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## JULY

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# CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT



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Cllr. Vicky Barron, Mayor



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Cllr. Ger Carthy as Leas-Cathaoirleach



An Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Pat Kehoe and  
Cllr. John O'Rourke as Leas-Cathaoirleach



An Cathaoirleach, Cllr. John Flemming and  
Cllr. Michael Sheehan as Leas-Cathaoirleach

# HOUSING

## Housing Strategy & Services

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

| Housing For All 2022-2026 |     |                          |   |                        |     |                                    |
|---------------------------|-----|--------------------------|---|------------------------|-----|------------------------------------|
| 1,190<br>Target           | - ( | 1,220<br>Units Delivered | + | 270<br>Units Projected | =   | 1,490<br>Delivery Pipeline         |
|                           |     |                          |   |                        | ) = | <b>300<br/>Shortfall/<br/>Over</b> |

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 26<sup>th</sup> February. **A new Expression of Interest will open on 29th July 2026.** All calls are seeking targeted delivery of smaller unit types (1 & 2 beds) in areas of need identified in the Housing Delivery Action Plan (HDAP). In addition, the process also seeks proposals for purchase of land in areas of need. All proposals received by Wexford County Council under the turnkey process are assessed by an Internal Assessment Committee.

### Gorey/Kilmuckridge Municipal District

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

| Project Address (Part V)                   | Unit Type                                 | Est. Delivery        | Total |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------|-------|
| Forest Close, Ramsford Park                | 2 x 3-bed                                 | Q1 2027              | 2     |
| Spring View, Gorey Hill, Gorey             | 4 x 3-bed apt, 4 x 2-bed apt              | Q4 2026              | 8     |
| Deerpark (Ballowen or Ramsford Park) Gorey | 6 x 3 bed, 1 x 3-bed apt<br>1 x 2-bed apt | Q3 2026, 2 delivered | 8     |
| Grattan Court Gorey                        | 2 x 2 bed                                 | Q3 2026              | 2     |
| Sunset Avenue, Riverchapel                 | 1 X 2 bed hse                             | Q1 2027              | 1     |

## Gorey/Kilmuckridge MD - cont'd

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

## Rosslare Municipal District

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

## Enniscorthy Municipal District

| Project Address (TURNKEY)                     | Unit Type                                         | Est. Delivery                            | Total     |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Cnoc na Greine, Enniscorthy                   | 3 x 2-bed<br>9 x 3-bed<br>2 x 4-bed               | 4 Delivered. 10 due in 2026              | 14        |
|                                               |                                                   | <b>Total Turnkey</b>                     | <b>14</b> |
| Holly-Close, Clonhasten, Enniscorthy (Part V) | 2 X 2 bed hse<br>1 X 3 bed hse                    | Delivered Q1 2026                        | 3         |
| Cnoc na Greine, Enniscorthy (Part V)          | 16 x 3 bed hse<br>2 x 2 bed hse<br>16 x 1 bed apt | 9 Delivered Q4 2025. 5 delivered Q1 2026 | 34        |
|                                               |                                                   | <b>Total Part V</b>                      | <b>37</b> |
| Milehouse, Phase 2, Enniscorthy (AHB)         | 7 x 1 bed hse<br>26 x 2 bed hse                   | 19 delivered. 14 delivered Q1 2026       | 33        |
|                                               |                                                   | <b>Total AHB</b>                         | <b>33</b> |
| <b>Overall Total</b>                          |                                                   |                                          | <b>84</b> |

