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# CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT



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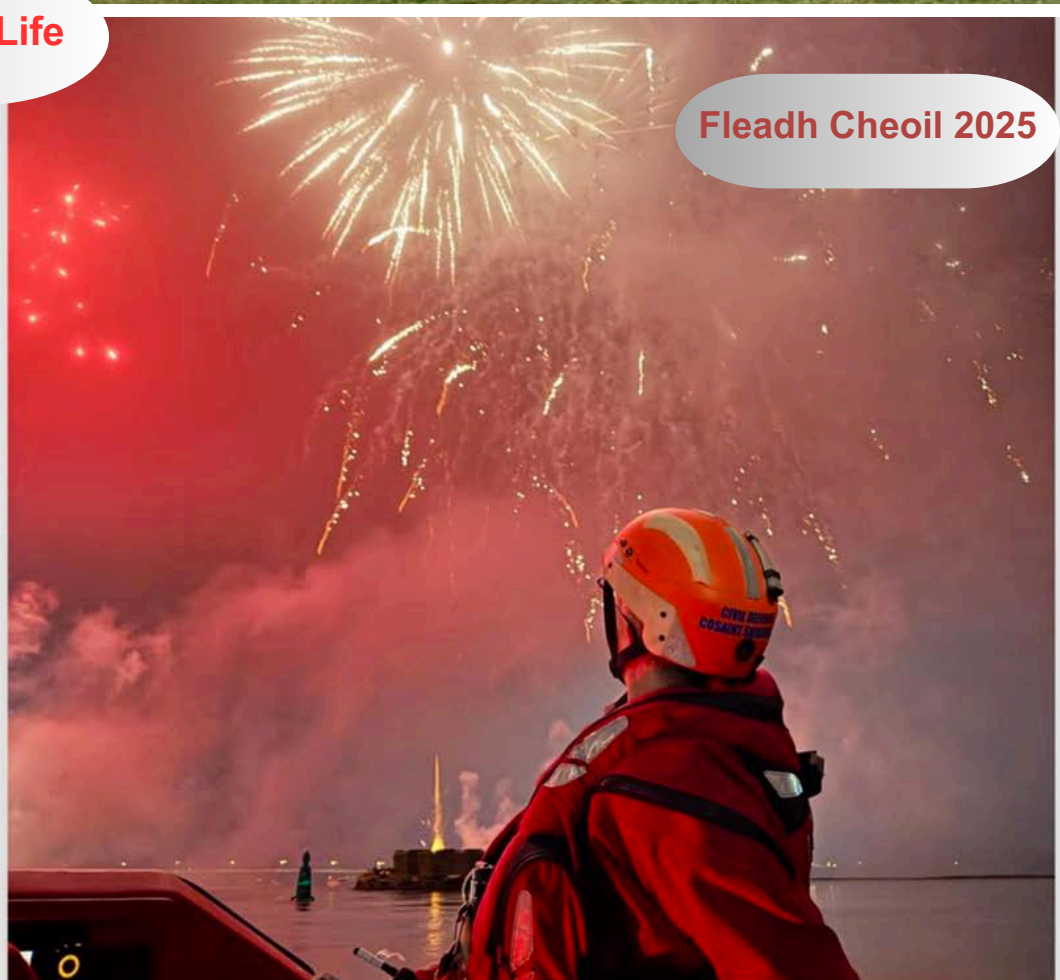
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# HOUSING

## Housing Strategy & Services

Under the Housing for All Programme 2022 to 2026, Wexford County Council must build a minimum of 1,159 new housing units within the programme timeframe. The status of overall programme delivery, which includes new built and leasing, is contained in the diagram below. (1218 below includes leasing)

Housing For All 2022-2026							
1218 Target	- (	876 Units Delivered	+	578 Units Projected	=	1454 Delivery Pipeline	) = 236 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 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2025. It is anticipated that the next Expression will open on the 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2025. 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
Tobar Muire, Creagh Demesne, Gorey	7 x 2-bed 22 x 3-bed	Q3 2025	29
Gleann an Ghairdin, Gorey	12 x 2-bed apt 12 x 3-bed apt	Delivered February 2025	24
Mangan, Hollyfort, Gorey	2 x 3-Bed	Q4 2025	2
Spring View, Gorey Hill, Gorey	6 x 3-bed apt 6 x 2-bed apt	Q2 2026	12
Grattan Court, Gorey	10 x 3-bed 4 x 2-bed apt	Q3 2025	14
		Total Turnkey Units	81

Gorey/Kilmuckridge MD - cont'd

Project Address (Part V)	Unit Type	Est. Delivery	Total
Gleann an Ghairdin Phases 3 & 4	2 x 2-bed	Q1 2026	2
Tobar Muire, Creagh Demesne, Gorey	2 x 2-bed	Q3 2025 1 delivered June 2025	2
Spring View, Gorey Hill, Gorey	4 x 3-bed apt 4 x 2-bed apt	Q2 2026	8
Deerpark (Ballowen or Ramsfort Park) Gorey	1 x 3-bed 1 x 2-bed 2 x 3-bed	Q3 2025	4
Grattan Court Gorey	2 x 2 bed	Q3 2025	2
Pearsons Brook	2 x 3 bed	Delivered March 2025	2
Upton Meadows, Kilmuckridge	2 x 3 bed 1 x 2 bed	Delivered Q2 2025	3
Sunset Avenue, Riverchapel	1 X 2 bed hse	Q1 2026	1
Millquarter, Knockmullen	6 X 2 bed apt 6 X 3 bed apt	Q1 2026	12
Fermoyle Manor, Kilanerin	1 X 3 bed hse	Q1 2026	1
		Total Part V	37

Project Address (AHB)	Unit Type	Est. Delivery	Total
Ballytegan Rd, Gorey	3 x 1-bed 26 x 2-bed 52 x 3-bed 5 x 4-bed	Q3 2026	86
Riverchapel Road, Gorey	6 x 1-bed apt	Q3 2025	6
The Close, Newbury, Clonattin, Gorey	2 x 1 bed apt 4 x 2 bed apt	Delivered Q2 2025	6
		Total ABH	98

## Rosslare Municipal District

Project Address	Unit Type	Est. Delivery	Total
Carrig-on-Bannow <b>(TURNKEY)</b>	5 x 1 bed 5 x 2 bed	Q3 2025 Q1 2026	10
Carrig-on-Bannow <b>(PART V)</b>	2 x 3 bed	Q3 2025	2
			<b>12</b>

## Enniscorthy Municipal District

Project Address (TURNKEY)	Unit Type	Est. Delivery	Total
Holly-Way, Clonhasten, Enniscorthy	5 x 2-bed	Q3 2025	5
Cnoc na Greine, Enniscorthy	3 x 2-bed 9 x 3-bed 2 x 4-bed	Phased from Q3 2025	14
Forgelands, Old Forge Rd, Enniscorthy	7 x 3 bed	Delivering from Q3 2025	7
		<b>Total Turnkey</b>	<b>26</b>
Forgelands, Old Forge Rd, Enniscorthy (Part V)	4 x 2-bed	Q3 2025	4
Holly-Way, Clonhasten, Enniscorthy (Part V)	5 x 3-bed	Q3 2025	5
Holly-Way, Clonhasten, Enniscorthy (Part V)	2 X 2 bed hse 1 X 3 bed hse	Q4 2025	3
Orchard Way, Clonhasten (Part V)	4 x 2 bed 1 x 3 bed	Delivered Q2 2025	5
Orchard Way, Clonhasten (Part V)	2 x 2 bed 2 x 3 bed	Delivered Q2 2025	4
Cnoc na Greine, Enniscorthy (Part V)	16 x 3 bed hse 2 x 2 bed hse 16 x 1 bed apt	Delivering on a phased basis from Q3 2025	34
		<b>Total Part V</b>	<b>55</b>
Milehouse, Phase 1, Enniscorthy (AHB)	4 x 2 bed hse 16 x 3 bed	Delivered Q2 2025	20
			<b>101</b>

## New Ross Municipal District

Project Address	Unit Type	Est. Delivery	Total
Ard an Bhile, New Ross ( <b>TURNKEY</b> )	2 x 2 bed apt 2 x 1 bed apt	Delivered Q2 2025	4
Hewittlands, New Ross (LAGS site) ( <b>AHB</b> )	10 x 1-bed 16 x 2-bed 22 x 3-bed	Q1 2026	48
Ard an Bhile, New Ross ( <b>PART V</b> )	2 x 1 bed apt	Delivered Q2 2025	2
			<b>54</b>

## Borough District of Wexford

Project Address	Unit Type	Est. Delivery	Total
Ard na hAbhainn, Newtown Rd ( <b>PART V</b> )	2 x 3-bed	Delivered May 2025	2
Ard Uisce, Wexford ( <b>PART V</b> )	8 x 2-bed	Q3 2025 2 delivered May 2025	8
Radharc an Chuain, Castlebridge ( <b>PART V</b> )	1 x 3 bed	Q3 2025	1
Radharc an Chuain, Castlebridge ( <b>PART V</b> )	2 x 3 bed	Q1 2026	2
Turners Way, Coolcotts ( <b>PART V</b> )	4 x 2 bed apt	Delivering from Q2 2026	4
Beechfield, Clonard ( <b>AHB</b> )	25 x 1-bed 23 x 2-bed 1 x 3-bed 1 x 4-bed	Q1 2026	50
Whiterock Hill, Wexford ( <b>AHB</b> )	6 x 2 bed 34 x 3 bed	40 Delivering on a phased basis 8 delivered April 2025 17 delivered August 2025 15 to deliver Q4 2025	15
			<b>82</b>

Support has been offered to AHB's for other proposals amounting to 246 units across all districts. These proposals are subject to Planning and Departmental approval.

District	No. of Units	District	No. of Units
Enniscorthy	63	Rosslare	63
Gorey	45	Wexford	57
New Ross	19	<b>Total</b>	<b>246</b>

## SECOND HAND ACQUISITION PROGRAM

The 2025 budget allocation for Second Hand acquisition, including Tenant In Situ, Prevention of homeless, older persons and disability and Buy and Renew, as provided by the Department Housing Local Government and Heritage was €6 million. This budget covered approvals made awaiting drawdown. The current position is that 11 units have been fully acquired, while 7 are in the sale & conveyancing process. It is expected to fully expend the 2025 allocation.

## ENERGY EFFICIENCY RETROFITTING PROGRAMME

Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme **2025** is the **fifth** 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 & no of properties delivered and funded to date under this programme.

Department Targets for County Wexford		
Year	No of Properties Allocated	Number Delivered & funding received
2021	54	0
2022	68	37
2023	51	146
2024	116	118*
<b>Total</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>301</b>
<b>Status Update September 2025</b>		
Units completed to date		99**
Works in progress		26
Contract awarded		11
In tender process		
Total		<b>136 No.</b>
<b>2025 allocation</b>		<b>120 No.</b>

Notes

\* 26 units completed and claimed in 2024 – not funded – to be paid from 2025 allocation

\*\* includes 51 units completed in Q4 2024

The range of works undertaken in the properties include external wall and attic insulation, new doors, new windows, blocking of fireplaces, low energy lighting, high efficiency boilers, and upgraded heating system and controls. All properties received a minimum of a B2 BER rating after the works were completed.



### Coming Soon – New Affordable Housing Purchase Scheme ‘Cnoc na Gréine’

Wexford County Council is partnering with Neville Homes to provide up to 16 new homes for sale under the Local Authority Affordable Purchase Scheme. The housing schemes are located in Enniscorthy and will be offered for sale to eligible purchasers nominated by Wexford County Council.

These new homes, which consists of 2, 3 and 4 bedroom semi-detached and terraced ‘A- Rated’ homes, will be made available to first time buyers and other eligible buyers.

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.

**Applications** - Applications for the housing scheme must be made through the online portal which will open on the Wexford County Council website in the coming months.

**Information Events** - In advance of the portal launches, Wexford County Council will host in-person/online events to assist applicants through the application process. Further details to follow, interested applicants are asked to register their interest in the schemes by emailing [affordablehousing@wexfordcoco.ie](mailto:affordablehousing@wexfordcoco.ie)

**Pilot WCC Scheme Update** - Works are steadily progressing on Wexford County Council Pilot Scheme in ‘Radharc Na Beannoige’, Gorey, Co. Wexford. Successful applicants were invited to attend showhouse events with the Mythen Construction team to view their new homes with all units expected to deliver in the coming months.



## ‘Register of Interest in Affordable Housing’

Wexford County Council has developed an online ‘Register of Interest’ for people who feel they may be eligible to acquire or rent an affordable home from the council. The findings will help in determining the level of interest in affordable housing purchase and cost rental and will be used to inform the Council on the level of demand and locations for affordable houses and the house prices that people can afford.

The registration application is available on Wexford County Council’s website.



## CHOICE BASED LETTING

The CBL System has had 3 system improvements based on feedback from elected representatives. Properties are now advertised individually with house specific photographs for easier identification and decision making form applicants. Secondly the system is now generating automated e-mails to advise of properties when advertised in an applicants area of choice. Thirdly, unsuccessful applicants are receiving a notification e-mail that a property which they expressed an interest in has been allocated.

93 properties were advertised on the Choice Based Letting website from 01/01/2025 to 19/08/25.

As multiple properties were available in some cases, a total of 199 properties were available for allocation.

Municipal District	Properties Available for Allocation	No. of Properties Advertised	1-bed	2-bed	3-bed
Enniscorthy	39	22	2	15	4
Gorey/Kilmuckridge	58	18	1	9	8
New Ross	46	21	5	8	8
Rosslare	24	13	1	5	7
Wexford	32	19	1	11	7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>34</b>

## HOUSING ALLOCATIONS

From the 1<sup>st</sup> January to 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2025 Wexford County Council allocated 283 properties. There were also a further 59 Approved Housing Body tenancies.

