexford FC and Barntown AFC to promote integration within the community. 16 Teenagers from Cedar Lodge and Slaney IPAS Centres will have a weekly soccer match with teenagers from the local club, each team representing a world cup team.



SPORTS ACTIVE

May Highlights:

Playful Streets, New Ross: This community initiative held on the 16th of May in Ard an Bhile, New Ross promoted active and inclusive play for children and families in safe and welcoming spaces for connection, fun and wellbeing. By closing roads and providing recreational play, this event promoted inclusion within a community while also promoting physical activity and health.



Other Events included:

Bike Workshop and Southeast Greenway Cycle Day	AdventurHer Ladies Hiking Programme
Tomhaggard Women's Shed Activator Poles	Active Schools Week Sports Equipment Bags
Move Ahead & Daily Fitness Schools Project	Cornmarket Sailing into Wellness
Healthy Woodlands Ukrainian and IPAS	Healthy Choices Programme

COMMUNITY GRANTS

CRF23 Progress to date	
Total Fund	€1,509, 869.00
Total fund expenditure to date (87%)	€1,314,717.28 (incl. WCC Admin)
Works complete (24no. of 27no. projects)	88%
Works in progress (1no. projects)	4%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Riverchapel Community Complex, (Gorey Kilmuckridge MD) – April 2026 new extension 	
Projects to be started (1no. projects – DRCD granted extensions to April 2026)	4%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kilmuckridge Playground, (Gorey Kilmuckridge MD) – April 2026 new extension 	
Projects cancelled by Community Group (1no. funding decommitted)	4%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fethard Community Development Assoc. (New Ross MD) 	
Total of fund claimed to Q4 2025 from Dept.	€1,099,751.90 (73%)

CRF24 Progress to date	
Total Fund	€1,703,377.00
Total fund expenditure to date (76%)	€1,301,772.16 (incl. WCC Admin)
Works complete (11no. of 22no. projects)	50%
Works in progress (9no.)	41%
Projects to be started (2no. projects)	9%
Total of fund claimed to Q4 2025 from Dept.	€1,077,692.24 (63%)

ENVIRONMENT

COASTAL MATTERS

Seaview Coastal Protection project has received further funding from OPW €500,000 to strengthen rock Armour at entrance to access road. Completion is anticipated for Q4 2026 with final segments of precast concrete beach access to be placed at the end of the project.

Fethard Harbour New Slipway and Beach Access - The Department of Environment, Climate and Communications is in the process of finalizing a decision. The revised Natura Impact Statement (NIS) is under review by the Foreshore license section.

Kilpatrick Beach - submitted for Part 8 planning. Site Notices in place. Consultant RPS to progress.

Killmannock Drainage works: Hedge Wayleave application is being processed to access drainage works area. LCF marine installing sluice valves started in April.

Ballyhack & Passage East Car Ferry Infrastructure: AYESA consultant appointed - progressing.

Rosslare CRFRS: Emergency works required at Rosslare strand, site visits & inspections scheduled to progress with OPW funding application. Date for 2nd Public Participation Day, likely to be Q3 2026.

Cahore North Beach Rock Armour Enhancement: Part 8 PrePlanning meeting scheduled. OPW Funding secured for 190m, additional application has been submitted to OPW to extend works in its entirety (Ch 0 to Ch 500).

Duncannon Old Pier – Truir Construction Ltd now appointed, works ongoing.

DAFM Works 2026 – Received Approval from DAFM for 6 projects **€720,000** for Piers & Harbours works.

Carne & Slade Pier Dredging– Annual dredging at Carne & Slade harbours - completed.

Bathing Waters – Water testing at beaches has commenced.

OPERATIONS

Bunded oil storage shed installed in Duncannon Rockwell area.

Meeting with the Foreshore Department regarding approximately 15 foreshore references across the county, to confirm their activation status in order to facilitate their transfer to MARA.

In the process of writing to Foreshore Dept to have Fethard on Sea, the new slipway application ceased and transferred to MARA.

MARA reconciliation of New Ross Marina and debris boom. All relevant info has been compiled. Application to be completed and submitted in the coming weeks.

MARA has issued MUL 240003 for the Barrow pre-dredging surveys to be undertaken. The commencement date for the MUL was 23/03/2026 and holds a three-year term. Quotes for survey works stand the same as previously quoted circa €135 + VAT.

DAFM funding announced and proceeding with works in New Ross Marina, Slade Harbour and Courtown.

Public Conveniences

- Cahore PC: Carpark surfacing, white lining and bollards completed by Contractor.
- Carne PC: Contractor completed the upgrade of toilet facilities.

Septic Tank Inspections:

NIP Grants 2026	Jan – Apr 13 received	2026 – Total €117,819.28 sent to finance	1 on hold for documentation
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No of Verification Inspections

2025 - Verification Inspections = 91	2026 - Verification Inspections = 22
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Court cases

- 4 cases Currently in the court system for failing to comply with Advisory Notices
- 0 new cases have been issued in this period
- 10 cases closed prior to court hearing as work was already carried out.

Ongoing Inspections

125 cases open at the end of 2025. 20 cases closed in 2026. There are currently 123 open cases.

- 65 new inspections have been carried out. 16 passed and 49 failed.
- 17 direct discharges to surface water and 11 discharges onto the surface of the ground were noted.
- NIP inspections will continue in Piercetown/Murrintown area, Castletown/Inch area, Mount Howard & Lady's Island area. 10 inspections have been booked in for June.
- An information stand on septic tank maintenance attended the Bannow Rathangan Show and Climate Action events in Clonroche and Kilanerin, with plans to attend the Gorey Show in June.

Discharge Licences

There are 88 active Section 4 Discharge Licences, each with scheduled monitoring returns. These are reviewed by Environmental Technical Staff, with follow-up action taken where exceedances occur.

No. of Monitoring Submission Returns from 1/1/2026 to 20/5/2026	24
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Low Smoke Fuel Areas

Air quality and noise monitors were upgraded at five stations (Bunclody, New Ross, Wexford, Enniscorthy & Gorey) with a new station operational in Bunclody. Sensors in Enniscorthy are being calibrated, while new sensors are active in Wexford Town. The TownAir Project to monitor gases NO_x, SO₂, CO has now been completed. This will be compared with 2016 levels taking during the SAFFIRE project. The project team will give an update once the work is completed. There have been 4 inspections of premises / forecourts / shops who are all selling compliant products.

Air -Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC's)

DECO Paints: Auto-Refinishers Q1 DECO Compliance Register updated and available on Website. Site inspections ongoing, 9 Operators re-Certified since January. 1 new operator registered and Certified.

Dry Cleaners: 5 Dry-Cleaners registered - certified as compliant. 1 non-registered premises continuing to operate following inspection and warning; enforcement work ongoing. Register available on website.