New Ross Municipal District

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

Borough District of Wexford

| Project Address                  | Unit Type                                    | Est. Delivery                                            | Total     |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Ard Uisce, Wexford               | 8 x 2-bed                                    | Delivered 2 in Q2, 2 in Q3, 2 in Q4                      | 8         |
| Radharc an Chuain, Castlebridge  | 2 x 3 bed                                    | Q2 2026                                                  | 2         |
| Turners Way, Coolcotts           | 4 x 2 bed apt                                | Delivering from Q3 2026                                  | 4         |
| Clos na Pairce, Park             | 3 x 2 bed, 3 x 3 bed                         | Delivering from Q2 2026                                  | 6         |
| The Paddocks, Coolcotts          | 7 x 3 bed                                    | 1 Delivered Q1 3 Delivering Q2 3 Delivering from Q3 2026 | 7         |
| Roxborough, Wexford              | 23 x 2 bed apt                               | Q4 2026                                                  | 23        |
| Carrig Mor & Meadow Av.          | 1 x 2 bed & 2 x 3 bed                        | Q3 2026                                                  | 3         |
| Kerlogue, Coolballow Road        | 8 x 2 bed                                    | Delivering from Q4 2026                                  | 8         |
|                                  |                                              | <b>Total Part V</b>                                      | <b>61</b> |
| Beechfield, Clonard <b>(AHB)</b> | 25 x 1-bed, 23 x 2-bed, 1 x 3-bed, 1 x 4-bed | Q3 2026                                                  | 50        |
| Overall Total                    |                                              |                                                          | 111       |

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

| District    | No. of Units | District | No. of Units |
|-------------|--------------|----------|--------------|
| Enniscorthy | 30           | Rosslare | 42           |
| Gorey       | 31           | Wexford  | 45           |
| New Ross    | 9            | Total    | 157          |

Housing Maintenance

The following table shows the number of repairs carried out from 01/01/2026 to 22/06/2026:

|           | Enniscorthy | Gorey-Kilmuckridge | New Ross | Rosslare | Wexford Borough | Total |
|-----------|-------------|--------------------|----------|----------|-----------------|-------|
| Emergency | 26          | 9                  | 25       | 7        | 21              | 88    |
| Routine   | 121         | 96                 | 103      | 59       | 118             | 467   |
| Urgent    | 942         | 673                | 1006     | 500      | 950             | 4071  |
| Total     | 1100        | 780                | 1139     | 570      | 1100            | 4689  |

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

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

**Notes:** \* 17 units completed in Q4 2025

**Homeless Services and Support Unit (HSSU)**

The figures below represent the total number of calls to the HSSU - it is not reflective of the number of individuals/families as quite often the same client may make multiple calls to the HSSU.

| There were 741 calls to the HSSU up to 2nd July 2026, the following is the breakdown of same:- |                                                                                                                                                     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 600 (80%)                                                                                      | Provided with advice and support in relation to housing and homeless prevention                                                                     |
| 65 (9%)                                                                                        | Supported with temporary, short, medium and long-term accommodation and tenancy sustainment support through Place Finder and Social Care Workers    |
| 67 (10%)                                                                                       | Calls were ineligible at the time for housing/homeless services. HSSU advised and assisted the caller on regularization of their housing situation. |
| 9 (2%)                                                                                         | Calls received where it was not possible to complete a full assessment.                                                                             |

## AFFORDABLE HOUSING

### CUL CAISLEÁN, TAGHMON – LAUNCHING AUGUST 2026



The development will feature a mix of 2- and 3-bedroom A-rated homes, finished to a high specification throughout. Prices will start from **€225,000** (net of Affordable Dwelling Contribution), with eligible purchasers also able to avail of the Help to Buy Scheme.

Applications for the 10 new homes will be accepted exclusively through Wexford County Councils Affordable Housing Application Portal, which is scheduled to open on **5 August 2026 at 12.00pm**.

**Information Events** – To support prospective applicants, Wexford County Council's Housing Team will host a series of information events during July, including:

Information Launch Event: 22 July, 7.00pm, TAG Centre, Taghmon, Y35 C2DE

Application Webinar: 26 July, 7.00pm (Online Event)

Those interested in attending are advised to register by emailing [rsvp@wexfordcoco.ie](mailto:rsvp@wexfordcoco.ie).



### ROXBOROUGH MANOR, MULGANNON – LAUNCHING SOON

Wexford County Council is also delighted to announce the upcoming launch of a new phase of affordable homes at Roxborough Manor, Mulgannon, Wexford Town.

A limited number of 2, 3 and 4 bedroom homes available for sale through affordable purchase arrangements, with the launch expected in early September.

Prospective buyers can register their interest now by emailing [affordablehousing@wexfordcoco.ie](mailto:affordablehousing@wexfordcoco.ie).