Area	Re-Lets (Incl. Bays)	Transfers	New Lets	AHBs	MTR	Total
Gorey/Kilmuckridge	11	4	78	13	1	107
New Ross	17	3	46	2	2	70
Enniscorthy	16	6	18	7	1	48
Wexford	23	7	27	20	0	77
Rosslare	8	0	15	17	0	40
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>342</b>

## ESTATE MANAGEMENT CASES

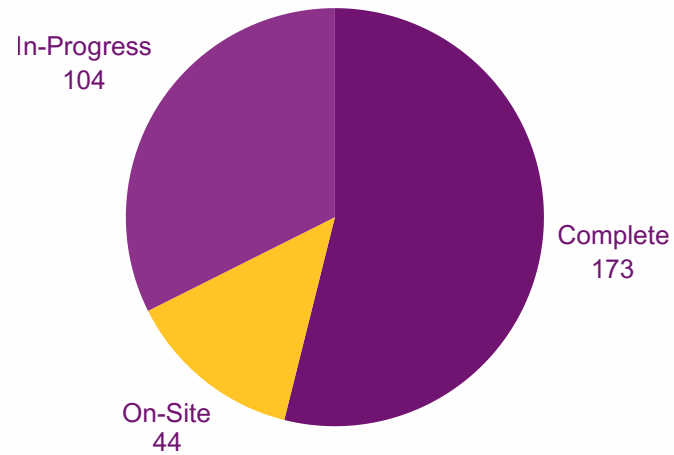
The figures below are from 01/05/2025 - 28/08/2025					
Complaint	Enniscorthy	Gorey/Kilmuckridge	New Ross	Rosslare	Wexford
Abandonment	5	0	5	0	0
Breach of Tenancy	11	13	6	2	17
Damage to Property	0	6	3	0	4
Drugs	2	5	13	0	7
Estate Management	14	34	0	2	0
Unauthorised Occupants	1	2	6	0	1
Verbal Abuse/Harassment	9	3	11	3	2
Violence	1	0	0	3	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>31</b>

**OVERALL TOTAL 191**

# HOUSING CAPITAL - CAPITAL BUILD PROJECTS

Housing for All 2022 - 2026 SUMMARY	
Dwellings Complete 2022	48
Dwellings Complete 2023	23
Dwellings Complete 2024	54
Dwellings to Complete 2025	48
Dwellings still to Complete in 2025	44
Dwellings to Complete 2026	104

## Construction Status



Social & Affordable Housing Pipeline	407
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## Dwellings Under Construction to complete in 2025

Creagh, Gorey	22 Units	Francis Street, Wexford	2 Apartments
Ramsfort Park, Gorey	20 Houses	<b>Total 92</b>	

## Funded Projects for delivery 2025 – 2026

Monomolin, Gorey	5	Ballygillane, Rosslare	5
Bullawn, New Ross	3	Grogans Road, Wexford	4
Cluain Fada, New Ross, New Ross	22	Killeens, Wexford	60
Adamstown, New Ross	4	Lacken TAP	1
<b>Total 104</b>			

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

Clonard, Wexford	55	Castlemoyle, New Ross	82
Group TAP Housing	5	The Lyre, Enniscorthy	50
Rosbercon, New Ross	50	St Walerans, Gorey	40
Bride Street, Wexford	3	Park, Wexford	12
Kilmore Quay, Rosslare	14	Belvedere, Wexford	12
Creagh, Gorey	24	Bunclody, Enniscorthy	65
<b>Total 412</b>			



# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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Digital Marketing Strategy for Business 18/09/2025	<b>National Womens Enterprise Day 16/10/2025</b>	Boost Your Sales: Expert Tips on Lead Generation & Customer Loyalty 11/11/2025
Strategic Retail Masterclass Gorey 19/09/2025	New Tariff Rules, New Strategies: What Irish Exporters Need to Know 21/10/2025	Business Advice Clinic 12/11/2025
Export Start Programme 23/09/2025	Business Advice Clinic 22/10/2025	Business Advice Clinic 19/11/2025
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Mastering Self-Employed Taxes: A Simple Guide for Small Business Owners 25/09/2025		Create Stunning Marketing Videos on Your Phone with CapCut 27/11/2025
Strategic Retail Masterclass New Ross 28/09/2025		

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## Training - Driving Awareness and Engagement for Wexford Businesses

The Local Enterprise Office Wexford continues its strategic response to the needs of businesses in the county through delivering a package of training events, strategic retail programmes and national promotional opportunities.

To ensure these supports reach the widest possible audience, we have deployed an integrated marketing campaign across local press, radio, and digital platforms, combined with national media exposure for Wexford entrepreneurs. Our strategy is to maximise awareness of supports available, increase engagement, and drive participation from businesses across the county. We are using a multi-channel strategy to promote upcoming programmes and events which includes;

## Radio Advertising

- Engaging radio ads airing on South East Radio and Beat 102 103 to promote the Autumn/Winter training schedule, National Women's Enterprise Day, and key sectoral programmes directing businesses to register through the LEO Wexford website.

## Newspaper Coverage

- Placement of news features, event announcements, and success stories in local newspapers, in particular highlight Wexford businesses who are participating in high-profile events, enhancing the county's reputation for entrepreneurship.

## Digital Marketing

- Social Media:** A strong presence on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and X, with campaign graphics, countdowns, and videos.
- Email Marketing:** Targeted campaigns to Wexford businesses to promote upcoming training events and initiatives, ensuring easy access to booking links.
- Independent.ie:** To further boost awareness of National Women's Enterprise Day, we are running digital advertising on Independent.ie, ensuring regional and national visibility for the event and Wexford-based participants.

**National Women's Enterprise Day** - LEO will support female entrepreneurship with a programme on the 16th of September 2025.

## TOURISM



### Launch of Wexford Destination and Experience Development Plan 2025 -2030

Paul Kelly, CEO of Fáilte Ireland launched The Wexford Destination and Experience Development Plan (DEDP) 2025 -2030 on Monday 14th July 2025 at Whites of Wexford

The Wexford DEDP is a five-year tourism development plan for County Wexford and was developed through a programme of research and consultation including the views of visitors, the tourism industry, local community and stakeholders supported by Wexford County Council. The DEDP is an agreed road map set out to achieve the vision set out in the Plan for County Wexford.

### Fringe Fleadh 2025

The Economic Section supported the New Ross, Gorey, Enniscorthy and Rosslare Municipal Districts in running 18 Fringe Fleadh events from the 7<sup>th</sup> June to the 2<sup>nd</sup> August. Fringe Fleadh 2025 was a countywide programme of music, song, dance and storytelling and community celebration in the lead up to Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann 2025 in Wexford town.



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The Fleadh in 2025 was a resounding success where Wexford welcomed over 800,000 visitors generating a significant boost to the local economy. Based on a figure of 600,000 visitors in 2024 which generated 60M there will be a significant increase on this figure with details emerging over the coming weeks.

One of the major boosts from a tourism perspective is the national and international media coverage that Wexford attracted as a result of the Fleadh. The surprise performance of Ed Sheeran significantly added to social media coverage.

### RTÉ Nationwide

Nationwide visited Wexford before and after the Fleadh with the most recent episode of Nationwide aired on RTE1 at 7.00 p.m. on Monday, 25th August. In the show Bláthnaid Ní Chofaigh and the Nationwide team came to County Wexford to explore some of its visitor attractions. Bláthnaid took to the water for a new boat trip service across Wexford Harbour, The Nationwide team also called in to Seal Rescue Ireland and journeyed back in time aboard the Dunbrody Famine Ship in New Ross, The Irish National Heritage Park and the JFK Arboretum also featured on the show.



The Nationwide show can be viewed on the RTE player at the following link: <https://www.rte.ie/player/series/nationwide/SI0000001172?epguid=IH10008772-25-0094>



## Ministerial Visit:

Senator Cathal Byrne facilitated the visit of Minister Peter Burke, Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to Wexford on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August. The Minister officially opened the Curracloe Beach Facilities which is the first of its kind in the country. This facility received a €1.4M investment under Fáilte Ireland's Platform for Growth Investment Scheme.



His itinerary also included a visit to County Wexford Chamber for a meeting on their pre-budget submission. The Minister was then welcomed to Wexford County Council offices by An Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Joe Sullivan. The Minister had a short meeting on the Tradebridge Programme which was followed by a presentation on Wexford's event proposal for 2027 The Year of the Normans by Director of Services, Liz Hore.



The Minister then visited Enniscorthy Technology Park where he was briefed by WCC staff and IDA. He then launched the Food Studio in Senan House.

## Georgia Southern University:

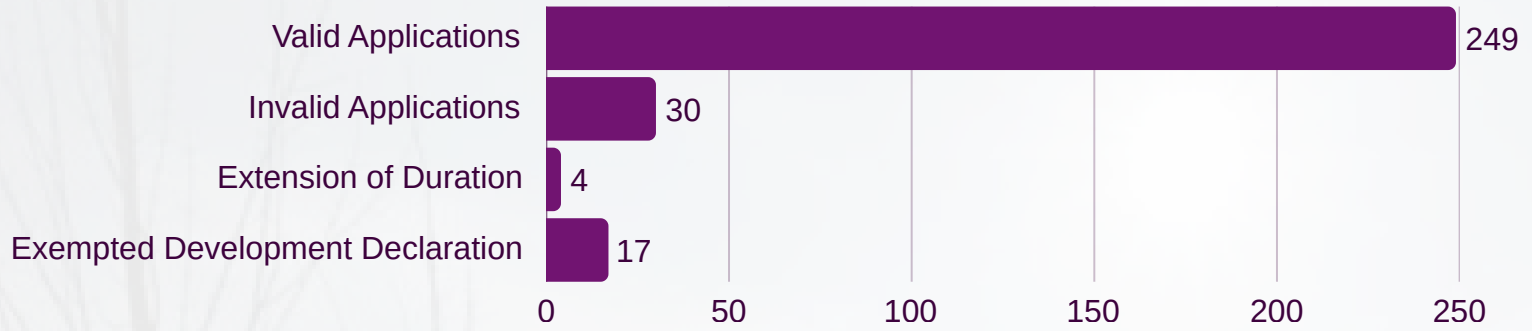
It is proposed that the official ceremony (sod turning) with Georgia Southern University for the Adoration Convent student accommodation project will take place on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September.

## Invest Wexford:

The Invest Wexford brand was established by WCC in 2017 to promote County Wexford as a competitive and attractive destination for both foreign direct investment (FDI) and domestic enterprise leveraging its strategic connectivity, cost competitiveness, robust local support and exceptional quality of life. A tender process is currently underway, closing on the 5<sup>th</sup> September for the provision of services for digital review and development of marketing strategy for Invest Wexford.

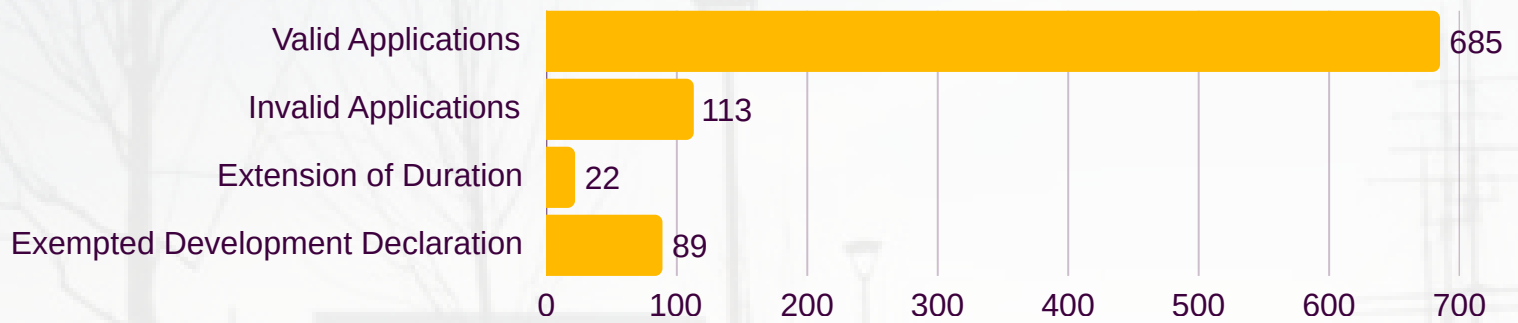
## PLANNING

### Planning applications received from 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025 to 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2025



Total number of applications: **249**

### Planning Applications received year to date - 1st January to 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2025



Total number of applications: **1047**

### Pre-Planning - applications year to date up to the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025

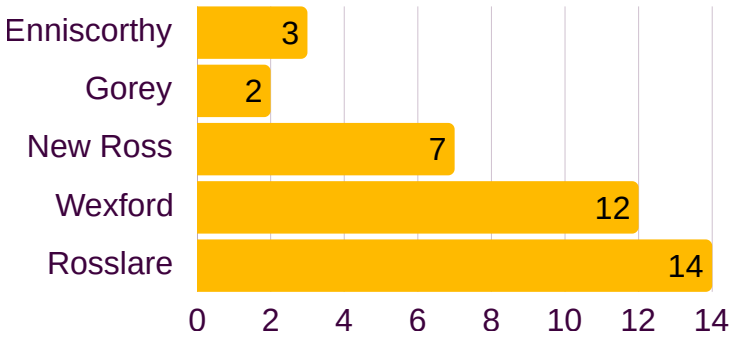
Pre-planning by District	Applications Received	Applications Closed	Open Pre-planning Applications
Enniscorthy MD	43	34	6
Gorey/Kilmuckridge MD	80	73	17
New Ross MD	43	33	13
Rosslare MD	57	44	4
Wexford BD	60	48	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>56</b>

Average days to pre-planning meeting is **30**



Major Pre-Planning

Year to date up to the 28th August 2025 number of meetings held by district:



38 total

- Commercial development: **10,771 sqm** approx.
- Total number of housing units: **739**

Planning CSO Returns

2025 Permissions granted for New Dwellings as of 31st July 2025

Housing Developments (total no. units)	Apartments incl. self contained dwelling units (total no. units)	One off Houses	LAC's Local Authority Development	Total no. permissions granted for new dwellings
253	48	155	92	548

Built, Cultural and Natural Heritage

Heritage Week

Heritage Week ran from the 16th to the 24th of August and with over 60 events taking place in Wexford it was the county's most successful festival to date. Across the county communities came together to bring our shared past to life in creative and exciting ways. From graveyard tours and heritage boat trips to Georgian re-enactments and nature walks, Wexford's rich culture and history was celebrated.



### Forward Planning

#### County Development Plan

Consultations are ongoing with Uisce Eireann to complete the Serviced Land Assessment/Infrastructure Assessment Report. Workshops have been concluded with the various sections of the Council involved in the delivery of infrastructure in the Town. A further workshop was held with the consultants preparing the Draft Rainwater Management Plan for the town and are currently making revisions to the plan. Ecology mapping and an associated report has been received from Apem Consulting and, following feedback from the planning department, revisions are being made to the document and mapping. Neighbourhood Framework Plans for the town have been received from Loci consultants and they are being reviewed. Flood risk mapping has been received from JBA Consulting and work is due to commence on Justification Tests required for particular parcels of land at risk of flooding. These combined elements are being used to inform the land use zoning and environmental, biodiversity and amenity proposals and policies of the plan.

#### Housing Supply Targets

The Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage has written to all local authorities regarding new Section 28 guidelines, following the approval of the National Planning Framework.

The NPF has identified the need to plan for an additional 50,000 households nationally and local authorities are requested to commence the process of revising and varying their development plans against the new housing requirements.

Wexford has been allocated the fifth highest percentage increase nationally per year under the new housing growth requirement from 2025 to 2034 which will see an increase from 1,072 units to 1,622 units per year proving for almost 5,000 additional housing units in this initial period of front loading supply, with a total of 14,598 units from now until 2034.

In addition, additional flexibility has been allocated to planning authorities with an increase threshold from 25% on additional provision of up to 50%.

The first step for the local authority is to review a tiered approach to zoning to identify:

1. Lands that are serviced.
2. Zoned land that is serviceable within the life of the plan.

This work will be a key priority for the planning team with immediate effect.

### Renewable Energy Directive 111

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage have written to local authorities regarding the new planning code for renewable energy projects. The RED 111 Directive aims to speed up the permit granting process for renewable energy projects by providing mandatory permit granting timelines. The process aims to support Ireland in the delivery of targets for renewable energy and the new process will be effective from the 1st October 2025.