Petrol Stations - PVE emissions Stage 1 testing & compliance: 3 Inspections in March. 2 premises re-certified in April 2026. 1 non-compliant premises continuing to operate following inspection and warning; Advisory letter delivered in April 2026. 2 Stations awaiting final assessment reports. Q1 PVE Register available on Website.

Agriculture - Wexford County Council continues to carry out farm inspections under the National Agricultural Inspection Programme, working with landowners to improve infrastructure and practices

Under the National Agricultural Inspection Programme, Wexford County Council has a target of 271 GAP inspections for 2026 concentrating in catchments where agriculture has been identified as the main pressure and not meeting objectives of the Water Framework Directive. Heathpark_010, Begerin_010, Owenduff, Boro_040, Lady's Island Lake, Aughboy, Mangan, Lask_010 and Inch_010 are being inspected. A team of four has carried out **205** inspections to date, including initial and follow-ups.

Section 12 & 23 notices under the Local Government Water Pollution Act 1977-1990 are served upon farms where major non-compliances are observed and are open to cross reporting to DAFM.

A total of 48 Agricultural related planning permission applications have been assessed. 7 applications were refused on failure to demonstrate compliance with the GAP regulations. 10 applications resulted in further information required to assess under the current regulations.

WASTE/LITTER MANAGEMENT

Year	Dumping Incidents Reported	%Increase/Decrease	Community Clean Ups	% Increase/Decrease
2024	2389	Down 7%	1021	Down 3%
Jan to Dec 2025	2441	Up 3%	981	Down 4%
1 Jan-28 May 2026	1054			

Environmental complaints are logged by the Customer Service Unit on the DASH CRM system.

	Jan to Dec '22	Jan to Dec '23	Jan to Dec '24	Jan to Dec '25	Jan-May '26
Incidents	3896	4235	4195	4419	1751
Closed	3721	4008	3936	4112	1381
Closure Rate	95%	95%	94%	93%	79%

Members Portal

1 Jan to 27 May 2026			
Incidents	75	Closed	70

Total Calls logged 1 Jan to 30 Apr 2026

Issue Type	January	February	March	April	May	Total
Abandoned Vehicle	15	17	18	19	28	97
Air Pollution	10	8	10	11	9	48
Beach Bye Laws			1	2	1	4
Bring Banks	11	1	3	2	5	22
Coastal	3	6	5	5	8	27
Community Cleanup	72	89	114	117	64	456
Dog complaint	3	4	2		3	12
Fines	15	8	3	9		35
Litter	201	169	193	163	104	830
Loose Animals			2			2
Noise Pollution	9	5	4		6	24
Oil Pollution	2		5	1	1	9
Public Convenience					1	1
Waste Pollution	23	19	18	31	19	110
Water Pollution	9	8	11	8	19	55
Work Request	7	5	3	7	10	32
Total	380	339	392	375	278	1764

Court Overview

Month	Heard	Outcome	Litter	Waste	Water	Air	Noise	Dogs
Jan - April	5	Total fines	€950	€100	NA	NA	NA	€0
		Total costs	€1000	€0	NA	NA	NA	€0

Litter/waste/Air/Noise and control of dogs Overview

Jan - April 2026	
Fixed payment Notices issued	3 FPN WBPL 3 Waste regulations
Litter fines issued	44
Fines paid litter	29
FPN paid	6
Successful prosecutions	5
Legal proceedings in progress	32
Amount collected in fines	€4470 litter, €1800 dogs, €225 FPN, €1500 waste regs – total €7995.00
Dog fines issued	5

Anti-dumping Initiative 2026:

The anti-dumping initiative will run again this year. An application for funding was submitted.

Control of Dogs & Horses - The Council employs two full time wardens. The main pound is Pets First Kennels, Ballycarney, Co Wexford.

<u>Control of dogs</u>	2024	2025	Jan-Apr 2026
Dogs collected	564	546	148
Dogs reclaimed	147	149	33
Dogs re-homed/transferred	442	386	103
Dogs put to sleep	31	10	8
Dog Fines	11	12	4

Recycling Services:

Bring Bank Network WASTE CATEGORY	No. of Sites April 2026	Recycling out Apr 2025 (t)	Recycling out Apr 2026 (t)
Glass bottles		284.7	310.04
Aluminium Cans		2.13	2.24
Total	108	286.8	312.2

Household Recycling Centres - Summary of Activities

WASTE CATEGORY	Enniscorthy		New Ross		Holmestown		Gorey	
	Recycling out Apr 2025 (t)	Recycling out Apr 2026 (t)	Recycling out Apr 2025 (t)	Recycling out Apr 2026(t)	Recycling out Apr 2025(t)	Recycling out Apr 2026 (t)	Recycling out Apr 2026 (t)	Recycling out Apr 2026 (t)
Total Recycling out	53	60	63	57	80	84	49	46
Total Domestic Waste in	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	340	370	N/A	N/A
Daily Average Customers Jan-Apr	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026
	77	74	113	110	158	157	83	83

Rapid Response Crew - Our Rapid Response Crew operates out of Holmestown, with a four-man crew servicing Enniscorthy/Gorey MD's. A second six-man crew servicing Wexford/New Ross/Rosslare MD's.

Their headline activities for year to date are summarised below:

Activity	Apr 2025	Apr 2026
Total Illegal Dumping/ Clean Ups	217	201
Gorey *		49
Enniscorthy *		71
Wexford *		44
New Ross*		29
Rosslare		8
Total Bring Site Inspections	885	877

Environment Education and Awareness

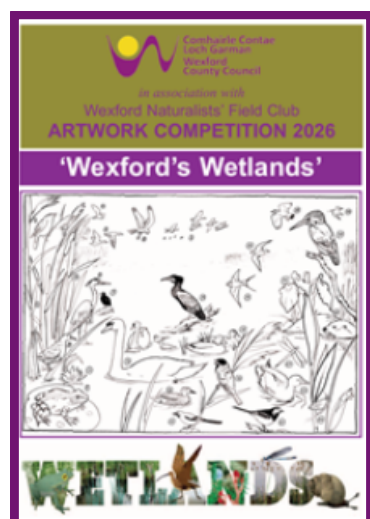
Our aim is to promote awareness and active participation in a range of environmental initiatives.

Green Schools: 21 schools were awarded their green flag in Kilkenny on 20th May. Court National School, Galbally National School and Kilnamanagh National School were all awarded their first green flag for Litter & Waste.

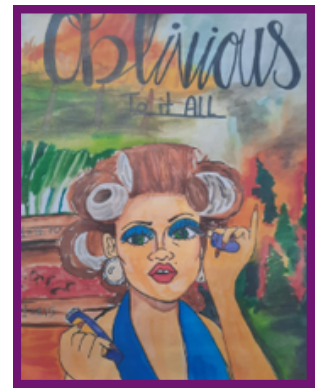
The below schools all renewed their green flag.