**Choice Based Letting** - 169 properties were advertised on the Choice Based Letting website from 01/01/2026 to 30/06/26. Number of Views & Expressions of Interest are as per table below:-

| Municipal District | No. of Properties Advertised | 1-bed     | 2-bed     | 3-bed     | 4/5-bed  |
|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Enniscorthy        | 36                           | 1         | 18        | 16        | 1        |
| Gorey/Kilmuckridge | 40                           | 3         | 18        | 18        | 1        |
| New Ross           | 53                           | 10        | 24        | 19        | 0        |
| Rosslare           | 10                           | 5         | 3         | 2         | 0        |
| Wexford            | 30                           | 3         | 14        | 13        | 0        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>       | <b>169</b>                   | <b>22</b> | <b>77</b> | <b>68</b> | <b>2</b> |

**Housing Tenancies 2026** - From the 1st January to 30th June, 2026 there were 220 new tenancies.

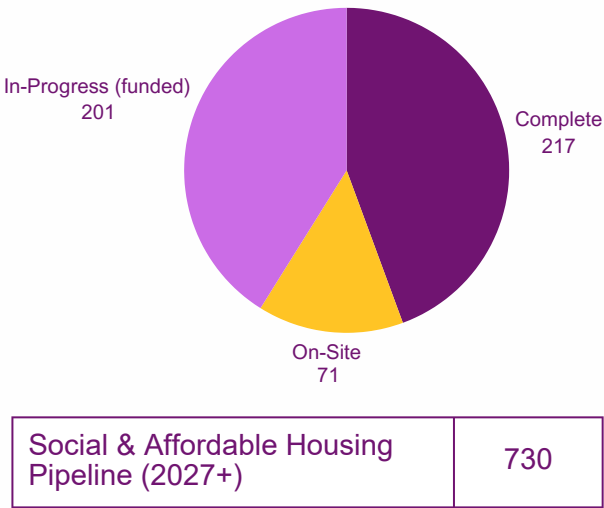
| Area               | Re-Lets (Incl. Bays) | Transfers | New Lets  | AHBs      | MTR      | Total      |
|--------------------|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Gorey/Kilmuckridge | 9                    | 5         | 36        | 8         | 0        | 58         |
| New Ross           | 14                   | 1         | 1         | 5         | 0        | 21         |
| Enniscorthy        | 11                   | 3         | 25        | 40        | 1        | 80         |
| Wexford            | 12                   | 6         | 6         | 9         | 2        | 35         |
| Rosslare           | 9                    | 3         | 6         | 7         | 1        | 26         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>       | <b>55</b>            | <b>18</b> | <b>74</b> | <b>69</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>220</b> |

| Estate Management Cases – Logged between 01/01/2026 and 31/05/2026 |             |                    |           |          |           |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Complaint                                                          | Enniscorthy | Gorey/Kilmuckridge | New Ross  | Rosslare | Wexford   |
| Abandonment                                                        | 0           | 4                  | 5         | 0        | 0         |
| Breach of Tenancy                                                  | 0           | 6                  | 5         | 3        | 8         |
| Damage to Property                                                 | 1           | 5                  | 2         | 0        | 2         |
| Estate Management                                                  | 27          | 22                 | 21        | 4        | 5         |
| End of Tenancy                                                     | 0           | 0                  | 1         | 0        | 0         |
| Unauthorised Occupants                                             | 2           | 3                  | 5         | 1        | 3         |
| Verbal Abuse/ Violence/ Harassment/Drugs                           | 2           | 25                 | 12        | 1        | 10        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                                       | <b>32</b>   | <b>65</b>          | <b>51</b> | <b>9</b> | <b>28</b> |

HOUSING CONSTRUCTION –CAPITAL BUILD PROJECTS

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

Construction Status



|                                              |     |
|----------------------------------------------|-----|
| Social & Affordable Housing Pipeline (2027+) | 730 |
|----------------------------------------------|-----|