The competent planning authority must conduct a completeness validation check on applications within 45 days which triggers the commencement date for a renewable energy project application.

Timelines vary according to the scale of the project with small renewable projects having a turnaround decision time of 1 month to 3 months and larger projects 1 to 2 years thus providing certainty in the planning process.

### Building Control - From 1st January 2025 to the 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2025

Validated  
Commencement Notices  
**281**

Building Control Inspections  
**205**

Validated Cert. of  
Compliance on Completion  
**101**

### Planning Enforcement - From 1st January 2025 to the 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2025

Live Cases  
**436**

Cases Opened (YTD)  
**201**

Cases Closed (YTD)  
**174**

Dangerous Structures and Places - Year to date up to the 22nd August 2025

Notices issued under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act 1964

Section 3.1 Notice

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Section 3.2 Notice

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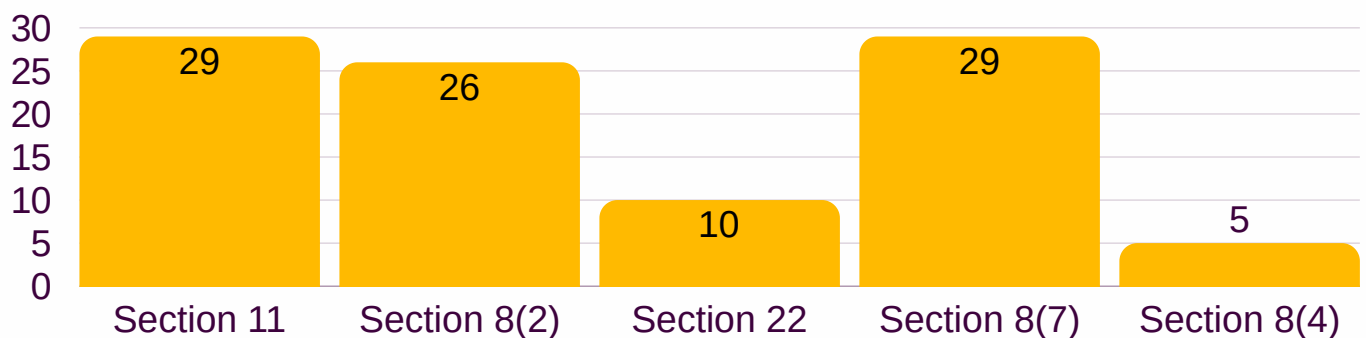
New Files Opened

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Derelict Sites

Derelict Site Notices issued under the Derelict Sites Act 1990.

Year to date up to 22nd August 2025:



**99** Total number of Notices issued:

145

sites on the Derelict  
Site Register

47

new files opened

223

site inspection/visits  
carried out

32

files closed

\*Year to date figures

URDF Call 3 - Urban Regeneration Development Fund

174 sites approved on the programme as of the 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2025



- 22 Awaiting initial engagement with property owner
- 34 Engagement with Property Owner Commenced
- 5 Process to Purchase Commenced by CPO
- 3 Process to Purchase Commenced by Agreement
- 1 Property Acquired by LA
- 11 Advertised for sale - property owned by LA
- 56 Brought back into use by Original Owner (closed case)
- 35 Property no longer vacant/derelict following review (closed case)
- 6 Being Dealt with Under Different Programme
- 1 Sold by local authority



## Access - Disability Access Certificates (DACs):

Number of valid DAC applications for the year to date up to 22nd August 2025

**Total 71**

Applications for Districts	Total for Districts	Awaiting Assessment	Further Information	Granted	Refused
Enniscorthy	8	0	0	7	1
Gorey	16	0	3	13	0
New Ross	9	0	2	6	1
Wexford	32	0	6	25	1
Rosslare	6	0	1	3	2
<b>2025 Totals</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>5</b>

## Disability proofing - carried out as part of WCC Access activity

1<sup>st</sup> January 2025 - 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2025

**87**

LAC/PLAC/LRD and  
General Planning  
Applications

**7**

Major pre-planning  
event days

## Access Items

### Fleadh 2025

Excellent feedback was had on the successful efforts that Wexford County Council made to ensure Fleadh 2025 was an inclusive and accessible Fleadh for All.

- Pre Event information,
- Shuttle bus,
- Alternative pedestrian access route
- The provision of changing places and
- Sensory Pods

JAM CARD Friendly

Many disability groups posted on social media praising the effort to ensure accessibility was incorporated into the event.

“Fully inclusive” was the statement from Sophia and her family, well known activist for accessibility.



Access Items

The JAM (Just a Minute) Card

Wexford County Council is officially a JAM Card Friendly Council. The initiative was adopted by Wexford County Council, in County Hall on Thursday July 24<sup>th</sup> with Cathaoirleach Joe Sullivan in attendance, alongside fellow Councillors John Dwyer and John Fleming, Chief Executive Eddie Taaffe, Director of Service Elizabeth Hore, and representatives from the NOW Group.



Additionally, the Wexford County Council Management Team endorsing the training element for the JAM card as a Metacompliance module, means that not only will all staff be required to complete but that monitoring to demonstrate the continued commitment of Wexford County Council in providing a supportive and inclusive culture for customer service can take place. The JAM Card initiative was also in place to coincide with the Fleadh Cheoil, offering another support to people with disabilities for a Fleadh for All with representatives from the NOW group setting up on the 8<sup>th</sup> of August in Crescent Quay Car Park. The Access Section will continue to engage with the Municipal Districts and Departments within Wexford County Council to promote and monitor the training element for the JAM Card over the next few months. This training is relevant as an element for Wexford County Council Disability Inclusion Strategy. The current figures are 426 users equating to 55% of staff have completed the JAM Card training on metacompliance to date. Civil Defence figures 29 volunteers from 70 registered have completed the training a 41% total.

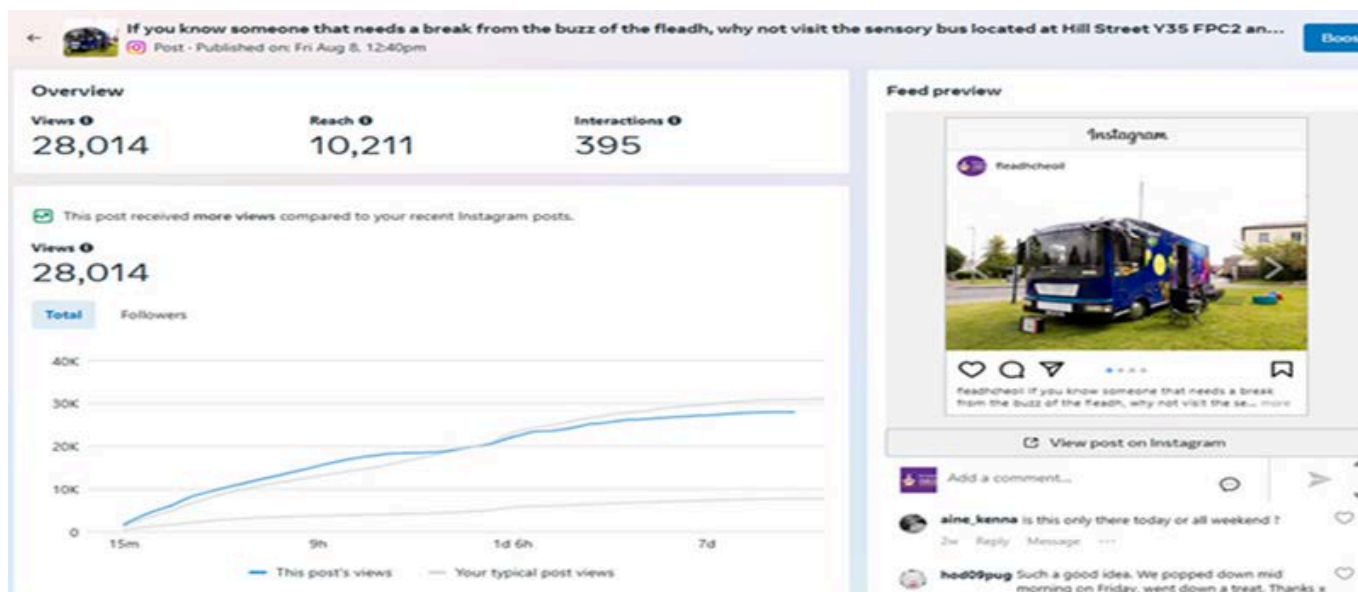
Course	Publish Date	State	Complete		Not Complete	
			Users	%	Users	%
ICT Security Training - August 2025 v1.3	2025/08/08	Publish	324	41.91%	449	58.09%

Accessible Tourism, Social Medial and Access

The importance of social media and highlighting how accessible Wexford is cannot be underestimated. Wexford County Council has continued to make our beaches, coastal and inland trails more accessible as well as now being recognised as a council which ensures our events are accessible. The following stats on one simple post about the recent Cliff Top Walk in Rosslare Harbour demonstrating the power of ensuring access and the reach this message has - some 74k views, with positive comments one of the highest recorded views of a post at that time.

<input type="checkbox"/>		Enjoy Fresh Sea Air and Scenic Views as yo...	Carousel · wexfordcoco	Boost	26 June 12:09	2K	99	4	4	4.3K
<input type="checkbox"/>		Enjoy Fresh Sea Air and Scenic Views as yo...	Multi media · Wexford County Council	Boost	26 June 12:09	47.9K	269	26	37	69.3K

## Access Items Cont'd



Accessibility is a core objective of all Wexford County Council services the percentage of people with a Disability in Wexford, 2022 CSO results, more than 39,500 people (24% of the county's population) reported experiencing at least one long-lasting condition or difficulty.

Sharing what Wexford County Council has done to improve access for all can only result in higher visitor numbers and economic opportunities.

### Make Way Day – September 2025

New Ross Municipal District will take the lead on activity for this year's Make Way Day. The event will take place on the 26<sup>th</sup> of September with the following activities proposed, event to be held in Brennans Lane, including pop up information stands. It's proposed the event in Brennans Lane will be pre informed by the launching of a new promotional video highlighting the extensive works and accessibility features of New Ross Town. The event will afford the local community the opportunity to view improvements and to have a say on what future improvement they would like to see especially regarding accessibility.

The Access Section will be in attendance along with the Age Friendly Coordinator and Library staff promoting services and accessibility projects including the virtual tours and accessible heritage sites from the Advanced Digital Access Participation Project (ADAPP).

## REGENERATION UNIT

### TOWN CENTRE FIRST

**Measure 2.** The draft Courtown/Riverchapel TCF Plan was approved by the Courtown/Riverchapel TCF Town Team and went out on public display from the 18<sup>th</sup> July to the 15<sup>th</sup> August. There was also a drop in consultation session on Mon 11<sup>th</sup> August in the Taravie hotel which was very well attended with substantial feedback given through the online portal and at the event.

This feedback is being analysed with the final draft plan expected to be brought to the Town Team for adoption in Sept 25.



**Measure 3.** Work is ongoing with the Project development measures for these 2 €50k projects.

1. St Michaels Theatre, New Ross. Architect has been appointed to design improvements works and bring to detailed design stage. We have met with the architect on a number of occasions along with the management team in St Michaels Theatre and designs are at an advanced stage.
2. Kilmore Scope/ Bridgetown hub for cycling and walking tourism. Stage 1 of the process is nearing completion which involved community Consultation with stakeholders and the local community. We are now progressing to stage 2 which is the procurement of a design team to bring the Plans for this development to detailed design stage.

**Measure1:** Under this measure Town Teams were established in Taghmon, Castlebridge and Bunclody with investment in capacity building helping to get these teams engaged. The next meetings will be scheduled in Sept and Oct for these Town Teams.

The Castlebridge Town Team was heavily involved in the working with our Capital delivery Team in the successful community consultation evening in Castlebridge Hall around the Town and Village application for Castlebridge House environs.



REGENERATION UNIT

The Bunclody Town centre First Team were also heavily involved in the Creative Ireland Bunclody Placemaking project in August and provided a lot of valuable feedback.



**Vacant Homes** - Work is continuing on vacant homes with the administration of the Croi Conaithe Grant taking up the vast majority of our time with €440,000 paid out in Grants in the last 7 weeks which is having a very positive impact on improving vacancy and dereliction throughout the County.

Croi Conaithe Applications Wexford County Council as at 30-06-25	
Applications Received	509
Inspections Required (First)	3
Inspections Required (Final)	5
Applications Info Requested	123
Applications Approved	366
Awaiting Approval	0
Applications Rejected	7
Application on Hold	0
Withdrawn By Applicant	12

Funding Issued	104
Total Funding Paid to Date	€5,670,929.60
Total Funding Approved To Date	€20,787,852.00

## WATER SERVICES

Multi Annual Rural Water Programme	
<b>Measure 3 – Enhancement of Existing Schemes including Water Conservation</b>	<b>Blackstairs GWS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Caim Tank</b> – Works complete. Road Reinstatement to take place in Q3 2025.</li> <li>• <b>Reservoir Bypass</b> - Drawdown complete for stage 1 payment Recouped from Dept.</li> <li>• Majority of funding expected to be claimed and recouped by Q4 2025.</li> </ul>
<b>MARWP 2024-2026</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding approval – €1.2 million for the upgrade of 3.9km Watermain for Blackstairs GWS.</li> </ul>
<b>Measure 8 – Individual wells (private or household wells)</b>	<b>Individual Well Grants</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A total of <b>67</b> new well grant applications were registered in July &amp; August 2025.</li> <li>• <b>34</b> Well Grants have been paid in this period, totaling <b>€75,117.50</b>.</li> <li>• <b>106</b> inspections to date carried out to date in July &amp; August 2025.</li> </ul>
<b>Group Water Scheme Subsidies</b>	<b>Subsidies Paid to GWS to date 2025 Total €536,213.84</b>  This consists of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Subsidy A</b> (payable towards the general operational and management costs of all types of GWS's: <b>€€ 345,128.71</b>).</li> <li>• <b>Subsidy B</b> (payable (in addition to Subsidy A) towards O&amp;M costs associated with “bona fide” DBO contracts for GWS's <b>€191,085.13</b></li> </ul>
<b>Measure A8 – Wastewater Collection &amp; Treatment Needs for Villages &amp; Settlements without access to Public Wastewater Service</b>	<b>New Advance Phase of MARWP 2022-2024</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister announced Ramsgrange is one of the successful projects under the €50 million Rural Water scheme.</li> <li>• Detailed programme for the delivery of project was submitted to Dept. on 10th May 24.</li> <li>• Meeting held with Dept. 28th June to discuss next steps for advancing project.</li> <li>• Project now with Uisce Eireann to progress to next stage.</li> <li>• Workshop -5 held with UE on 3rd October.</li> </ul>
<b>Lead Remediation Grant</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9 applications received to date on revised grant, 7 paid, 2 approved but have yet to submit claim for works complete.</li> </ul>
<b>Compliance monitoring</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EPA report on “Drinking Water Quality in Private Group Schemes and Small Private Supplies 2024” released on 23rd July -Wexford had no E.coli or THM failures during this period.</li> </ul>

DPI Resolution Project					
DPI Resolution Programme 2019-2021	Name	Towland	Expecting Costings	75% Funding Provided	Project Completion/ Programme
	Cois Cuan	Arthurstown	€152,475	€114,356	Q4 2025
	Kyles Close	Oulart	€107,153	€80,365	Q4 2025
	Mountain View	Ballindaggin	€208,016	€156,012	Q4 2025
	Gleann na gCaor	Monageer	€302,878	€227,159	Q4 2026
DPI Resolution Programme 2023	Beach View	Duncannon	€72,300	€54,225	Q4 2025
	Farrin Carraig	Duncannon	€202,986	€152,240	Q4 2025
	Beechfields	Ballaghkeen	€353,968	€265,476	Q4 2026

## ROADS & TRANSPORTATION

### MAJOR NATIONAL ROADS PROJECTS

#### N11/N25 Oilgate to Rosslare Harbour

The Project is in Phase 3 – Design and Environmental Evaluation. Project design is continuing, with significant engagement with landowners. The preparation of Environmental, Planning, Design, and other supporting reports is ongoing.