School	Theme	School	Theme
St. Aidan's N.S, Clonroche	Biodiversity	Scoil Mhuire, Horeswood	GC Food & Bio
Kilanerin N.S	Energy	St. Senan's Primary School, Enniscorthy	GC Food & Bio
Ballyduff National School	GC Energy	Gorey Educate Together N.S	GC Litter and Waste
St. Joseph's National School, Marshalstown	GC Energy	St. Garvan's N.S, Caroreigh	GC Marine
Loreto Convent Primary School	GC Travel	Galbally National School	Litter and Waste
St. Peter's College, Wexford	GC Travel	Catherine McAuley Junior School, New Ross	Travel
Court N.S. Monamolin	Litter and Waste	Cushinstown N.S	Travel
Kilnamanagh Community National School	Litter and Waste	Our Lady of Fatima Special School, Wexford	Travel
Our Lady of Lourdes Secondary School, New Ross	Travel	Selskar College, Wexford	Travel
Coláiste Abbáin, Adamstown	Water	Coláiste Bríde, Enniscorthy	Water
Scoil Naomh Bhríde, Blackwater	Water		

Annual Artwork Competition: The theme this year was **'Wexford's Wetlands'** Entries were judged by Don Conroy and awards will be presented on June 11th.



Rubbish Film Festival: The National Awards for the Rubbish Film Festival were held in April at the lighthouse cinema in Dublin. Gorey Community School represented Wexford with their film 'School of Fish' and Colaiste an Atha with their poster 'Oblivious'. A presentation was made to Kate Smith who won the National Best Poster award by Cathaoirleach Cllr. Joe Sullivan.



Relove Fashion: Students from **St Marys Secondary School** won both the Southern Waste Region and National awards at the ReLove Fashion Final in DCU in April. 58 finalists from 29 local authority areas were chosen to reach the final with 24 award winners. A presentation was made to the winning students by Councillor Joe Sullivan, Cathaoirleach & Cllr. John Dwyer, Chairman of New Ross Municipal District.

Southern Waste Region and National Winners:

Students, Alisha Kent, Sarah Morrissey, & Grace Fallon showcased their outfit **Tides in Bloom** which won Best Evening. The finalists aged 12-19 reimagined old clothes creating outfits from unexpected fabrics, including old umbrellas, pillowcases & shower curtains. The Relove Fashion Competition proves that style doesn't have to cost the earth - and that Ireland's young people are ready to lead the charge for a circular fashion future!



Keep Wexford Beautiful: Details of the competition were advertised on 3rd June.

The **Circular Cups for Community Events** initiative provides reusable cups to reduce single-use waste at not-for-profit events. Launching in Wexford, its first use will be at Relay for Life on 5th–6th July.

Reusable Party Pack:

The 10 Local authorities of the Southern Waste region launched the “Borrow, Use, Return” initiative to support circular community celebrations. 8 party packs have been allocated to voluntary groups.

National Spring Clean: Registrations are now open for all groups to register for An Taisce's National Spring Clean Programme. Registrations and support for WCC's Community Clean Up programme is ongoing.

Community Supports: Climate Fest April 25th and Africa Day 24th May, Min Ryan Park were both supported with the provision of waste segregation units.

Snap Into Action Competition: Registrations are now open for the Snap into Action competition – it is open to both primary schools and community groups. A community group and school could be in with a chance of winning a cash prize of €500.

Community Clean Ups: Registrations and support for community clean ups continue.

Date	No. of community Clean Ups
01/05/2026 – 26/05/2026	63
01/01/2026 - 26/05/2026	455

CLIMATE ACTION

WCC is behind on our glide path for Thermal and Transport emissions. If HVO is not used for our fleet, in a significant way, Wexford County Council will not meet our CO2 target of 51% reduction by 2030.

Currently Wexford County Council is above CO2 emissions from the baseline years of 2016-2018. Over 51% reduction in CO2 emissions is now required by 2030. The pathfinder projects will address the thermal requirements, but the transport element needs to be progressed.

The 3rd annual **Climate & Biodiversity fortnight** took place in May in collaboration with the Active Travel section. Over 20 events took place during the fortnight in libraries, community centres, on farms and in public areas. Some of the events included:

The Biodiversity walk in Tintern was followed by an underwater photography display with Wexford Sub Aqua diver Ivan Donoghue and was attended by 20 people.



The EV information event took place in St Josephs Community centre with presentations from Done deal and three EV owners. The Done Deal presentation gave an overview on what to look out for when buying a new or secondhand EV while the three EV owners gave their honest experience of driving an EV and the opportunities and challenges it presents.

Members of the Environment Climate and Biodiversity SPC, Climate Action Steering Group and the Water Quality Team of Wexford County Council visited the SloWaters Project located at Ballygow Fethard. The main focus of the SloWater project is to enhance the retention capacity of aquifers, soil, aquatic and water dependent ecosystems with a view to improving their status. They are multi-functional measures that can protect water resources and address water-related challenges by restoring or maintaining ecosystems as well as natural features and characteristics of water bodies using natural means and processes. Water NbS typically involves slowing or storing flood water to attenuate flood runoff with a catchment based approach.

The **Over 55s Climate Course** concluded and was very well received with all participants.

Green Flag trial – Wexford County Council is forming a Green Flag team for the collation of data. This work is a core part of the CARO 2026 Work Programme agreed by the CMMA and DCEE. Following the successful completion of Workshop 4, the trial application phase is now underway for 6 weeks. Wexford County Council will collate all data required for the completion of the agreed application form. This will then be assessed by a recently appointed independent expert.

The Climate Team attended the **South East Regional Operational Committee** meeting in Gorey in May.

The event included a field trip to a Farming for WaterEIP / Tirlán demonstration farm to meet with the farm family involved and the advisors and technical support team, involved in the delivering of a range of measures from Nutrient Use Efficiency, Nature-based solutions to treat Farmyard and roof runoff, road runoff to biodiversity enhancement.

The farm is located in a Bluedot waterbody which is high status quality.



Members of the Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environment SPC & staff of Wexford County Council at the SloWaters Project in Ballygow, Fethard

Pathfinder Retrofit Programme

A. The Apex Leisure centre, New Ross is still at stage one of the design process.

- Condition Assessment Surveys are ongoing, with a Thermography and Structural survey completed 01/05/26.
- Air tightness test due to the costs involved was required to go through open tender procurement. As of 27/05/26 Building Environment Resources Ltd (BERL) have won the contract and a date for the test will be set for the next available Saturday as the pool needs to be unoccupied by visitors for the duration of the test
- Stage 1 design report programme deadline 31/05/26 pushed out due to the outstanding condition surveys. Extension granted to 30/06/26 as these condition surveys are crucial for the Stage 1 Mechanical & Electrical system selection process.
- Additional Condition assessments include; Air Leakage test of the leisure centres ductwork and underfloor heating system survey, one day site visit for a commissioning engineer.