Dwellings Under Construction to complete in 2026

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

| Funded Projects for delivery 2026 – 2027 |    |                       |    |                              |    |
|------------------------------------------|----|-----------------------|----|------------------------------|----|
| Bullawn, New Ross                        | 3  | Belvedere, Wexford    | 18 | Rosbercon, New Ross          | 50 |
| Clonard, Wexford                         | 57 | Adamstown, New Ross   | 4  | St. Walerans, Gorey (social) | 40 |
| Bride Street, Wexford                    | 3  | Cluain Fada, New Ross | 22 | Grogan’s Road, Wexford       | 4  |
| Total 201                                |    |                       |    |                              |    |

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

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE

#### Georgia Southern University

Wexford County Council continues to collaborate and develop new opportunities with Georgia Southern University (GSU) and this continued with the Women's Leadership Forum which was held on June 11<sup>th</sup>. The forum "Women's Leadership: Essential Skills for Our Shared Success" was a joint initiative with Dr Jane Rago, Director of Women's Gender & Sexuality Studies Programme GSU and Economic Development, Wexford County Council.



Speakers included Cllr Vicky Barron MCC, Sinead Casey, Senior Engineer, Wexford County Council, Niamh Hogan, Founder and CEO of Holos Skincare and Deirdre Delaney, Director of Delaney Concrete Ltd. The staff and students of GSU were hugely impressed with the quality of the content and the speakers on the day.



## EU OCEAN ACT CONFERENCE – 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> JULY

The EU Ocean Act Conference will take place on July 7th and 8th at the National Opera House in Wexford, hosted by the Department of Climate, Energy, and the Environment as part of the programme of the Irish Presidency of the Council of the European Union 2026. This high-level conference, which will focus discussions on the Ocean Act proposed by the European Commission, will bring together policymakers and key stakeholders from Ireland and across the EU member states with a view to engagement on the development of the forthcoming Act and the role it might play in ensuring strong coherence across a suite of EU Objectives.



The European Ocean Act is a legislative proposal designed to translate the non-legislative European Ocean Pact into a coherent and enforceable legal framework for EU ocean governance. Rather than creating entirely new law, it primarily aims to modernise and better align the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD) and the Maritime Spatial Planning Directive (MSPD) under a single governance structure. Its core purpose is to close the persistent gap between the EU's stated ocean ambitions and the fragmented implementation that has undermined marine policy, making existing commitments measurable, coordinated and binding.

The Economic Development team, Wexford Borough, and the WCC Health and Safety team, have been assisting the **Department of Climate, Energy, and the Environment** with the organisation and delivery of the conference.

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Lisa McDonald, has been invited to provide the opening address with Minister of State, Timmy Dooley TD, European Commissioner, Costas Kadir and former US Secretary of State, John Kerry.

Chief Executive of Wexford County Council Mr. Eddie Taaffe will participate in a panel discussion with the EU speakers.

The Members of Wexford County Council also received an invitation to register for all or part of the conference.

## TOURISM

### Year of the Normans 2027



In preparation for the delivery of the Year of the Normans Programme 2027, all planned programmes and event have been uploaded to the Millennium 2027 European Year of the Normans website hosted by the Normandy Region in time to be included on the website for the official launch which is taking place in France in early July. This included all projects submitted by the five Municipal districts, the Arts Department, and the Wexford Normandy Cultural Association.

## LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE

### 2026 National Ploughing Championships

The Local Enterprise Village will once again feature at the National Ploughing Championships in Scraggan, Tullamore, Co. Offaly. Following a competitive national selection process, 31 businesses—each representing their Local Enterprise Office—have been chosen to participate.



The National Ploughing Championships offers a significant national platform, providing participating clients with the opportunity to showcase and retail their products to an audience of over 240,000 attendees.

Following a very successful experience at the show last year, LEO Wexford will once again be represented by a standout local business. Representing the county this year is The Hair Doctor, an innovative company that has developed a unique shower water filtration solution designed to address the effects of hard water.

## SuperValu Food Academy

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

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



## Local Enterprise Showcase 2027 at the RDS

Following a competitive selection process three County Wexford craft and design businesses, EcoKinly, Caroline Bergin Art and Design Notions have secured places to participate in the Local Enterprise Showcase in 2027, one of Ireland’s most important trade opportunities for emerging craft and design businesses.