Engagement with Iarnród Éireann is ongoing regarding the railway protection structure at the River Slaney Bridge crossing.

TII’s approval of the preferred bridge type over the River Slaney has been received. Preliminary design of the bridge has commenced. A Real Estate Valuation of the currently proposed alignment has commenced.

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

The due diligence check of the draft Main Contract Tender Documents has been completed. Technical Advisors are reviewing and addressing comments received from the due diligence check Consultants. The technical and safety approval process with Irish Rail regarding Structure B1 (Railway Overbridge) is pending.

Correspondence with landowners in relation to the Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) process is ongoing. Real Estate Valuers have commenced negotiation with the landowners regarding CPO compensation.

The procurement process to appoint Technical Advisors for Phases 6 and 7 is ongoing. Tender assessment of received Archaeological Services (Stages I–IV) contract submission is ongoing. Appointment of the successful Tenderer is expected in the coming weeks.

# NATIONAL ROAD PAVEMENT SCHEMES

## SAFETY SCHEMES

National Road	Progress update
N25 Tagoat	Works are continuing on the detailed design for the scheme.
N30 Leeches Bend West of Clonroche	Tender received and assessed. Awaiting TII recommendation to for award approval. Works to commence September/Oct 2025
N25 Larkins Cross	The preliminary design for the scheme is being developed. Trial holes and survey works in late August/Sep. Tender documents should be completed by October 2025.

## 2025 PAVEMENT SCHEMES

N25 Ballygillane to Ashfield Cross Roundabout Phase 2 Pavement Scheme €2,460,000 - The scheme was completed in early June.

### HD28 Pavement Improvements 2025 €2,750,000

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

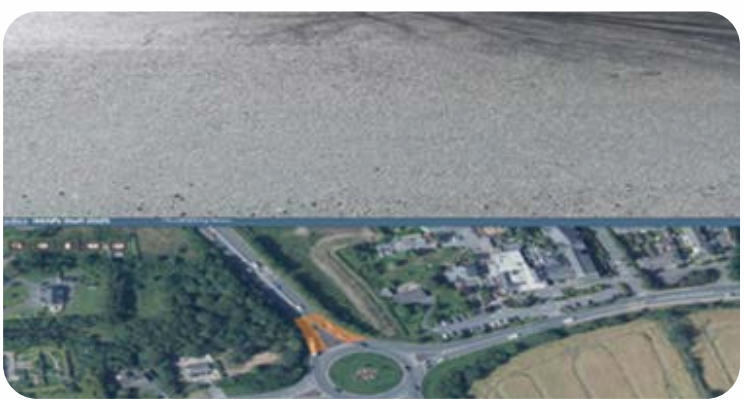
- N11 Oilgate to Scurlocksbush Roundabout. 1.7km in design development
- N30 Ballymackessy 1.0km in design development
- Tender documents are being prepared at present, and these schemes will be tendered in September.

## ADDITIONAL MAINTENANCE ALLOCATION

Additional maintenance allocation of €575,000 was secured from TII for the following minor repairs across the national road network.



N25 Clonard overbridge between New Ross Road roundabout and Duncannon Road roundabout. Repair adjacent to the bridge deck.



Minor pavement repair to approaches to the N25 Duncannon Road Roundabout. Works Complete





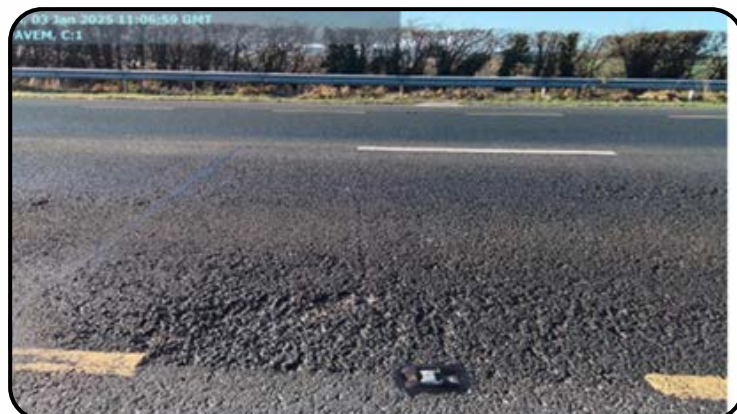
Minor pavement repair within N25 Kilrane traffic calming.  
Works complete.



Minor pavement repair at N25 Cushinstown.  
Works to be completed in September/October



Minor pavement repair at N80 Moyeady.  
Works to be completed in October



N11 Oilgate Village Pavement Repair.  
Original contractor to carry out repairs on defective pavement. Works to begin in September at off peak hours.

## REGIONAL AND LOCAL ROADS

Wexford's allocation through the Regional and Local Road Grant 2025 is €23,310,350.

### Restoration Improvement Programme

Wexford's allocation is €12,068,000. 95 projects have been added to our countywide programme – total of 76 projects completed to date. The remaining projects will be completed over the coming weeks.

### Surface Dressing Programme

Wexford's allocation is €2,841,500. 71 projects have been added to our programme with all 71 completed.



Surface Improvement Works underway at Old Boley, Wexford Borough District

**Community Involvement Schemes** - 7 schemes, 2 completed to date.

**Local Involvement Schemes (LIS)** - €619,894 funding allocated in early 2025. A further €560,298.00 was announced by DoT. Preparatory works are underway to progress all schemes.

**Bridge Rehabilitation** - 17 projects included on the programme. 5 bridges completed and works have started on a further 2 bridges.

**Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience Works** - 23 projects on the programme, 10 completed to date and 5 projects started.

**General Maintenance** - Drainage, patching and road surface repair works are ongoing in all Districts.

## ACTIVE TRAVEL UPDATE

PATHFINDER PROJECTS	
Project & Location	Project Update
Newtown Road Phase 1	T2 Road Opening Licence by Uisce Eireann – commenced investigation works.
Newtown Road Phases 2 & 3	Tender documents drawings and costings sent to National Transport Authority (NTA) and approved to go to tender based on new Aldi Entrance layout Option 2 (ramp). Tender package shall be uploaded onto E Tenders.
Hospital Junction Newtown Road	Hospital Junction Part 8 statutory process ended on 11 <sup>th</sup> June 2025. In consultation with the planning section expediate the application to provide to RPS.
Beechlawn/Clonard Cycle Scheme	Scheme presented to the elected members on the 21st July and was well supported. Latest design is with NTA for review and approval. Propose to run a public information meeting for stakeholders in County Hall in the coming weeks.
Roxborough Cycle Scheme	Commencing Detailed Design, with potential budget spend of €250K.
Oaklands to Kents Cross Cycle Scheme	Phase 2 approval required by NTA. Once granted, RPS to revise design and prepare Preliminary Design Report. Intention to complete section 38 process shortly and present to Sept council meeting.

## Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA)

Wexford Town - Completion of this study is expected in Sept pending internal review from Roads W/B Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Sept followed by review by NTA ABTA team.

Enniscorthy Town - Enniscorthy Local Transport Plan Part 2A – Establish Context Report submitted by Consultants on 19th May 2025 for review. Study moved to next phase of ABTA process.

## Safe Routes to School Schemes (SRS)

Ramsgrange SRTS works are substantially completed. Consultation with local shop owner ongoing to reach agreement in providing on-street parking and pedestrian crossing adjacent to shop.

The following sites are approved for works in 2025:

1. **Ballaghkeene NS** - Following a public meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> August it was decided to revise the design and revert to all stakeholders who made submissions to the agreed changes, and proceed to construction drawings.
2. **Kiltealy NS** – A public information session took place on 14<sup>th</sup> August where residents and stakeholders discussed concerns they had regarding current design. Following this session design changes will be made and revert to stakeholders with modified design and proceed to construction.
3. **Enniscorthy Vocational College** – Currently seeking tenders for construction, with closing date of 29<sup>th</sup> August.
4. **Ballyroebuck NS** - has been approved for €150,000 funding as part of additional scheme for schools on high-speed roads.

**St Leonard's National School** - Construction of intervention measures at St. Leonards National School are underway, consisting of new pedestrian linkage from car park to school and defining of bus and accessibility parking locations. The project follows Safe Routes to School guidelines and intervention measures such as bollards, footpaths and front of school zones which will clearly define the school environment.

**Public e-bike and e-Scooter Sharing Scheme** - Expressions of Interest received from 4 suppliers for an e-bike and e-scooter scheme. Propose to request a detailed submission from companies to establish most suitable.

### **Bolt update as follows:**

The Bolt Shared e-Bike & e-Scooter scheme experienced exceptional demand across the entire duration of the Fleadh. Demand was far higher than in 2024, due in part to the e-scooters being available this year. 4,297 individual trips were undertaken over the eight days, with e-scooters accounting for two-thirds of the journeys. A total of 9,307km were travelled by 1,597 unique users, with no reported accidents. An additional 503 new users downloaded the Bolt app across the eight days (normal weekly average = 80 new users).

**Castlebridge to Wexford Road (R741)** - Topographical survey is complete.

**Bus Stop Enhancement Scheme** - Draft Bus Stop Guidance have been issued by NTA. Going forward it was agreed to proceed with hardstandings, poles and seating where required, until such time as Clear Channels contract is formalised.

### **Other works**

- Oulart Footpath and wall underway.
- Fethard footpath extension started 25<sup>th</sup> Aug.
- Old Dublin Rd Urban area footpaths underway.
- Rosslare pedestrian crossings in progress.
- Ballycanew section 38 completed. Includes 3 ramps in total
- Wexford pedestrian crossing Clonard completed.
- Apex Centre, New Ross pedestrian crossing completed.
- Ballymurn pedestrian crossing and footpath extension commenced 25<sup>th</sup> Aug.



## PUBLIC LIGHTING

**Public Lighting Development Fund** - The following are schemes are being progressed at present:

Location	Progress update
Churchtown Road, Kilrane	Contractor commenced on site 1 <sup>st</sup> July.
Ballycogley Village	ESB connection will be applied for once the design has been confirmed.
Old Garden City, Gorey	ESB connection applied. Public lighting installation works contract awarded.
Kilanerlin Village	Full design required for village pinpoint deficiencies. Survey completed. Design and quotations have been sought from 3 contractors.
Sean O Byrne Park, Gorey	Garden City Gorey. Public lighting installation works completed. Awaiting ESB connection.
Coolgreaney Village by the School	Survey completed. Design and quotations have been sought from 3 contractors.
Saltmills Village	ESB connection applied. 2 quotations received. Awaiting a 3 <sup>rd</sup> quotation.
Ballycullane Village	Out for design and quotation. 3 quotations received; Contract will be awarded in July.
Auburn Avenue, New Ross	ESB connection to be applied for. 3 quotations received. Contract will be awarded in early July.
Maudlins to Millhouse Care Centre, New Ross	Pots & ducts installed.
Kilhile Arthurstown	Design required here and quotations will be sought for an additional 3 to 4 lights.
Mary's Lane, Wexford Town	Pots and ducts installed. Works should be completed in July.
Screen Village	Additional lights required from the village centre to St. Cyrian's Villas. A survey needs to be carried out to identify ducting requirements within the village.
Glentire Heights, The Ballagh	Duct installed, in conjunction with Active Travel - Safe Routes to School, design and quotations.



## CAPITAL PROJECTS

**Adoration Convent Wexford** - Works commenced onsite in July 2025. Completion is targeted for January 2027.

**Ballast Office Essential Repair Work** - Following receipt of tenders for a works contract to carry out essential repair works to the building envelope, tender assessment is ongoing. Works are expected to commence in October.

**Ballynagee Link Road** - The Technical Consultancy Services Contract has been awarded for Stage (i) to (v) design services to Atkins. They are due to commence in September.

**Carrigfoyle Activity Centre Building** - Initial enabling works to level the site and make accessible for use are complete. We await further instruction from the WWETB before commencing the next phase of works.

**Courtown Coastal Protection & Beach Nourishment Scheme** - Planning Stage - No Update

**Curracloe Water Sports Activity Facility** - The works are now complete and the facility was opened by the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism & Employment Peter Burke on 28th August.



**Dunbrody Famine Ship Experience Upgrade and Extension** - Conroy Architects has been appointed to design, procure and supervise construction of the works. Site investigations are due to commence in Q3/4 2025. Our new Senior Executive Architect, Emma Hickey is now managing this project.

### ENNISCORTHY FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME

**Phase 1 - New River Slaney Bridge Project** - A public consultation on the emerging preferred option for Phase 1, was held from 13 May to the 10 June 2025. A second public consultation is to take place in Q4 2025. The planning application for Phase 1 is to be submitted in Q3 2026.

**Enniscorthy Technical Park Access Road Phase 2** - The tender for the main works contract will be advertised in September.

**Enniscorthy Technical Park IDA Tech Building** - It is now targeted to lodge a planning application in December 2025.

**Enniscorthy Town Centre & Tourism Project** - It is expected to commence the Part 8 process for the Castle quarter project in October. Our new Senior Executive Architect, Emma Hickey will be managing the Templeshannon Public Realm project. The procurement process for a design team to bring this project forward will now commence. We expect to advertise tenders for this in October.

**Enniscorthy Sports Hub** - Works commenced onsite in July 2025 and are expected to take 10 months.

## CAPITAL PROJECTS

**Esmonde Street, Gorey** - Tender assessment is now complete. We await completion of a license agreement between Uisce Eireann and Irish Rail prior to award of the works contract.

**Gorey Market House** - Stage 1 (prequalification) advert for the main works tender is due to be published in September.

**Gorey Relief Road, Ballytegan Avenue (St Waleran's Link Road)** - The Part 8 process for project 1 is expected to commence in December.

**John Street Grain Store, New Ross** - Submission to An Coimisiún Pleanála is expected in October

**Mechanics Institute Refurbishment** - Tenders have been received and assessment for works to renovate the Mechanics Institute to bring the building back into community use. Works are expected to start in September.

**Wexford Town to Rosslare Greenway** - The Options Selection Report is currently undergoing TII's Peer review process. We anticipate completion and publication of the preferred route corridors by end of 2025.