B. Ferrybank Leisure Centre – Emergency Enabling Works (Air Handling Unit Replacement) SEAI have approved match funding (50%) for the Ferrybank LC emergency air handling unit replacement works awarded to Mechanical Contractor Aircon Mech Ltd.

- Electrical enabling works commenced 27/04/26.
- New Air Handling Unit arrived on site 11/05/26.
- Pool Hall closure Mon 11th May to Sunday 17th May Inclusive completed majority of works now complete.
- Snagging and BMS controls works ongoing this week
- Site witnessing for practical completion certificate today 28/05/26

C. Co Hall Lighting and lighting controls retrofit

- Mini Tender published to the established Pathfinder Multi-Party framework 11/05/26.
- Consultant site visits commenced 18/05/26
- Tender submission deadline 02/06/26

D. Enniscorthy Library EV Charger SEEA grant application

- 60kW EV Charger grant application sent to SEEA located within Enniscorthy Library boundary with the possibility of relocating to the Enniscorthy Fire Station next door if an agreed Universally Designed EV Charging space is enforced by SEAI/ZEVI for a staff only EV charger. Awaiting a decision on this.

E. M&R deadline for submissions of all data was 15/05/26 and all the information was submitted on time.

COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION PROGRAMME (CCAP)

The DCEE announced the recipients of Phase 2 CCAP funding on Thursday 21st May, Wexford County Council has been allocated an additional €77,066.50, bringing the total CCAP funding for Phase 2 to €746,066.50.

The 23 successful Phase 2 applicants are as follows:

Small-Scale Projects (< €20,000)	
Group Name	Amount Awarded
Duncannon Seaview FC	€12,600
Horeswood GAA Club	€9,695
Kilrush Camogie Club	€11,405
May Byrne Community House	€6,315
Rathgarogue-Cushinstown GAA Club	€8,550
Rathnure St. Annes GAA Club	€9,875
St. Aidan's Community Hall	€13,450
St. Brigid's GAA Club Blackwater	€19,395
St. Mary's Day Care Centre Ltd.	€16,660
St Mogue's GAA Club	€17,650
Terreraith Muintir Na Tire Community Council	€13,330
Total Value of Small-Scale Projects	€138,925

Medium-Scale Projects (€ 20,001 - €50,000)	
Group Name	Amount Awarded
Castletown GAA Club	€24,500
Curracloe United Trust Company Ltd.	€31,480
Killanne Church Select Vestry	€22,330
Monageer / Boolavogue GAA Club	€48,785
Co Wexford Community Workshop (Enniscorthy) CLG T/A Reach Ability	€31,200
The Rock Community Social Club	€37,260
Wexford Harbour Boat & Tennis Club	€30,000
Total Value of Medium-Scale Projects	€225,555

Large-Scale Projects (€50,001 - €100,000)	
Group Name	Amount Awarded
Clongeen Community Development Group	€76,460.00
Enniscorthy Rugby Club	€87,281.50
HWH Bunclody GAA Club	€80,465.00
Kilrane Rosslare Harbour Community Centre	€65,275.00
Murrintown Community Centre CLG	€72,105.00
Total Value of Large-Scale Projects	€381,586.50

Biodiversity

The draft Local Biodiversity Action Plan public consultation period is open from 1st May to 11th June. Information events including a presentation on the plan are ongoing in libraries and community centers around the county. Further information is on the website and the portal is now open for submissions and observations - [Draft Local Biodiversity Action Plan | Wexford County Council Online Consultation Portal](#)

Local Biodiversity Action funding amounting to €96,000 has been announced by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. This fund is available for the Council to cover County wide projects such as the Wetlands Survey of Wexford (phase 4), Swift surveys of New Ross and Enniscorthy, Invasive species surveys and control, biodiversity events and awareness raising and the Return to Nature and Hare's Corner projects which support faith communities, landowners and community groups to implement actions for enhanced biodiversity on their lands. The applications for these projects was submitted to NPWS and it is expected that letters will be issued in the coming weeks, following approval by the Minister.

Learning and Information

Skills for Life

Age Friendly 'Hi Digital' Tablet Launch

The launch of the new Hi Digital tablets took place in Gorey Library. The Hi Digital initiative is a national project, with public libraries partnering with the Vodafone Foundation to improve digital access for older people through a new tablet loan scheme. The scheme is available in all five Wexford Library branches across the County, allowing library members to borrow ready-to-use tablets with the Hi Digital course, preloaded data, and apps like BorrowBox and RTÉ Player installed on them. Hi Digital, in partnership with ALONE, is a free Vodafone Foundation course helping older people build digital skills through simple lessons on smartphones, online safety, and everyday apps, supported by flexible, self-paced learning in a familiar community setting.



Yvonne Smith, Shane Gibbons, Mary Kearney, County Librarian Eileen Morrissey and An Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Joe Sullivan at the Hi Digital Tablet Launch in Gorey Library

Misinformation/Disinformation Workshop

Denis Whelan from Wexford Local Development delivered an informative talk in Wexford Library for adults on exploring misinformation and disinformation. In a digital age where misinformation spreads fast, this interactive workshop equipped participants with the skills to separate fact from fiction.

ComMUniversity

A collaboration between, Maynooth University, South East Technical University, Wexford Local Development and Enniscorthy Library, continued in May. The purpose of this collaboration is to establish a collaborative framework for delivering the ComMUniversity Programme, a Personal and Community Development initiative designed to build confidence, foster learning, and provide accessible pathways into higher education for socially excluded groups. Over twenty weeks a series of lectures will take place, subjects include Adult Education, Local History, Social Care, Sociology, Politics, Psychology, and other disciplines requested by the community.

Age Friendly Homes Talk

An Age Friendly Homes co-ordinator visited Wexford Library for this talk. The Healthy Age Friendly Homes programme aims to assist older people to remain in their own homes with dignity and independence for as long as possible.

Digital Skills groups and Digital Literacy sessions continued during May in all Wexford Libraries branches.

Reading and Literacy: Right to Read at Your Library

My Little Library Book Bag

The My Little Library Book Bag initiative has returned to libraries in the country. The free bag is available to all children starting school in 2026 to help support the transition to primary school and is available in both English and Irish versions. Each bag is filled with brand new picture books and resources to promote literacy and library membership and can be collected from all Wexford Libraries branches and both Mobile Libraries. The My Little Library Book Bag initiative is part of the national Right to Read programme to promote literacy and reading development for everyone and is a collaboration between Libraries, the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht, the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth as part of the First 5 Strategy.

Summer Stars Reading Adventure 2026

Summer Stars Reading Adventure is a free national reading programme, open to all children, which takes place in all public libraries every Summer. It will run in Wexford Libraries branches from June 2nd until the end of August 2026. Children are invited to join the library, if not already a member, and enjoy the fun and pleasure of reading throughout the Summer. They will receive incentives along the way including a Summer Stars Reading Adventure activity book, reading card, stickers and a range of other prizes. There will also be free library events throughout the Summer and a chance to enter competitions along the way.