An initiative of the Local Enterprise Offices, Local Enterprise Showcase is a dedicated area within Showcase that highlights Ireland’s newest and most exciting design talent. More than 100 companies from across the country will take part, gaining the opportunity to meet high-quality buyers from Ireland and overseas, including the UK, USA, mainland Europe, Asia and Africa. For many businesses, participation can be transformative, helping them to secure stockists, enter new export markets and build long-term commercial relationships. Businesses selected to participate receive significant support in advance of the event, including mentoring in merchandising, marketing, pricing and sales techniques, to ensure they are fully prepared to maximise opportunities during the three-day trade show.

## Kilkenny Design Makers Academy



Kilkenny Design Makers Academy is a new national initiative, developed in partnership with the Local Enterprise Office (LEO) Network, Enterprise Ireland, and Kilkenny Design, that aims to help local makers and designers scale from creative talent to commercial success.

This new free initiative provides a further opportunity for Wexford craft and design businesses to market their ranges with a potential launch in Kilkenny Design Stores in November.

## Housing Infrastructure Investment Fund

On the 21<sup>st</sup> of January 2026, the Government launched the Housing Infrastructure Investment Fund (HIIF), a new **€1 billion fund** aimed at supporting direct investment in infrastructure needed to unlock the delivery of housing.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of June 2026 Wexford County Council was awarded almost **€70m** in funding under the HIIF for the following five projects:

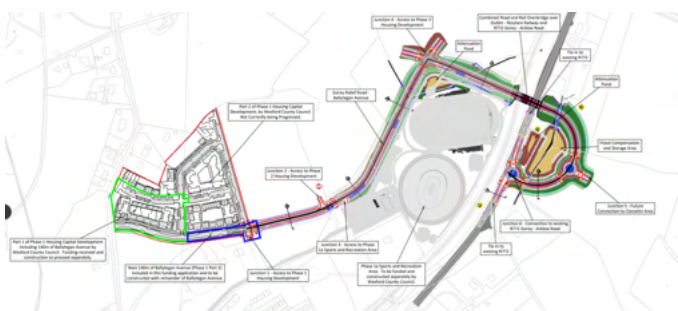


### Milehouse to Moyne, Enniscorthy

link road from Milehouse to Quarry Park and upgrade of pedestrian linkage to Greenville and Cherryorchard/Caim. Indicative costs band > €20m.

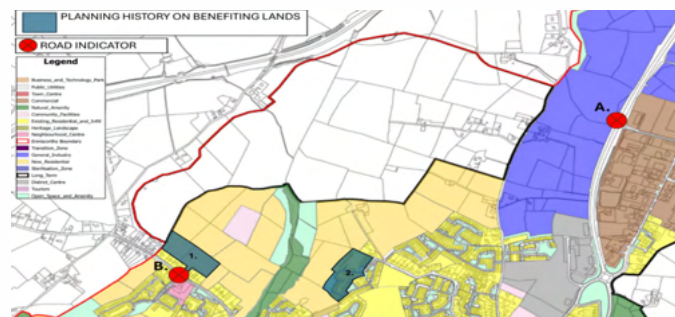
### St. Walerans Strategic Transport Link, Gorey

link road through St. Walerans to include a combined rail and road overbridge and new junction. Indicative costs band €10-20m.