### WEXFORDIA

**Irish National Heritage Park** - Preliminary Design of the new visitor centre is ongoing.

**Hook Lighthouse** - It is planned to present the current design to the Board of Hook Heritage Ltd in the coming month, followed by a public consultation event to be held on site.

**New Ross Tourism Project** - The Part 8 proposal is due to go before the Council at the October plenary meeting. The Stage 1 (prequalification) advert for the main works contract is due to be published in September. Site investigation and opening up works are ongoing.

## PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

**Ferndale Gymnasium** - Works are currently expected to be complete in November.

**South East Greenway - Rosbercon Trailhead** - Part 8 process is due to commence in October.

**Lot 4** - The tender for the main works contract is due to be advertised in December.

**Lot 5a** - We await completion and handover of an access ramp on the North Quays Project to enable us to open this section of greenway. Our latest information is that this will happen in November

**Lot 5b ,Lot 6,Lot 7** - Site investigation works are ongoing.

**Trinity Wharf** - Irish Rail have commenced construction of the level crossing.

## FUNDING & DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES

**Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS)** - €310K allocated to Wexford projects under recent announcement

## COMMUNITY



### FLEADH CHEOIL NA HÉIREANN 2025

The Community Team coordinated all of the Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann 2025 Volunteer requirements including their scheduling, hubs, Team Leaders etc. Plans are currently underway for the Volunteer Appreciation Day on 13 September in Whites Hotel, Wexford.

## LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

On the 31 July 2025 the National Office for Community Safety finalised their guidance documentation for the establishment of Safety Partnerships in Local Authority administrative areas. On the 15 August 2025 nominations to Wexford Local Community Safety Partnership were forwarded by the Chief Executive to the National Office and Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for final approval. A webinar and question and answer session is scheduled for the 4 September 2025 for proposed members outlining the function and operation of the partnership. A provisional date for the inaugural meeting of Wexford Local Community Safety Partnership is arranged for the 30 September at 2:30pm at Wexford Council Chamber. Invitations will be sent in due course.



Healthy  
Wexford

### HEALTHY WEXFORD

Details of proposed funding allocation for 2026 is required by late September and the Healthy County Committee have been asked to provide details of identified needs and requirements to facilitate this request. A proposed funding allocation will then be drafted for LCDC approval.

We await further details on the Healthy County Coordinator role and its progression from 2025.

Over the summer period the Healthy County Coordinator supported the Community Team in recruiting volunteers for Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann 2025 also in supporting volunteers both in the run up to and during the event, particularly with the set up and running of the Volunteer Hub. Healthy Wexford has also supported the event through provision of Not Around Us signage and in securing Sunscreen Dispensers for use.

### COMMUNITY RECOGNITION FUND 2023 - Progress to date

Total Fund	€1,509, 869.00
Total fund expenditure to date (78%)	€1,190,860.09 (incl. WCC Admin)
Works complete (23 projects)	85%
Works in progress (0 projects)	0%
To be started (3 projects DRCDG granted extensions)	11%
Project cancelled (1 project: <i>Fethard Community Development Association - Community Garden</i> )	4%
Total fund claimed to Q2 2025 from Dept.	73%

## COMMUNITY RECOGNITION FUND 2024 - Progress to date

Total Fund	€1,703,377.00
Total fund expenditure to date (42%)	€711,838.37
Works in progress (4 of 22 projects)	41%
Works complete (3 projects)	14%
Projects to be started (10 projects)	45%
Total of fund claimed to Q2 2025 from Dept.	20%



## SPORTS ACTIVE

<b>HER Outdoors 11th- 17th August)</b>	<p>12th Aug- Folklore and Foraging Walk in Courtown Woods- 8 Participants</p> <p>13th Aug - Disability Cycle- SE Greenway- 5 Participants</p> <p>Mother Daughter Hike Bunclody- 6 Participants</p> <p>14th Aug - Her moves beach multi activity event in Curracloe- 25 Participants.</p> <p>Adult surf &amp; beach volleyball in Curracloe- 16 Participants</p> <p>15th Aug - Morning Yoga at Forth Mountain- 20 Participants</p> <p>IWA water activities in Carrigfoyle- 12 Participants</p> <p>23rd Aug - Reschedule adult SUP in Rosslare- 14 Participants</p>
<b>Introduction to fishing</b>	14 Young people took part in Youth New Ross Introduction to Fishing
<b>Aqua Aerobics</b>	9 women took part in our 8 week Aqua Aerobics programme in the Outdoor Pool in Bunclody.
<b>Active Ageing Strength Class</b>	12 people took part in Living Strong Active Ageing Strength Class
<b>Activators for All</b>	14 people finished up the Activators for all programme, in Bellefield Park, Enniscorthy in July
<b>Strength &amp; Balance</b>	10 older adults took part in our 5-week strength and balance falls prevention programme in Clonard Community Centre
<b>Woodlands for Health</b>	25 mental health service users engaged with our 12-week woodlands for health programme. Ran in conjunction with HSE occupational therapists and Integrated Exercise practitioner.



<b>FITS Taster</b>	29 Children took part in the FITS Taster in South West Family Resource Centre, Ramsgrange.
<b>Gym Intro</b>	6 week Intro to Gym programme for Moran's IPAS centre was held in Talbot Hotel with 11 participants
<b>Fun in the Sun</b>	<p>Fun In the Sun took place in August, with a total of 522 children, including children from the Traveller community, refugees and children with disabilities over the 7 days.</p> <p>The venues are based on designated disadvantaged areas.</p> <p>16th July – Enniscorthy - 75 children  17th July – Riverchapel – 73 children  18th July – New Ross – 78 children  19th July – Rosslare – 62 children  22nd July – Bunclody – 68 children  23rd July – Wexford – 85 children  24th July – Duncannon – 81 children  Total 522 children over 7 camps</p>
<b>Archery with Gorey Youth Needs</b>	Archery programme with Gorey Youth Needs was held at Prima Archery over a number of weeks. 10 participants
<b>Her Moves Intro to Gym Programme</b>	5 Girls Participated in the Her Move Intro to Gym programme in Active Tribe, Courtown
<b>CYPSC Wexford Girls Get Active Get Together</b>	22 Teenage girls participated in the CYPSC Wexford Girls Get Active Get Together in the Stables Fitness, Gorey

## SPORTS ACTIVE FUNDING

### Dormant Account Funding Allocation 2025

<b>Funding Measure</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Capital</b>	<b>Total</b>
2022 Community Sports Hub Phase 4	€33,000	-	€33,000
Volunteer Supports	€20,000	-	€20,000
Her Moves	€6,000	-	€6,000
Equality, Diversity & Inclusion	€29,750	-	€29,750



## Kayaking with IWA at Carrigfoyle

### LOCAL AUTHORITY INTEGRATION TEAM (LAIT)

LAIT team had a busy summer coordinating with a wide range of services to attend information evenings in all Wexford IPAS centres, which consisted of 11 different sessions across the board. It gave residents an opportunity to access supports and services locally and nationally in relation to health, wellbeing and community engagement, education and employment and rights and entitlements and accommodation pathways. An approximate 275 people benefitted from these sessions.

The team Coordinated a kids soccer camp for IPAS centres linking in with Wexford FAI

LAIT ran a specific purpose activity group for teenagers called TeenMotion, encouraging teenagers to be active and outdoors, this ran for 3 weeks and targeted 50 young people. This proved to be a very exciting and successful challenge. LAIT also liaised with Akidwa and hosted an information afternoon in Wexford library for an all female IPAS centre.

Final NBK mental health and survival workshop facilitated in Slaney Manor for a mens only group with a good attendance and requests for further sessions similar to it to be available for them in the future.

### SOCIAL INCLUSION & COMMUNITY ACTIVATION PROGRAMME (SICAP) 2024-2028

The continued funding of SICAP is subject to positive findings from a mid-year and annual performance review by the LCDC and the KPI targets being met. Community Development staff carried out the required Pobal & Departmental checks, and reviewed all reports uploaded to IRIS by the Programme Implementers.

The SICAP sub-committee met in July, to review the performance of the Programme Implementer, at the mid year stage of the programme. They recommended formal approval of the Mid-Year Financial & Monitoring reports to the LCDC. The LCDC formally approved the mid-year review on the 29th July, 2025.

**SICAP Support Workshop** - Following feedback from the LCDC and SICAP sub-committees, Wexford County Council SICAP support staff, in conjunction with Wexford Local Development, propose to hold a SICAP support workshop for all involved in the strategic programme oversight, on the 17th September, 2025 at County Hall.

**SICAP Annual Engagement Meeting** - The annual SICAP Engagement meeting is scheduled to take place on the 25th of September 2025. This engagement meeting provides an opportunity for SICAP sub-committee members and Local Development Company staff to engage with their Pobal Development Co-Ordinator, to discuss any issues arising in the implementation of the SICAP programme, as part of the Annual Planning process.

ENVIRONMENT

COASTAL MATTERS

**Fethard Harbour New Slipway and Beach Access** - The Department of Environment, Climate and Communications is in process of finalising a decision on this project.

**Coast** - Seaview Coastal Protection and Beach Access, Kilmore. Contractor started works on site at the end of January 2025 and is currently scheduled for completion in Q3 2025.

- Carne, dredging complete
- Slade, Dredging complete

**DAFM Funding** - We were allocated a total of €690,000 for Pier & Harbour projects by the Department of Agriculture, Food & Marine for projects in Duncannon, Slade & Courtown Harbours. 75% is funded by the Department, 25% co-funded by WCC.

**Operations** – Still no update from MARA regarding the Marine User License Application for river barrow surveys. Awaiting publication of guidance from MARA regarding planning reconciliation application for New Ross Marina. Public consultation for Explosive Byelaws closed with two official submissions which are to be presented before the October SPC meeting.

Septic Tank Inspections:

NIP Grants 2025	January-June 2025 - 22 applications received	21 Grants paid/sent for payment, total paid €191,430.48	1 outstanding for review/documents
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No of Verification Inspections

2024 - Verification Inspections = 58	2025 - Verification Inspections = 61
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Court cases

- 2 cases Currently in the court system for failing to comply with Advisory Notices
- 10 cases closed prior to court hearing as work was already carried out.

Ongoing Inspections

- 46 cases closed in 2025 up till the end of August 2025. There are currently 89 open cases. All files for 2018 & 2020 are now closed.
- There were 7 direct discharges to water and 5 discharges onto the surface of the ground noted.
- 26 new inspections have been carried out for 2025. 6 passed and 20 failed.
- 30 NIP inspection booked in for September in Castletown area & Lady’s Island area.
- A stand giving out information on septic tank maintenance was at the Bannow Rathangan Show.

Discharge Licences

Currently there are 88 active Section 4 Discharge Licences with scheduled annual, biannual, quarterly, bi-monthly and monthly returns in respect of each individual Licence.

No. of Monitoring Submission Returns 1 <sup>st</sup> January to 25 <sup>th</sup> August 2025	56
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**Low Smoke Fuel Areas** - A new station has been installed in Bunclody and will be fully operational by the end of August 2025. There are also 18 low-cost sensors installed in Enniscorthy monitoring PM10 & PM2.5 only. The TownAir Project to monitor gases NOx, SO2, CO has now been completed. They will be compared with 2016 levels taking during the SAFFIRE project. The project team will give an update once the work has been completed.

**Agriculture** - Wexford County Council continue to undertake a significant number of farm inspections under the National Agricultural Inspection Programme.

Under the National Agricultural Inspection Programme, Wexford County Council carried out a total of 170 farm inspections in 2024 and the target has risen to 271 inspections in 2025 concentrating in areas where water quality was most at risk of not meeting its objectives under the WFD with 139 farm inspection carried out so far this year. A total of 100 inspections have taken place in 2025 to date under GAP regulations, Sludge use in Agriculture and complaints made by the public. The team continue to work in Aughboy, Mangan, Boro, Owenduff, Heathpark & Begerin catchments for 2025.

A total of 74 Agricultural related Planning Permission Applications have been assessed in 2025 highlighting the continued investment in Wexford Agriculture and maintaining compliance with Good Agricultural Practice Regulations.

### Waste Management

YEAR	Dumping Incidents Reported	% Increase/Decrease	Community Clean Ups	% Increase/Decrease
2024	2389	Down 7%	1021	Down 3%
Jan-July 2025	1618		702	

All environmental complaints are logged by the Customer Service Unit on the DASH CRM system. The total figures for complaints received are as follows:

	Jan to Dec 2021	Jan to Dec 2022	Jan to Dec 2023	Jan – Dec 2024	Jan - July 2025
Incidents	5136	3896	4235	4195	2896
Closed	5135	3716	3952	3778	2231
Closure Rate	99%	95%	93%	90%	77%

### Court Overview

Month	Heard	Outcome	Litter	Waste	Water	Air	Noise	Dogs
Jan-July	13	Total fines	€2650	€1725	NA	NA	NA	€200
		Total costs	€1250	€1925	NA	NA	NA	€250



Litter Overview

	Jan- July 2025
Fixed payment Notices issued	5
Litter fines issued	84
Fines paid litter	40
Dog Fines Issued	5
FPN paid	4
Successful prosecutions	13
Legal proceedings in progress	20
Amount collected in fines	€5976 litter €800 FPN €1200 dogs, Total €7976

**Control of Dogs & Horses** - The Council employs one full-time Dog Warden and one part-time Dog Warden. The main pound is Pets First Kennels, Ballycarney, Co Wexford.

Control of dogs	2022	2023	2024	2025
Dogs collected	546	575	564	307
Dogs reclaimed	117	128	147	80
Dogs re-homed/transferred	370	404	442	220
Dogs put to sleep	51	38	31	7
Dog Fines	21	14	11	6

Recycling Services:

Bring Bank Network WASTE CATEGORY	No. of Sites July 2025	Recycling out ( July) 2024 (t)	Recycling out (July) 2025 (t)
Glass bottles	108	314.98	330.96
Aluminium Cans		3.63	3.30
Total		318.61	334.26

Household Recycling Centres - Summary of Activities								
WASTE CATEGORY	Enniscorthy		New Ross		Holmestown		Gorey	
	Recyclin g out July 2024 (t)	Recycling out July 2025 (t)	Recycling out July 2024 (t)	Recycling out July 2025 (t)	Recycling out July 20 24(t)	Recycling out July 2025 (t)	Recycling out July 2024 (t)	Recycling out July 2025 (t)
Total Recycling out	54	57	67	53	89	98	49	64
Total Domestic Waste in	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	353	372	N/A	N/A
Daily Average Customers Jan-July	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
	72	76	114	115	162	172	83	82

**Rapid Response Crew** - Our Rapid Response Crew operates out of Holmestown, with a four-man crew servicing Enniscorthy and Gorey MD's and a second six-man crew servicing Wexford and New Ross and Rosslare MD's. Their headline activities for year to date are summarised below:

Activity	July 2024	July 2025		
<b>Total Illegal Dumping/ Clean Ups</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>157</b>		
<i>Gorey *</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>30</i>		
<i>Enniscorthy *</i>	<i>49</i>	<i>44</i>		
<i>Wexford *</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>38</i>		
<i>New Ross*</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>27</i>		
<i>Rosslare</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>18</i>		
<b>Total Bring Site Inspections</b>	<b>718</b>	<b>793</b>		

## ENVIRONMENT EDUCATION AND AWARENESS

**School Workshops:** Workshops for the coming academic year Sept 20205 – June 2026 are being arranged and are all funded by the Environment Section.