Wexford Libraries staff began Outreach visits in May to Early Learning Centre's, schools and community groups to spread the word about the My Little Library Book Bag and Summer Stars Reading Adventure initiatives.

Wexford Reads Festival

The Wexford Reads Festival continued in May with the visit of best selling Irish author Roisin Meaney to New Ross Library. Roisin gave the attendees an insight into her books, writing process and her life as an author. She also read an excerpt from her brand new book which she has just started writing.



Roisin Meaney with library staff members Yvonne Smith, Jan Doran and Thomas Maher in New Ross Library

‘Home’: A National Poetry Day Event

To celebrate National Poetry Day, and as part of Bealtaine Festival, the Wexford community was invited to come along to Wexford Library for an evening of poetry, prose and music. Local writers A.M. Cousins, Margaret Galvin and Paul Hennessy attended, accompanied by singer/harpist Éire Ní Fhaoláin.

Family Literacy Programme

The new Family Literacy Programme in Wexford Town Library, continued in May with its second event, Hug Your Book. In this one and a half hour session, participants explored simple, research-based ways to bring stories to life.

COMMUNITY AND CULTURE

A Taste of Street Feast

Delivered in conjunction with Wexford County Council Community Development team, ‘A Taste of Street Feast’ invited members of the community who were interested in the Street Feast initiative to drop into Wexford Library and learn about how this initiative works and hear stories from experienced Wexford Street Feasters.

Traditional Songs & Ballads from Appalachia & Ireland

Aileen Lambert and Olivia Phillips gave a performance in Bunclody Library during May which included songs shared across both regions, comparing different versions from their localities of County Wexford and North Carolina and highlighting recurring themes of love, loss, emigration, murder, and humour.

The Mystery and the Man: The Story of Saint Aidan

This presentation held in Bunclody Library by author Caroline Busher and Christopher Power explored the many fascinating aspects of Saint Aidan’s life, both the spiritual and the man.

Environment and Climate Action

Wexford Science Café Presents

Held in Wexford Library, Dr David Dempsey, chair of the South East Offshore Wind Partnership, discussed the economic benefits associated with offshore renewable energy hubs. A recent report examined the economic, business and community opportunities arising from the current maritime plan. Presenting the report David said the region has the potential to be a leading offshore renewable energy hub and can deliver sustainable jobs, attract investment and contribute meaningfully to Ireland’s climate and competitiveness goals.

Biodiversity and Climate Action Fortnight

Wexford Library branches held a range of events to celebrate Biodiversity and Climate Action fortnight. They included a walking tour of Wexford Town, an illustrated eco-literacy talk, an information session with Gorey Bat Group, a dance workshop, a children’s gardening event, adopt a plant events, craft sessions and storytimes. Wexford and New Ross Libraries held bike maintenance workshops while Gorey Library held a bike decorating workshop.



Library staff member Esther Ebbs during Adopt a Plant Day in Enniscorthy Library

Local Biodiversity Action Plan - Public Consultation

Wexford County Council has prepared a Draft Local Biodiversity Action Plan (LBAP) following consultation with various stakeholders. The Draft LBAP proposes a structured approach to biodiversity conservation and restoration at local level in County Wexford. Council staff were available, and a summary presentation was given at a public drop-in consultation in Enniscorthy and Gorey Libraries during May.

Nature Explorers

This month's workshop in Gorey Library saw children familiarise themselves with seasonal, flowers and blossoms picked from the area, learning about native vs. non - native plants as well as pollinator- friendly flowers, then using them to create an air dry clay impression craft.

Wexford County Councils Climate Action Team supported by Age Friendly concluded their eight-week climate action course in Enniscorthy Library this month.

Health and Well Being

Activator Pole Taster Session with Sports Active Wexford

Nicola from Sports Active Wexford delivered a fun and energetic Activator Pole Taster Session in Wexford Library, as part of the Bealtaine Festival this month.

*Nicola from Sports Active at the
Activator Pole session in Wexford
Library*



Heritage & Local History

The 1926 Census

North Wexford Historical Society continued their monthly talk series in Gorey Library with a talk given by John Nangle. He gave tips and hints at navigating the recently launched 1926 census while taking the audience through many local records and provided guidance to interpreting the entries, and linking into the 1901 and 1911 census.

Wexford Library received 16 local studies queries and 22 genealogy queries in May.

ARCHIVES

Collections management

In addition to 29 research enquiries via email, telephone and post, six researchers visited the Archive during May. Topics included research through the Lorna Rosbottom archive in relation to management of the Hughes estate, Ballytrent (1800s); family history research through extant Labourers' Acts minute books for New Ross poor law union (1878-99); assessment of aeronautical artefacts from the former county museum collection for exhibition; family history research through Enniscorthy workhouse minutes books (1890-93); burial records for family history research (1850s-60s).

Outreach

The Archivist organised a small event to officially mark the deposit by members of the Ryan family of a large painting of Dr James Ryan (Tomcoole, Taghmon) in the Archive. The event took place in Wexford town library and included members of the extended Ryan family. An Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Joe Sullivan presided and accepted the historic artefact on behalf of the Archive from Helen O’Riain, James Ryan’s granddaughter. Painted by Irish artist, James Sleator, the artwork will ensure that the legacy of veteran statesman Dr James Ryan (former revolutionary, medical doctor, TD, Senator) will be permanently commemorated and celebrated.



An Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Joe Sullivan, archivist Grainne Doran and members of the extended Ryan family in Wexford Library

To coincide with the exhibition of the same name, the Archivist delivered an illustrated talk on ‘Plucky Ladies’ – *female representation in local elections in County Wexford, 1899-2024* in Enniscorthy library on 21 May. A series of talks on the exhibition are ongoing this year, both in branch libraries across the county and in other local venues. It is an invaluable means of commemorating and celebrating those women from all walks of life who proactively put themselves forward as candidates to make a difference in their local communities across County Wexford.

ARTS

Wexford Arts Office Photocall

The Wexford Arts Office hosted a 2026 photocall on May 1st for all successful recipients from the Small Arts Festivals and Fáilte Ireland Festivals, 20 in total Artist in the Community Grant, Artlinks recipients, Tyrone Guthrie Residency awardees and Irish Writers Centres Mentoring Award recipients. The group were welcomed by Cathaoirleach Joe Sullivan. Over 60 people attended on the day including artists, festival organisers, and community groups.



Wexford Arts Office Photocall outside Wexford County Council



Bealtaine Festival Programme with Wexford Libraries

Wexford Arts office, in partnership with Wexford Libraries, hosted a programme of free arts workshops in the five Wexford libraries branches over the month of May for Bealtaine Festival, Ireland’s national festival celebrating the arts and ageing. These included quilting with Josephine Whitmore, Dance with Becci Whelan, Lantern making with Caoimhe Dunn, story writing with Caroline Busher and Felting with Trish Middleton.