- 10 primary schools will participate in Leave No Trace workshops with up to 60 students per school
- 10 primary schools will participate in ther Picker Pals Programme with up to 35 students per school
- 7 secondary schools will participate in the Rubbish Film Festival

**Lets Fix Fashion:** All secondary schools have been invited to participate in 'Lets Fix Fashion'. The programme is all about empowering students to think twice about the clothes we wear and the impact they have on our world. Through fun activities like social media takeovers, upcycling and circular economy webinars, and running swap shops, students explore how fashion can be both stylish and sustainable!

**Relove Fashion:** The Environment Section is supporting the National Relove Fashion competition which is open to young people aged 12 – 19. It is a sustainable fashion competition where entrants are challenged to explore their creative design skills to create a sustainable and wearable outfit using clothing from the treasure troves of charity shops, swap shops, or reused textiles already available at home. Details will be circulated to all schools and youth groups in early September.

**Green Schools:** A green schools online seminar will be held for all schools on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 5.30 pm. Presentations on all themes will take place.

**Keep Wexford Beautiful Competition:** The Competition closed in June. 113 applications were received from 60 community groups. Judging took place in July and any group that entered will be invited to the annual Environment Awards on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November where the winners will be announced.

**Planting Grant:** 34 applications were received and 101 applications approved for a planting grant of €250. 12 garden centre / garden providers signed up to the planting grant scheme 2025.



**Dog Awareness Day:** A dog awareness day was held in The Raven on Sunday July 27<sup>th</sup>. The day was a hugely positive with staff from Environment Section, dog wardens and NPWS staff in attendance. 40 green dog walker pledges were signed on the day.



**Bannow Rathangan Agricultural Day:** An information stand was held at the Show on Thursday 10th July. Information on greener cleaning, greener gardening, sustainable living and composting was available. Energy engineers from South East Energy Agency provided information on supports and grants available for energy efficiency upgrades in the home and farm buildings.



**Gum Litter Taskforce Campaign Launch:** As part of its Summer Roadshow campaign, the GLT collaborated with Wexford County Council to promote the importance of proper litter disposal through fun education and awareness initiatives that highlight the negative environmental impacts of gum litter and draw awareness to the €150 gum litter fine.

Councillor Joe Sullivan, Cathaoirleach, Wexford County Council and Councillor Raymond Shannon, Deputy Mayor, Borough District of Wexford officially launched the Gum Litter Taskforce's gum litter education campaign in Wexford Town in July with representatives of Wexford Tidy Towns, Environment Section and Borough District.



**Curracloe Nature Trail Walk and Talk:** Free guided walks took place at Whites Gap, Curracloe throughout August. Therese from Seashore Explorer led a walk where participants learned about the dynamic dune system and the flora and fauna of Curracloe's Blue Flag beach.



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

Date	No. of community Clean Ups
01/08/2025 – 25/08/2025	51
01/01/2025 – 13/08/2025	753

## CLIMATE ACTION

A Roads Subgroup meeting was held in July to discuss HVO and associated costs and the extension of pilot scheme. Issues encountered with use of EV's within the fleet was also discussed - If the HVO pilot is deemed successful, then more funding allocation will be required to cover the costs of the HVO.

This will need to be discussed at Management Level, in advance of the Budget preparation for 2026.

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 we are above the CO2 emissions from the baseline years of 2016-2018, so we now require over 51% reduction by 2030.

The first bimonthly Transport meeting was held with the staff from the roads section of the 5 South East. The Councils are going to tender on new telematics software platform.

The Climate Action team (CAT) attended a number of training and information events during July.

- Climate Action Regional office (CARO) South-East Sub Regional Meeting in Waterford where the main message was the permanency of Climate Action Team staff. Some LA's have made the community Climate Officer permanent or extended their contracts. It is up to each LA to decide
- Tullamore DZ launch. Geothermal is one key idea that could be explored for old dumps
- Media training in Dublin with Cullen Communications. Consideration of a possible new approach to the climate message coming from WCC. Negative stories gain more traction, so do we need to approach the climate message in this way.

The Enniscorthy Community Alliance and CCAO are working on the possibility of someone being sponsored by WCC to complete an Energy Course in TUS, with a view to helping local people avail of energy grants and progress the retrofitting of their homes in Enniscorthy.

[Community Energy Development \(Certificate, L6, 20 ECTS\) - TUS](#)

## COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION PROGRAMME

The successful projects are progressing well with several stages completed; over 50% of the funding payments to the groups have been processed, and a quarter of the 16 projects have been fully completed.

The second round of the Programme is expected to be announced by the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment towards the end of quarter 3 2025, groups interested in applying for phase 2 of the programme are encouraged to contact their Community Climate Action Officer.

## ENERGY

**ZEVI Pilot Study** - A follow up meeting between ZEVI, ESB eCars and WCC took place 30/07/25. ZEVI/WCC have issued ESB eCars with three options for the Enniscorthy Pilot. ESB eCars engineering department is to discuss the options and revert to WCC/ZEVI

EnergyCloud - have launched an energy poverty pilot scheme aimed at Local Authorities, to provide free hot water to houses in areas of confirmed deprivation. Working with the community and Housing sections 18 houses (7 are social houses) across the Gimont Avenue and Cluain Dara estates have expressed their interest in participating in this Pilot project.

The possible next step is an information session in the Templeshannon Community Centre to explain the scheme to participants. WCC Housing Engineer has been given the contact details for the Offaly Housing Engineer to discuss their experiences with Energy Cloud.



**Pathfinder Retrofit Programme Update** - Stage 1 is complete on the Energy Pathfinder Programme. Stage 2 Documents sent to consultants beginning August..

**User Requirement Specification for HVAC Building Management Systems** - To address legacy BMS installations and future installations A User Requirement Specification (URS) for new or upgraded existing Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Building Management System (BMS) has been developed. It can be used in the SEAI Pathfinder Programme.

**Wexford County Council Energy Management System: ISO50001 Update** - The Surveillance audit is rescheduled for Wednesday 03/09/25. This has been circulated to all staff by the Energy Officer.

**Biodiversity** - The second meeting of the Wexford Biodiversity Working Group took place to discuss the findings of the pre draft submissions to an online biodiversity survey and issues paper. The submissions will be used to help inform the draft Biodiversity Action Plan for the County which will be prepared by year end. Below is a list of the main issues which arose during the pre draft consultation period: -

Wetlands deterioration	Pesticides use reduction by Council /Herbicide free county	Birds of Conservation Concern Ireland (BoCCI) habitat enhancement	Biodiversity training for public	Wildlife crime	Biodiversity awareness by staff
Hedgerows	LIBS added to next Co Development Plan	Hedgerows, native woodlands and grasslands	Branding 'Wild Wexford'	Pollution	Guide for developers/one off <u>houses</u> - 30% for biodiversity
Sea grass mapping	Native plants of local provenance	Habitat fragmentation and loss	Farming for nature Champion	Cutting hedgerows and removing trees out of season	School grounds enhancement for biodiversity
Rare plant survey of the County	Enforcement of conditions on planning applications	Wetlands restoration	Garden <u>centres</u> awareness raising campaign about selling invasive plants/ wildflower seed	Cutting, ploughing spraying, of verges on agricultural land	Wildlife in old buildings
Barn Owl survey	Biodiversity in Public Parks – devise site specific plans where necessary	Biodiversity on abandoned quarries	Guide for developers/one off houses 30% for biodiversity	Support Coillte to eradicate invasive species such as Cherry laurel	Recreational trails in sensitive areas
Swift survey	Green corridors /ecological networks	Lady's Island	Debunk myths about bees and bee hives	Discharges into rivers	Bridges and bats
Invasive species	<u>Hedgecutting</u> contracts/ Verge management	Bats and habitat	Farming for nature champion	Infilling of wetlands and lagoons	Artificial lighting Dark Skies Reserve
Sea level and erosion	Reduced mowing in public places	Oyster reef restoration project	Community champion	Invasives 'task force'	Nature based solutions
Semi natural grasslands	Coastal zone management plan – Waterford estuary	Water quality – actions for land and sea. 5km nautical miles <u>off shore</u>	Raise awareness of impact of domestic pets on wildlife	Compliance with legislation	Sustainable Drainage

The group came up with the following 'Vision' for County Wexford's Biodiversity plan which will depend on funding and partner organisations to implement successfully.

*Connecting and collectively caring for County Wexford's nature on land, sea and in fresh water.*

*This will ensure that our unique biodiversity is restored, protected and celebrated by our many communities.*

*Whilst also safeguarding it for its own intrinsic value and protecting it for us now and future generations.*

# LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & ARTS

## COMMUNITY AND CULTURE

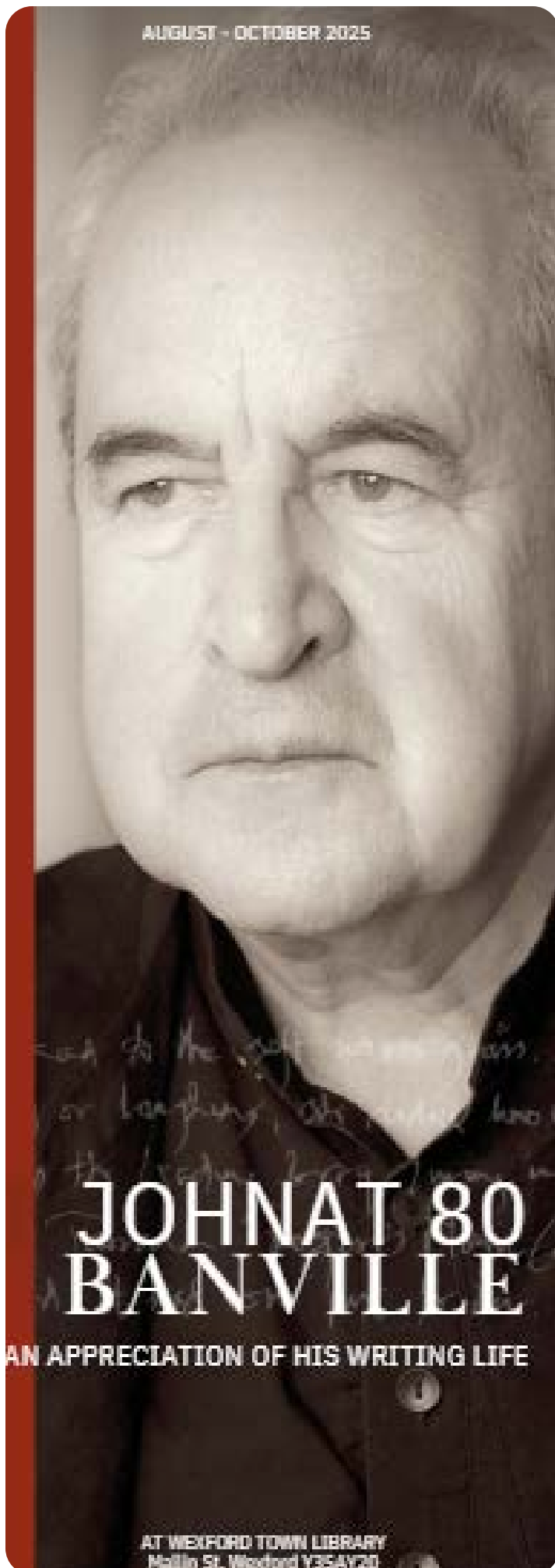
### Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann 2025

Wexford Library was a hub of cultural activity during Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann. Fifteen adult events were held over the week including sean nós dancing with Niamh Page, an overview of the political activism of Min Ryan by Dr Aoife Whelan and a presentation of poetry, prose and song depicting the life of Winifred M. Letts by Aileen Lambert and Bairbre O'Hogan. Aedín Ní Thiarnaigh shared her love of Ireland's native flora and Michael Fortune presented a talk on The Wexford Newfoundland Connections. Book and CD launches were also held to coincide with the Fleadh and music was played by Tim Scanlan, Mick Foster and Moyra Fraser and Emer O'Flaherty.

There were six child and family friendly events held during the Fleadh including two creative writing workshops with Caroline Busher, a family storytelling session with Joe Brennan and an illustrated history talk "The Wexford Invaders". A sensory space with play resources for children was set up on the children's floor of the library. The top floor IT room was turned into a sensory quiet and calming space for the week for anyone who needed some time out.



Mick Foster and Moira Fraser in Wexford Library during Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann 2025



### SUMMER STARS 2025

Wexford Library Service is delighted to present this special literary programme celebrating the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday year of one of Ireland's most distinguished writers, John Banville.

Over the course of a remarkable career, Banville has redefined the boundaries of fiction, earning worldwide acclaim for the mastery of his work. From *The Book of Evidence* to *The Sea*, from his Booker Prize triumph to his alter ego as Benjamin Black, Banville's work has captivated readers across genres and generations.

'John Banville is not only one of Ireland's greatest living writers, but he is also a truly global figure' says Dr Eoghan Smith in his introduction to the four-part Reading John Banville series that started in Wexford Library on Tuesday evenings at 7pm. *The Book of Evidence* will be discussed on 2<sup>nd</sup> September. A film adaptation of *The Sea* will be screened and discussed at 5.30pm on 23<sup>rd</sup> September. This reading series ends with a discussion on *The Singularities* and *The Drowned* on the 18<sup>th</sup> October.

Professor Christopher Morash, (TCD) delivers an illustrated lecture on 18<sup>th</sup> September, *Scratch, Scratch...: watching the writer at work in the John Banville Archive*.

The programme culminates on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October when John Banville will be interviewed by Professor Derek Hand.

### John Banville at 80 programme



## HERITAGE WEEK 16<sup>TH</sup> - 24<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

A number of events were held in all libraries to mark Heritage Week:

**Hidden in Plain Sight on the Streets of New Ross** - A talk given by Myles Courtney in New Ross Library discovering the architectural features and significant locations that often go unnoticed as we explore in the everyday scenery of New Ross.

**Library in the Park** - New Ross Library ran a special Pop-Up Library at the JFK Arboretum.

**Forbidden Bonds** - A film screening in New Ross Library of a new historical short film.

**The Lost Mound of Clorane** - A talk in Wexford Town Library on the story behind the rediscovery of the burial mound of Clorane on Forth Mountain.

**Make your own Lighthouse** - Children in Bunclody Library created a lighthouse craft.

**County Heritage Plan Public Consultation** - Some library branches ran public consultations to help with the preparation of the new Wexford County Council Heritage Plan.



**Interactive Falconry Talk** - Jim O'Connor from Wexford Heritage Park gave a talk for children in Wexford Town Library.

## LEARNING AND INFORMATION

**Services to Ukrainian Nationals** - Wexford Library held two Integration Support Services drop in sessions during the Summer. The Friday morning English classes will resume in September. The Wexford Library Reading Circle meet once a week to read together and chat.

**IT Literacy** - Our Lady of Fatima Special School, and Windmill Therapeutic Training Unit – for adults with mild to moderate intellectual disability, continued to attend Touch, Type Read and Spell classes weekly in Wexford Branch in July.

**Digital Ambassador appointments** - Staff in Enniscorthy Library led 1:1 appointments to members of the public who wished to learn about the range of online resources accessible through Wexford Libraries and helped them become more confident using their device.

**WWETB Information Stand** - Services to Business, WWETB invited members of the public to Enniscorthy Library for information on apprenticeships and funded courses available for part-time and full-time employees under the Skills to Advance Initiative.



## HEALTH AND WELL BEING

**Arthritis and Self-Management with Arthritis Ireland** - A talk was held in New Ross Library by Arthritis Ireland where participants learned what it is like to live a life with Arthritis, how to manage the pain, reduce the fatigue and improve your sense of well-being.

## ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE ACTION

**Ladybird Biodiversity Project** - A fun and inclusive two-part workshop held in Enniscorthy Library, over two sessions, using clay moulds, participants created and decorated their own unique ladybirds to take home and others remained displayed around the library.

## LITERARY EVENTS

**Leaving and Longing: Colm Toibín's Enniscorthy and Elsewhere** - An engaging lecture by Howard Keeley, PHD Georgia Southern University Wexford Campus, in Enniscorthy Library as he explored the work of acclaimed Enniscorthy author Colm Toibín.

**The Shop of Impossible Ice Creams: A Children's Author Talk with Shane Hegarty** - Shane Hegarty visited New Ross Library and enthralled children as they listened to the real life inspirations behind his books. Children then came up with their own weird and wonderful ideas for their own stories.

## LOCAL HISTORY

Wexford Town Library had forty two genealogy enquiries and fifty four local studies enquiries in July and August.

**Wexford Recipients of Mons Star World War I** - A book launch and talk on Wexford recipients of the Mon Star held in Wexford Library.

**This wasn't a strike. It was a Lockout! - Wexford Lockout 1911/1912** - A presentation was held in Wexford Library by local historian Helen Corish about the 700 foundry workers that were locked out by their employers for seeking the right to join the union of their choice.

## READING AND LITERACY: RIGHT TO READ AT YOUR LIBRARY

**Summer Stars** - The Summer Stars Reading Adventure took place during the Summer months of June, July and August. A full programme of children's activities took place in every branch to celebrate the reading adventure. These included story times, rhyme times, crafts and many other fun events.

**Little Library Book Bags** - There was a free Little Library Book Bag for every child starting school in 2025 available to collect in all Wexford Library Branches.

**School Summer Provision Visits** - Libraries across Wexford partnered with Summer School provision to provide library visits and activities and to promote the library to children and teachers.

## COMMEMORATION 2025

In August, Wexford Libraries welcomed Paul Byrne as the new Historian-in-Residence for Commemoration 2025. This residency will support community-led commemorative initiatives to mark the centenaries of locally significant historical events in 1925, and other notable anniversaries of key events in the early years of the State. The Historian in Residence will deliver a programme of regular public talks/workshops/events to a diverse audience and will include innovative ways to encourage an interest in history, to spark reflection and understanding of key historical events in a local context. The Residency is supported by the Department of Culture, Communications and Sport fund to support commemoration 2025.

Arts Bursaries were awarded under Commemoration 2025 to two applicants: John Busher (visual artist) and Crannóg Media. They were each awarded €4,000. The bursaries are supported by the Department of Culture, Communications and Sport fund to support commemoration 2025.

## ARCHIVES

**Collections Management** - In addition to 57 research enquiries via email, telephone and post, a total of 28 researchers visited the Archive during July and August, two researchers each making 5 return visits.

Research was undertaken through Wexford County Council's Civil Defence files for a forthcoming publication (1950-2025); family history research through rentals and maps on the Bruen estate (1792-1840); research through local elections files for a talk on the Local Government Act, 1925; access to photos, documents and artefacts related to the 1916-23 period for a forthcoming publication on the De Lacy family, Oulart; family history research on Hollyville House, Wexford and burials in Crosstown cemetery (1840-1960); research by Associate Professor from Georgia Southern University on the role of women in employment and in the home in County Wexford (1922-74); research through extant images of the damage to infrastructure across County Wexford during the Civil War, including to Taylorstown viaduct (1922-23); research through extant documents and images of President John F. Kennedy's visit to New Ross in June 1963 by a retired member of An Garda Síochána who had been present at the event.

**Digitisation** - The first 12 volumes of minutes for Enniscorthy Town Commissioners (1855-1899) and Enniscorthy Urban District Council (1899-1956) were digitised in July and August. The digital files have been uploaded to the Archive's website and are now freely accessible to all researchers.

Recently digitised volumes of minutes relating to New Ross Town Commissioners (1843-99) and New Ross Urban District Council (1899-1960) were also uploaded to the website to facilitate remote research.

**Outreach** - Artefacts and documents from the Archive's holdings on Duncannon Fort were provided on loan to a new exhibition in the Fort for its opening in late July. This is an invaluable opportunity to showcase items from our collections to a wide audience.

A framed replica of a highly decorative handkerchief in flat point lace from the world-famous lace school run by the Sisters of Mount Carmel in New Ross (c. 1833-1914) was presented for long-term display to the Kennedy Homestead in late July. The original piece was gifted to President John F. Kennedy for his wife, Jacqueline during his historic visit to New Ross on 27 June 1963. The Mount Carmel Sisters commissioned Lizzie Howlett, the original lace maker, to fashion a replica so that they would have a reminder of the exquisite lacework. This collection was deposited in the Archive in 2023.

**Outreach cont'd.** - Three separate displays were arranged by the Archivist for Fleadh Cheol na hÉireann in August – two cases placed in Wexford Library displayed archival material from the Wexford branch of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann and a separate display reflecting the rich heritage of County Wexford through the Archive's postcard collection. A display case in County Hall, Carricklawn showcased a 181-year-old set of Uilleann pipes from the Archive's holdings that belonged to master piper Tom Moore from The Shannon, Enniscorthy who left behind a rich piping legacy by the time he passed away in 1993.

## ARTS

**'Timelines': Exhibition County Hall** - Timelines: Growth and Catastrophe tapestry Exhibition took place in County Hall. This captivating exhibition, which has toured nationwide, showcased the third collaborative work from the Timelines Tapestry Group, a talented collective of 12 weavers and tapestry artists nationwide. It ran in Wexford County Council from May - July 2025. There was a free guided tour with Terry Dunne the weaver open to the public.

**Emergence Award- Visual arts** - Wexford Arts Department and Wexford Arts Centre in partnership with SETU and the Arts Council opened a call for applications for the EMERGENCE Visual Art Award 2025. Selection took place in August 2025. This award is presented biannually to one visual artist based in Ireland. It has a monetary value of €15,000 and includes an additional €2,000 for mentorship support over the two-year timeframe. In addition, the award includes a solo exhibition at Wexford Arts Centre in September 2027 working with Curator Catherine Bowe.

**Gorey School of Art – Artists Workshop programme** - Wexford Arts office has partnered with Gorey School of Art on a series of professional development workshops for artists - taking place during Summer/Autumn 2025. The programme was launched in June and all workshops were free and open to any art form. Each workshop was fully booked with 60 artists in attendance. The focus was on writing about your arts practice, funding applications, photographing work and one to one mentoring sessions with tutor and art critic James Merrigan, artists Ciara Roche, Emma Roche and Mark Swords, it will be taking place in September and October.

**Free information clinic by the Creative Europe Desk in Wexford** - Wexford Arts Office supported this free clinic at the National Opera House in Wexford. At this regional meeting visual artist Aine Ryan shared how Culture Moves Europe provided the support for her residency in Germany. Aoife Tunney from the Creative Europe Desk Ireland was there to share the opportunities available under Creative Europe and Culture Moves Europe for both artists and organisations.

**MAKE/Curate Visual arts programme** - A solo exhibition opening took place at Wexford Arts Centre in June of 'Sync Shift' by Órla Bates which was developed through the Make/Curate programme in partnership with Wexford Arts Department, Blackbird Cultur Lab and Wexford Arts Centre.

**House on The Beach – Container Exhibition in County Hall** - This exhibition opened in August on the Street in County Hall featuring work by artist Nina McGowan, in collaboration with Trinity College Dublin, a recipient of the Creative Climate Action Fund, an initiative from the Creative Ireland Programme. Supported by Wexford County Council's Climate Action and Culture Teams. The exhibition will be in County Hall until Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September.

**Wexford Youth Film Free Filmmaking Workshops** - Wexford Youth Film offered free filmmaking workshops in July at the Gorey School of Art, these workshops were for ages 12 – 18 years.

**Tomhaggard Clean Cloast Group Artist in the Community Project** - Funded by the Arts office Artist In the Community Project, artists Jeni Roddy led the project 'Material Metamorphosis' starting with Free Upcycling workshops which took place in August 2025 in Kilmore Quay at the Stella Maris Centre.

**Tomhaggard Community Development Group Artist in the Community Project** - Through funding from the Arts Office Artist in the Community Scheme, The Social Jammers a new singing group, along with musician Jimmy Cullen from the artist panel, held singing workshops open to the local community and finished the project with a singalong by the 'Social Jammers' at the Tomhaggard Social Centre.

## **FESTIVALS JULY AND AUGUST 2025**

**Bring It Home' Festival** - This festival took place in July in New Ross to celebrate the official opening of the New Ross Tapestry Exhibition. The Exhibition is now open at the Waterfront (opposite the Dunbrody visitor centre), in New Ross. After a four-year absence the exhibition has returned from Kilkenny Castle where it was on loan and was brought to a wider audience. The festival included free tours of Medieval New Ross and entrance to guided tours of the Ros Tapestry. This festival was funded through the Fáilte Ireland Small Festival fund, in association with Wexford Arts Office.

**New Ross Guitar Festival** - The Guitar Festival for world-renowned stars to first-time buskers, the 2025 New Ross Guitar Festival was a celebration of music, community, and connection. Eric Bibb's soul-stirring blues, Pat Coldrick's passionate performance, and the high-energy sounds of Kiss My Grass in Brennan's Lane, to Busking on the Beach in Duncannon. Hothouse Flowers performed and classical guitar legend John Feeley inspired young and old alike with his moving concert and masterclass.

**One Voice Festival** - One Voice took place in July at Wexford Arts Centre. The festival celebrated new playwrighting voices in Wexford, culminating in eight short monologue plays, performed over a series of evenings in Wexford Arts Centre directed by Paul Walshe.

**The GAP Arts Festival** - This festival took place in August. A full weekend had children's art workshops, talks, and a finale with Askamore Singers, The Ballyfad Choir and the Kindred Folk performing. A play by Garrett Keogh called 'Shep' was performed in August and there was film screenings across the weekend. The Festival was to celebrate, enjoy, and discover new perspectives, offering engagements with art/artists, innovative performances and participative workshops.

**Fuddlefest** - Fuddlefest took place at the end of August, an annual multi-genre music festival with an emphasis on high quality contemporary music performances over 2 days indoors and outdoors in the rural environment of Fuddletown Farm, Killinick. Artists included Wexford Singonia, Mark Redmond and Chris Colloton Trio.

## **FLEADH CHEOIL NA HEIREANN**

**'So Say So' Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann 2025 event in partnership with Wexford Arts Centre and acclaimed artist Stephen James Smith** - 'So Say So' took place in Wexford Arts Centre. This was an evening of music, poetry, and spoken word hosted by poet Stephen James Smith. Performances from musicians Clare Sands and Bascville, along with poets John Cummins and Zara Meadows.

**'In the Moment: Capturing the Fleadh 2024'** - Wexford Arts Office was delighted to have supported 'In the Moment: Capturing the Fleadh 2024' a group photography exhibition by members of the Wexford Camera Club at the Wexford Arts Centre.



**'In the Moment: Capturing the Fleadh 2024' cont'd** - Featuring over 70 photographs, this exhibition was a visual journey through the Fleadh of 2024, from lively performances on the gig rig, street acts, and authentic pub music sessions to behind-the-scenes moments, honouring the people who made it happen and illustrating the power of music to bring us all together in a shared celebration of art and joy.

**Cultural Companions** met up for a guided tour of the Órla Bates exhibition at the Wexford Arts Centre. There were 18 members in attendance and there were refreshments served afterwards.

**Creative Places Enniscorthy (CPE)** - This 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 in Enniscorthy.

**To the Power of Three' Creative Ireland - Shared Island – Donegal / Derry Residential** - The concluding residential as part of the 18-month shared Island project led by Tallaght Community Arts in partnership with Fuse Arts – Derry and Creative Places Enniscorthy. 60 young people from across the island performed for audiences at St Columbus Park House in Derry.

**Threshold Spaces – Enniscorthy Environmental Art Project** - Workshop with Youth Reach Group led by Wexford Artist Mayumi Nakabayashi took place in July.

**'We're Allowed in There'** - 12 overall Workshops with 4 groups - The Hillside Cailíní's / The Traveller Woman's Group / St Johns Community Hospital / Scouts. This project was a collaboration between 2 local Enniscorthy artists Anne Manning and Mary Doyle, based around the history and contemporary thought on the turret rocks area in Templeshannon - 46 participants in total.

**RíRá Festival of Children's Arts** - International contemporary circus shows, workshops took place across Foulksmills, Enniscorthy and Wexford Town. This year, highlights included A whole trip by Duo Patagonia from Argentina, which is an acrobatic based performance that was performed on the green in Gimont Avenue, Enniscorthy and in Redmond Park.

**The Secret of the Golden Isle** - In July Red Moon Creative Arts Theatre hosted a Free Summer camp for underserved communities 18 Young people devised and created their own piece under the guidance of Michael Way and Abi Way, culminating in a final performance for families.

**The Oak Tree Project** - In August project with KITE, early on-set dementia day care centre met with Wexford artist Ilaria Berdardi on developing an Oak Tree Mural at the Enniscorthy allotments.

**Outrage Music Festival 2025** - Acts participated in this 2-day festival of rock music and music stalls at the Presentation Art Centre in Enniscorthy in August. Audience / Youth Engagement for this festival was 260.

## **MUSIC GENERATION (MG)**

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.

**Macky Music, Early Years Music at Westgate Music Rehearsal Space** - 10-week early years programme for parents, infants and toddlers ran from April to July. It was led by Musician Educators Pete and Aileen McCamley.

**CAMHS Summer Workshops** - held in July and ran for two days in Enniscorthy Creative Places. Led by my Musician Educators Emily Furlong and Gayle Murphy alongside Cheryl John (Clinical Specialist Speech and Language Therapist in CAMHS).

**Youthreach Enniscorthy Summer Workshops** - took place in July. Led by Musician Educators Emily Furlong and Gayle Murphy.

**Gorey Busking Competition - Yellow Bellows** - The youth singing group Yellow Bellows took part in the Gorey Busking Competition, winning second place. There are currently twelve members in the group, and they are facilitated by Diarmuid Comerford and Anita Mahon

**Young Voices Live Performance Week - Wexford Arts Centre** - took place in July. It offered a series of workshops for singer/songwriters and young bands 13-18 years of age. Musician Educators Diarmuid Comerford, Karen Dunbar and Emily Furlong facilitated the week, which concluded with a live gig.