Becci Whelan leading a dance session in Enniscorthy Library during Bealtaine

Westgate Music Rehearsal Space Residency Open Call

Wexford Arts Office is offering a 3 – 6 month residency at the Westgate music rehearsal space for Wexford based musicians during 2026. As part of this residency the selected musician will be given one free night to perform at the Wexford Arts Centre. Deadline for expressions of interest was 20th May.

Wexford Women’s Refuge Public Art Commission

Artist Marielle Macleman has been selected for the Wexford Women’s Refuge Public Art commission. The commission relates to a garden space at the Women’s Refuge. Selection panel took place in May and installation of selected proposal is due to commence Summer 2026.

Culture Night Open Call 2026

Wexford Arts Office announced the annual Culture Night funding open call. Culture Night is an annual all-island public event that celebrates culture, creativity and the arts, all activities are made available to the public free of charge. Culture Night/ Oíche Chultúir 2026 will take place on Friday 18th September, all around the country from 4pm. The open call for funding is for artists, heritage and cultural groups, venues and societies based in County Wexford.

Living Arts Project Open Call

County Wexford Arts Office, in partnership with Wexford Arts Centre and The Arts Council / An Chomhairle Ealaíon, announced its open call on 24th March to primary schools and visual artists to participate in the Living Arts Project commencing in September/October 2026. The aim of the Living Arts Project is to provide children with an understanding and appreciation of contemporary visual art. Eight Wexford-based artists will be selected and partnered with schools to create a body of work over the academic year. The selection panel took place in May, and the schools and artists are to be announced in early June for 2026 – 2027.

SpringMoves Dance Festival 2026

SpringMoves Dance Festival celebrated its 8th Year and took place across Wexford town. The festival was held on 7th and 8th of May and had international and national dance artists and street performers performing over the weekend. The festival was funded through the Small Arts Festival Fund 2026.

SCREEN WEXFORD

An Arts Office, Economic Development Department initiative to support the development of the film / screen industry in Wexford.

Crew Networking Event

Screen Wexford’s crew networking took place on Friday 8th May at the Irish National Heritage Park with a tour by Paul Wreck showing all the possible filming locations within the park. Twenty five people attended for the coffee/networking and tour.

Inaugural Wexford French Film Festival- in conjunction with the French Embassy.

The French Embassy in Ireland and Screen Wexford were delighted to launch the first Wexford French Film Festival in collaboration with the Alliance Française Waterford/Wexford, The Picture House - Wexford Film Society and many cultural partners - bringing a specially curated selection of French cinema to Wexford and celebrating storytelling, culture, and creativity across borders.

CREATIVE PLACES ENNISCORTHY (CPE)

CPE is a 3-year Arts Council funded initiative in partnership with Wexford Arts Centre, Wexford Arts Office and Enniscorthy Municipal District seeking to embed creativity into Enniscorthy.

Battle Of The Bands - took place on 23rd May at The Athenaeum in Enniscorthy where four bands performed for the opportunity to play at the Artlot Stage at Electric Picnic 2026.

MUSIC GENERATION (MG)

This is an ongoing partnership between Wexford County Council, WWETB and Music Generation supporting performance music education countywide for young people in 25 schools and a variety of youth work contexts.

Multisensory Music Education Concert

Music Generation Wexford hosted a concert featuring sign language, words, vibrations and smoke rings performed by young deaf musicians at Sacred Heart National School, Newbawn, Wexford on 20th of May 2026. This was part of the Multisensory Music Education Programme.

Pocket Opera with Clongeen National School

Music Generation Wexford hosted pocket Opera Company Carmen Co Trio for a pocket opera performance for the whole school followed by a guitar workshop for 5th and 6th class students

CREATIVE IRELAND

Cruinniú na nÓg 2026

A packed programme of free creative events and workshops will take place across County Wexford as part of Cruinniú na nÓg 2026, Ireland's national day of creativity for children and young people. Funded through the Creative Ireland Programme and delivered locally by Wexford County Council Arts Department, events on June 6th will include art, music, storytelling, theatre, film, craft and hands-on activities for children and teenagers of all ages. Activities will take place in libraries, arts centres and community venues across Enniscorthy, Gorey, New Ross, Wexford Town, Bunclody, Taghmon and Clonroche. A number of outreach programmes will also run in schools, Family Resource Centres and IPAS Centres throughout the county from May onwards to encourage wider participation in creative activities.

A schedule of full events is available on our website.

Community Building and Placemaking through Heritage in Killanne:

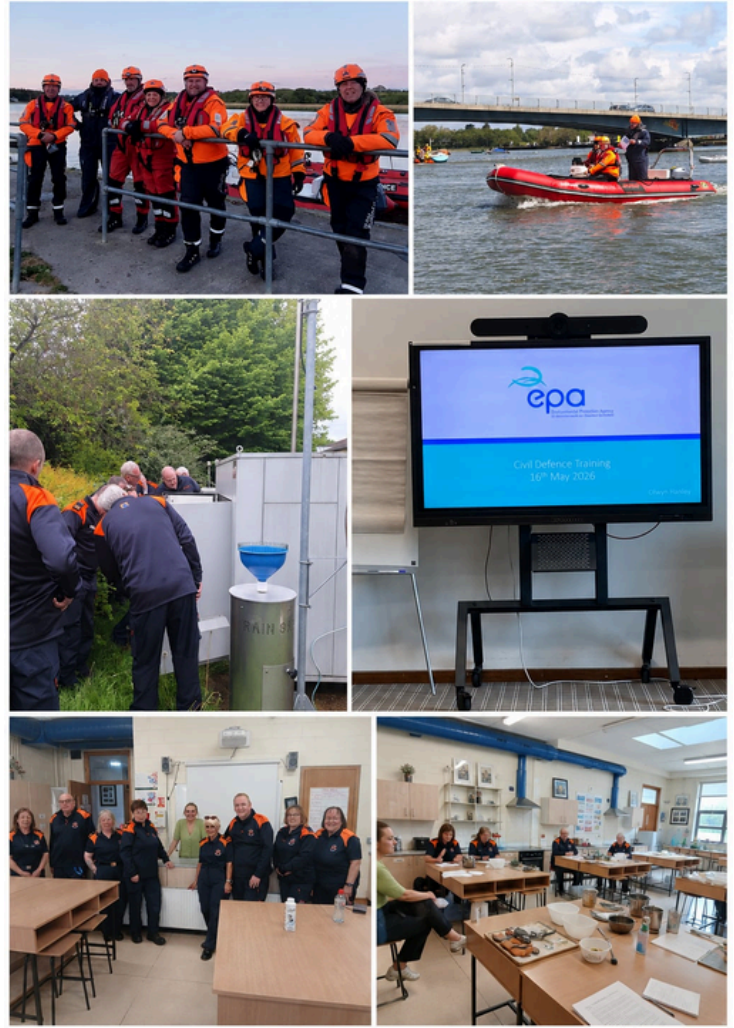
The Great Book of Killanne 2026 community heritage project is commencing as part of the Creative Communities local Municipal District projects. Developed in collaboration with the Killanne Development Group, the project will create a unique handmade and bound book celebrating the heritage, memories, traditions and identity of the Killanne community. The project will engage residents of all ages through a series of creative workshops, discussions and hands-on art activities designed to explore local history, landscape, stories and community life. On Saturday, 6th of June the first workshop will be facilitated by artists Liz Rackard and Mick O'Dea, together with guest calligrapher and designer Sarah O'Dea, supporting participants in developing creative material for inclusion in the final book. On 7th June there was a live portrait painting with Mick O' Dea in Rackards Lounge. He painted local historian & genealogist Gloria Binions.

WEXFORD CIVIL DEFENCE

Wexford Civil Defence May Duties



Wexford Civil Defence May Training Courses



Civic Duties:

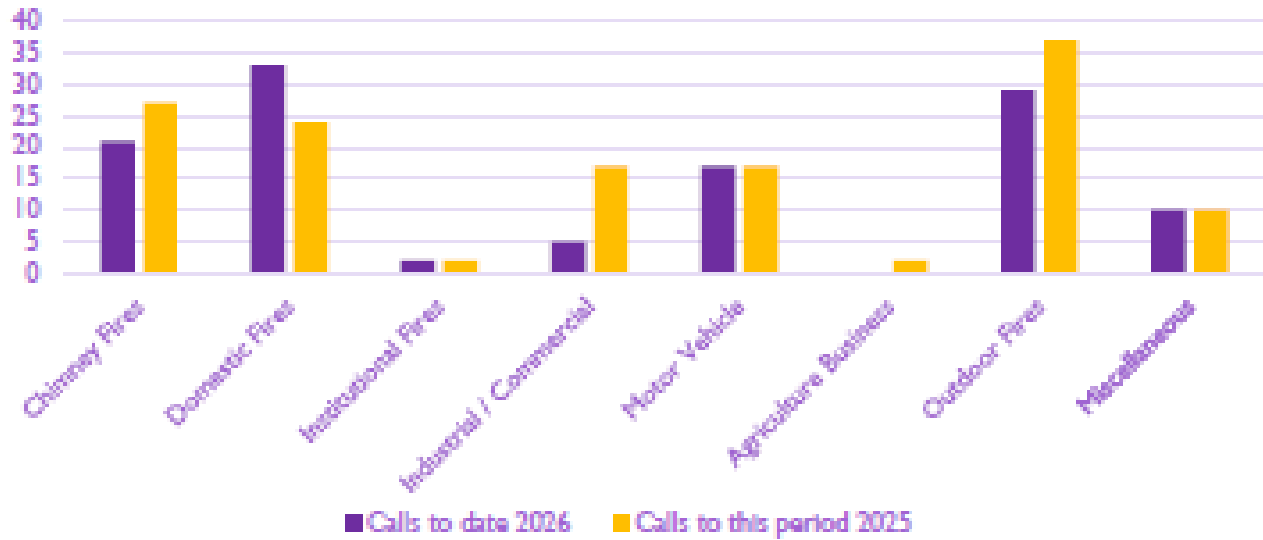
- May 2nd & 3rd- Rocking Food Festival- Enniscorthy- First Aid cover.
- May 9th & 10th- Ballinastoe Mountain Bike- Wicklow-Ambulance & ATV cover.
- May 10th- Park Bikefest- Gorey - Ambulance & First Aid cover
- May 16th- Hike to the Hook- Hook Head- First Aid cover
- May 23rd Aiseiri Coastal Run-Curraclloe- Ambulance & First Aid cover
- May 24th- Africa Day- Min Ryan Park- Ambulance & First Aid cover
- May 29th-31st Maritime Festival- Wexford Quay-Ambulance, Demos & Boats
- May 30th- Family Picnic-JFK Park New Ross- First Aid cover

Weekly Training

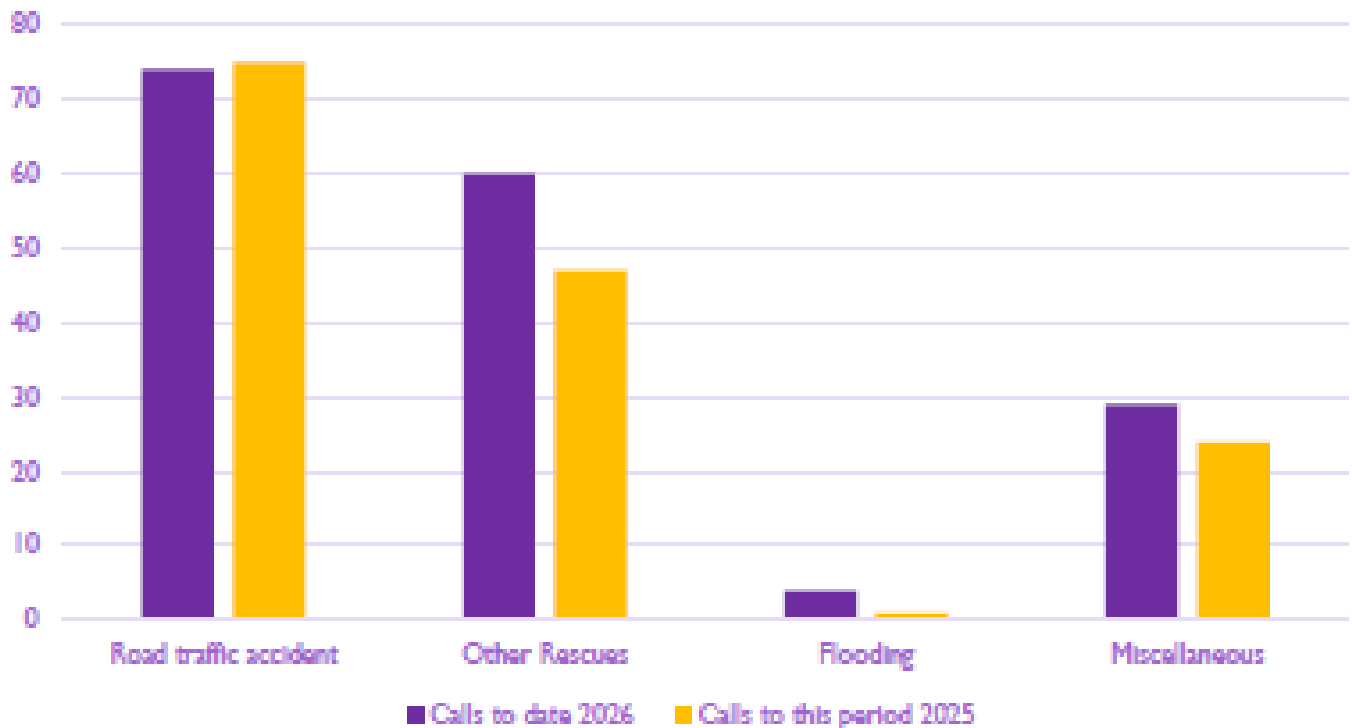
- Weekly training continues in Wexford, Enniscorthy, Gorey and New Ross.
- Weekly training will include Missing Persons Search Responder & Leader courses, Water Awareness & Swiftwater Flood Responder- New & Recerts. Minimum Training Standards courses. Severe Weather Response.