**Wexford Windjammers Summer Band Camp - Westgate Music Rehearsal Space** - took place from 29th July-1st August for young people aged 10-18 (1 year experience preferred). The camp was led by Louise Malone and Jenna Larsen.

**Bí Ann Music Generation Wexford - Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann 2025** - took place in Whites Hotel. There were a total of 8 groups that performed Music Generation Waterford, Carlow, Wicklow, Laois, Music Generation Carlow, Mayo, and Wexford. There were 400 audience members.

**Yellow Bellows - Árd na Sláine Gig Rig - Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann 2025** - They performed a half hour set to a live outdoor audience, these were facilitated by Anita Mahon and Diarmuid Comerford.

**Cool School of Rock - Scoil Mhuire Coolcotts** - is an annual rock and pop focused summer camp aimed at young people from 10-18 years. It took place in August and there was a live performance gig afterwards.

## **SCREEN WEXFORD**

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

**Screen Wexford / Film Savannah Initiative** - Screen Wexford is currently partnering with Film Savannah USA on a short film to be commissioned, which charts Wexford and Savannah Georgia connections from its historical origins to the present day, and the work of Howard Keeley USA in driving it forward. This will be a co production between Film Savannah and Screen Wexford and involve commissioned film directors in Wexford and Savannah.

**Bursary Winners 2025** - Zoe Nolan (Festival Entries) and Barry Murphy (Post-Production) have been awarded bursaries through Wexford's Film Professional Development Fund in August 2025. Each will receive €500 to support the development or completion of their film projects and to assist with festival submissions.

The Film Professional Development Fund is provided by Screen Wexford, in partnership with the Wexford Arts Office. It offers financial assistance to emerging filmmakers based in County Wexford, supporting skill development or the completion of existing projects and plays a vital role in nurturing the vibrant and diverse film making talent in our region.

**Crew Networking Morning** - Crew Networking Coffee Morning took place at St Michaels Theatre, New Ross with 20 participants. Local film, TV, and creative crew join to chat through upcoming opportunities and training.

**Smart Phone one day workshop** - Dublin Smartphone Film Festival led this one-day workshop on using your Smart Phone to film and edit short films. This took place at RocketScience Media

## CREATIVE IRELAND

**'Upon Landing - Making a Neuro-affirmative Festival Experience at Market House Festival** - Creative Ireland Wexford funded project this project which was at the Market House Festival in Gorey. Artist Brid Colloton led a workshop aimed at neurodivergent participants, while project lead Cathy Coughlan tried out the new sensory toolkit she has created.

**Bunclody Placemaking Project** - This Creative Ireland funded project is one of Culture Team projects for 2025. A collaboration between the Housing Department and Enniscorthy Municipal District, it encourages cross-departmental working through community focused projects.

Studio Myco has been commissioned to facilitate the development of a community-led Placemaking Vision for Bunclody. The process will involve deep research and creative engagement activities to help uncover Bunclody's rich history and built heritage and co-create a shared vision for the future of the town, to guide future investment and development based on community-centred ideas. There was a public meeting at Market Square and at St Aidan's Hall in August.

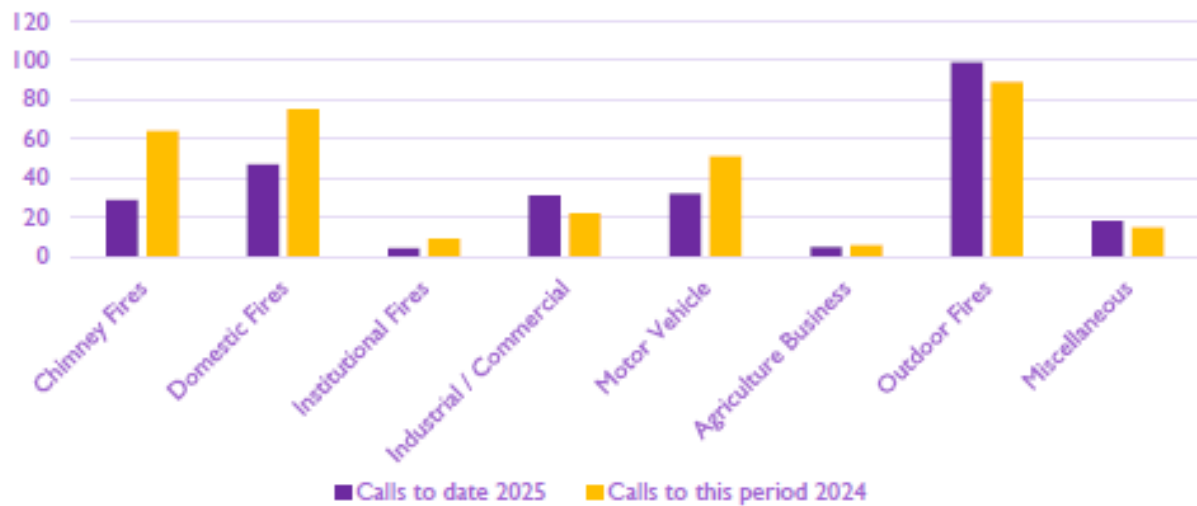
**Fleadh Cheol na hEireann - The Session - Wexford Arts Centre** - A new dance and music performance bringing together contemporary dancers and traditional musicians in a live exchange of connection, rhythm, and story, this 30-minute piece explored moments of tenderness, memory, and joy - music moves bodies, and bodies shape sound. Dancers, Grace Cuny and Sarah Ryan performed with musicians, Blanca Atable and Mark Redmond. Directed by Vivian Brodie Hayes

**An tOireachtas's information session** - Wexford County Council's Creative Ireland programme is delighted to be presenting on Creative Ireland Wexford's Irish language programme at An tOireachtas's information session for the arts community. This session will address a new plan to support Irish language art forms in Leinster. The event took place in August.

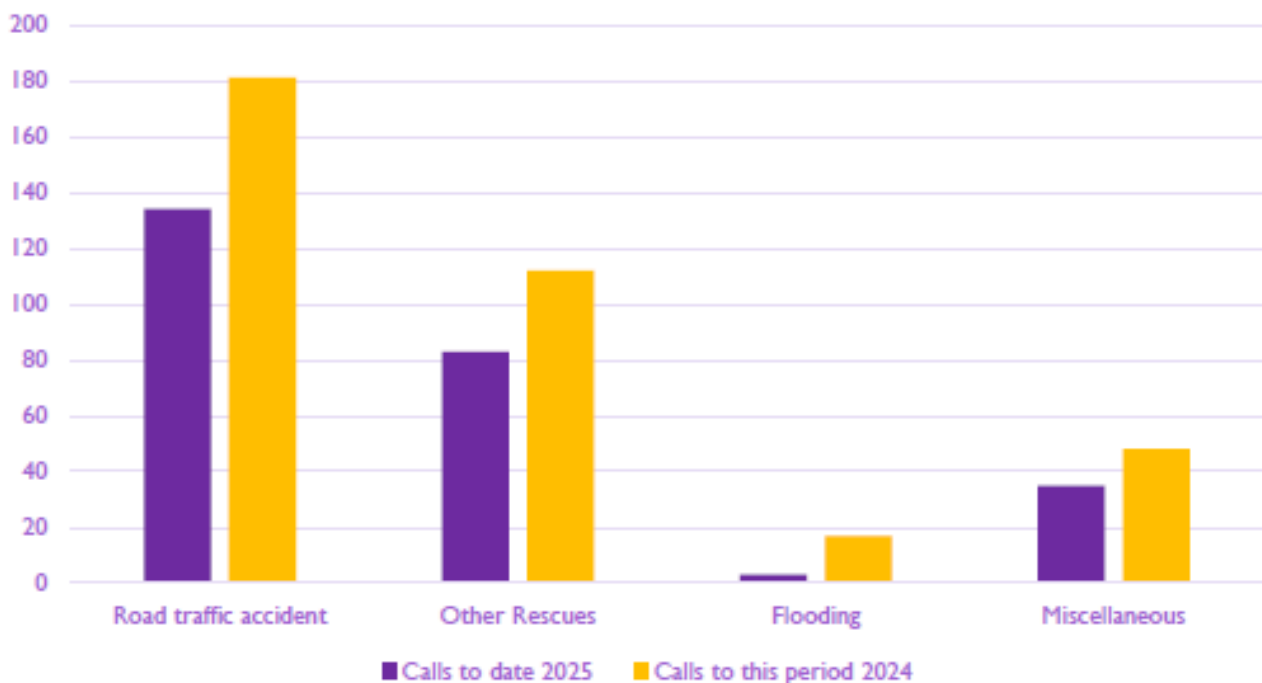
**Free Éist: Scéalta & Sound Workshops** - These workshops took place in August across Wexford libraries in association with Creative Ireland Wexford. This bilingual story was inspired by favourite Irish words selected by children from across Wexford through a series of workshops in libraries during the summer. It was part of a wider bilingual project called Éist! Listen! which placed small tents into all five Wexford libraries in which young people were able to listen to Irish-language and bilingual audio stories.



## Call Statistics - Wexford Fire Service



## Special Services - Wexford Fire Service



## False Alarms





## CORPORATE SERVICES

### CUSTOMER SERVICE UNIT STATISTICS – AUGUST 2025

Task	August 2025
Phone Calls	3,244
Emails (Received & Sent)	2,704

### TOP 5 CSU PHONE QUERIES

(23%) Housing Maintenance	(15%) Environment Reports	(7%) Housing Grants	(7%) Road Issues.	(6%) Housing Applicants
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### FOI OFFICE REQUESTS JULY & AUGUST 2025

Type	Number
Freedom of Information	24
Customer Complaint	62
Ombudsman Complaint	4
Access to Information on the Environment	0
Data Access Request	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>90</b>

## FINANCE

### Q2 Finance Report – to 30th June 2025:

The Q2 Finance Report has been circulated to members. There is a modest surplus reported for Q2 of €11,894, but this mid-year figure should be considered with a note of caution, especially in light of the ongoing cost increases. The financial position of the council continues to be monitored very closely to ensure, in as far as possible, there is no slippage back into a deficit position. Within the reported financial position to the end of June, there are a number of income accruals which include grant income in respect of emergency spend relating to the Ukrainian crisis.

### Budget 2026:

Preliminary work has commenced on the preparation of the 2026 budget. The prescribed periods for the holding of the statutory budget Meeting and GMA Meetings in the districts have also been notified with the issue of Circular Fin 10/2025. A draft schedule of meetings has been included on the agenda of the September meeting for consideration by the Members.

### 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, 2025. The requirement for ongoing overdraft facilities into 2026 will be reviewed in the coming weeks as a formal application will need to be submitted to Members in October to secure council approval and ministerial sanction for any extension of the facility into 2026.

### Audit:

In accordance with the Local Government (Financial and Audit Procedures) Regulations 2014, the Local Government Auditor has formally commenced the Audit of Wexford County Council Accounts for 2024 on the 11<sup>th</sup> August 2025.

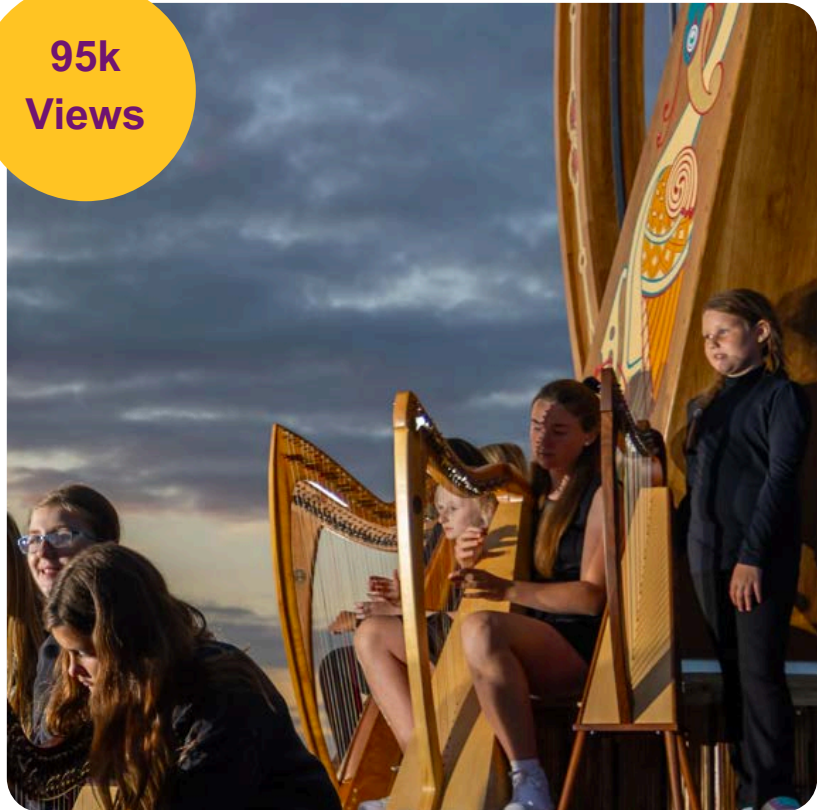
## Fleadh Cheoil - Clean up Crew

134k  
Views



## Wexford's Harp

95k  
Views



## Public Notices

287k+  
Views

### PEDESTRIAN ZONE

If cars coming into the town centre between the hours of 4am and 10am **MUST** vacate the pedestrian zone before 10am. This includes accessible parking in the town centre.

Accessible parking is available at Hill St, Trinity St and Ferrybank with a shuttle service from Hill St.

Please use the park and rides

Your co-operation is much appreciated as we try to keep the streets safe for all users.

### CAR PARK NOTICE

4/8/2025

Carparks in the town are full to capacity

Please use the park and rides

Thank you for your co-operation

## Promoting Wexford during the Fleadh

184k  
Views

### TRAFFIC NOTICE

8/8/2025

HEAVY TRAFFIC approaching Wexford

Please be patient and careful

Please use the park and rides

Thank you for your co-operation

### Information Line

Phone Number: 053 91 96025

Operating Times: 8am to 5pm including weekends for the duration of the festival.

Facilitate the removal of the temporary structure for Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann 2025 a large section of Wexford Quay...

Wexford Bridge to Paul Quay will be closed from 4am on Monday 11th August to 5pm on Tuesday 12th August

APOLOGIES FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE CAUSED

### Protect Your Skin

If you run, use our cream dispenser and avoid nasty bur

Please be respectful for local residents when parking, queuing for shuttle buses and enjoying your late nights

Thank You

### PLEASE USE PARK & RIDE

RACECOURSE OPEN ON PURPLE ROUTE

HEAVY TRAFFIC IN TOWN

TOWING IN OPERATION



A photograph of Eddie Taaffe, an older man with white hair and glasses, wearing a dark suit and a patterned tie. He is standing behind a white podium, gesturing with his right hand raised. The podium has text on it. The background is dark.

Fleadh Cheoil  
na hÉireann  
2025 Wexford

Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann was an incredible success thanks to the dedication and relentless hard work by everyone involved.

Eddie Taaffe  
Chief Executive