WEXFORD FIRE SERVICES APRIL 2026

Call Statistics - Wexford Fire Service



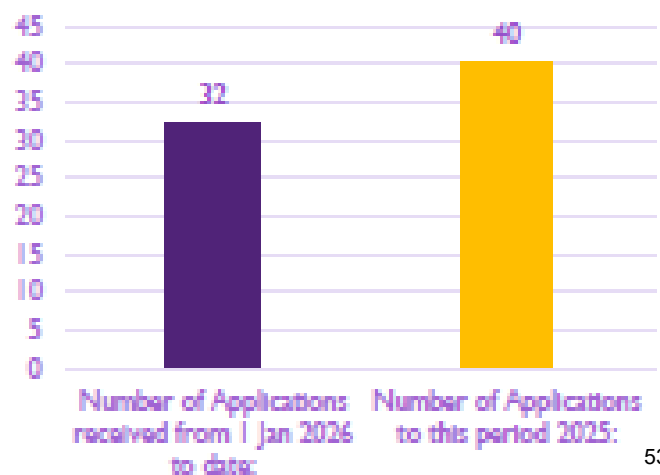
Special Services - Wexford Fire Service



False Alarms



Fire Safety Certificates



CORPORATE SERVICES

CUSTOMER SERVICE UNIT STATISTICS – MAY 2026

Task	May 2026
Phone Calls	2270
Emails received and sent	2820

TOP 5 CSU PHONE QUERIES

(23%) Housing Maintenance	(11%) Housing Grants	(10%) Environment	(7%) Area Housing Officers	(4%) Housing Rents
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FOI OFFICE REQUESTS MAY 2026

Type	Number
Freedom of Information	18
Customer Complaint	34
Ombudsman Complaint	2
Access to Information on the Environment	5
Data Access Request	4
Total	63

FINANCE

Q1 Finance Report 2026 - The Finance Report for the first quarter of 2026, i.e. to 31st March 2026, has been circulated. The results for Q1 show a significant deficit of €1.9m. This negative movement is directly attributable to the exceptional costs incurred as a result of the severe weather event, Storm Chandra which hit in January 2026. Expenditure to date relating to this event is nearing €2.5 million. While there was an initial indication that Government funding would be provided to offset these costs, it now appears that this support may not be forthcoming. As a result, we have taken a prudent approach and have not accrued potential Government funding as income at this stage.

If the anticipated Government funding ultimately does not materialise, we are likely to see an adverse impact on the overall revenue position for 2026. However, this position will be kept under constant review for the remainder of the year.

Audit of Accounts 2025 - In accordance with the Local Government (Financial and Audit Procedures) Regulations 2014, the Local Government Auditor is expected to formally commence the Audit of Wexford County Council Accounts for 2025 shortly. The official date has yet to be confirmed but some preliminary work is ongoing and the Finance staff are engaging with the Auditor in this regard.

Audit Committee - The next meeting of the Audit Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, 17 June and will include consideration of the 2025 Annual Financial Statement and financial performance for 2025 together with consideration of the recently completed Public Spending Code quality assurance exercise and report for NOAC.

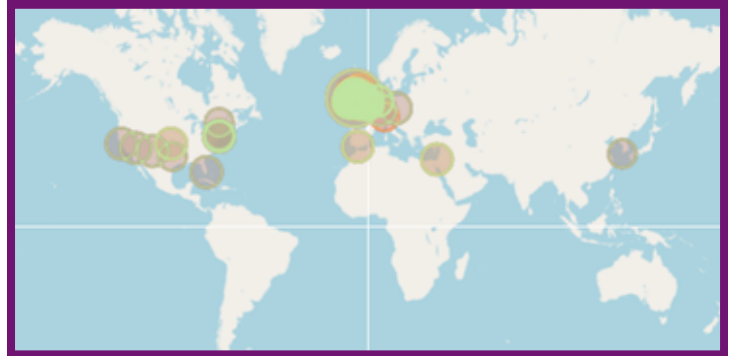
Cash Flow/Overdraft - The Council continues to operate with an overdraft facility, Ministerial Sanction is in place for borrowing by way of overdraft in the amount of €15m for the period to the 31st December, 2026.

ICT SECURITY UPDATE - MAY 2026

Notable Incidents in Wexford County Council

ALS Global, an environmental testing laboratory, was compromised this month. No malicious mail was received, but as multiple staff in Wexford County Council are in regular contact with scientists at the Irish base of this company, an automatic quarantine rule was placed on all mail from the alsglobal.com domain until we receive confirmation that the incident has been resolved.

- 510.4k emails in total (*WexfordCoCo tenant*)
- 415k stopped from malicious IPs
- 179 stopped with malicious links/attachments
- 3,931 emails in total (*CIlr tenant*)



In the News

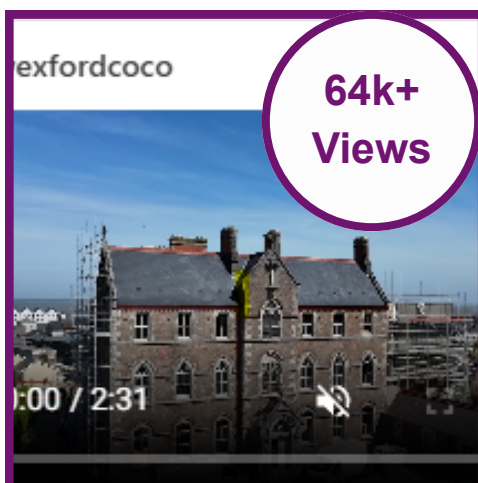
Instructure, the 'Educational Tech' company behind Canvas, a popular learning management system for 3 Level institutions worldwide, suffered a breach which saw 3.5 terabytes of student and university data held for ransom and disrupted online exams. Instructure have since confirmed they paid the ransom demanded, in order to prevent students' data from being sold on the dark web by the attackers.

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COMMUNICATIONS

TOP 3 POSTS FOR APRIL 2026



Adoration Convent



Scam Alerts



John Barry Memorial



Bike Week 2026 was a great success. Thanks to all involved.

**Eddie Taaffe
Chief Executive**