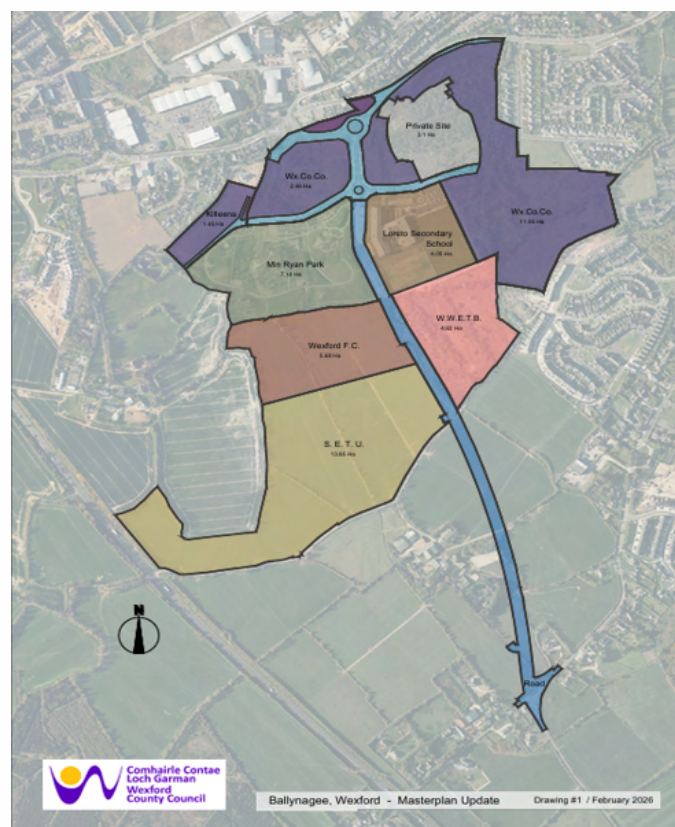
### Ballytegan, Gorey

Footpath works at Arklow Road Junction to St. Walerans and St. Walerans to The Rock GAA entrance. Indicative costs band <€10m



### Turret Rocks, Enniscorthy

link road from Esmonde Road to Spring Valley Junction, including junction and drainage works. Indicative costs band <€10m



### Ballynagee, Wexford Town

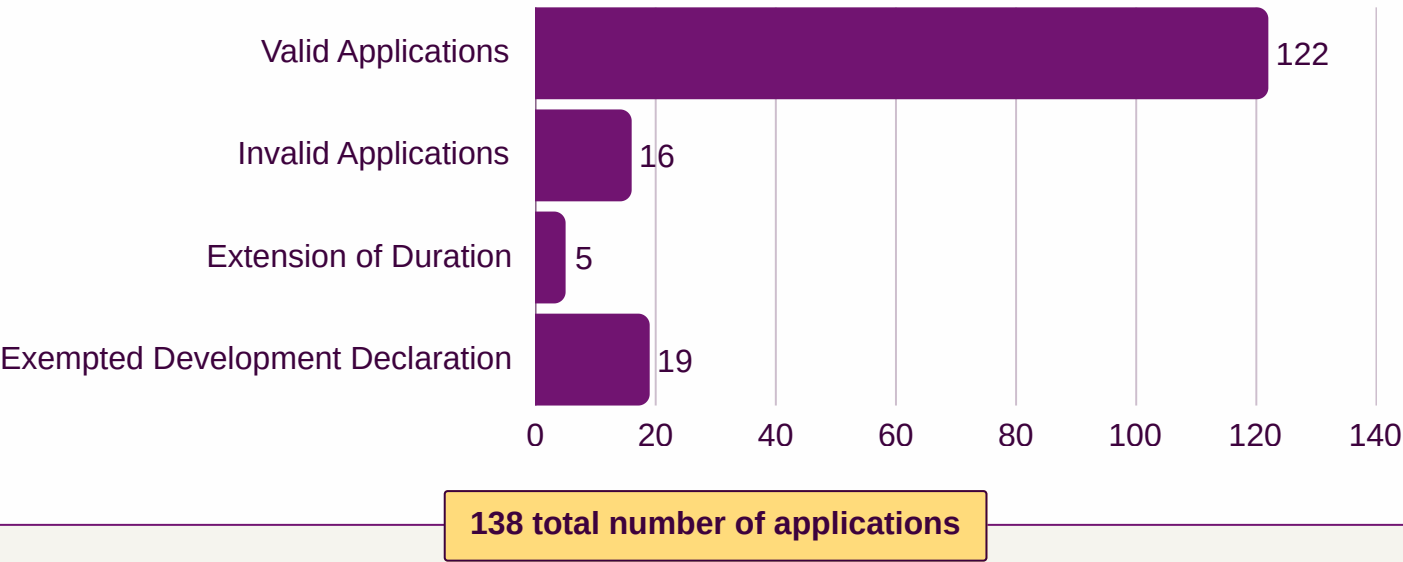
link road from Ballynagee/Scholars Way roundabout and extending north to Starvehall, Whiterock Hill. Indicative costs band <€10m.

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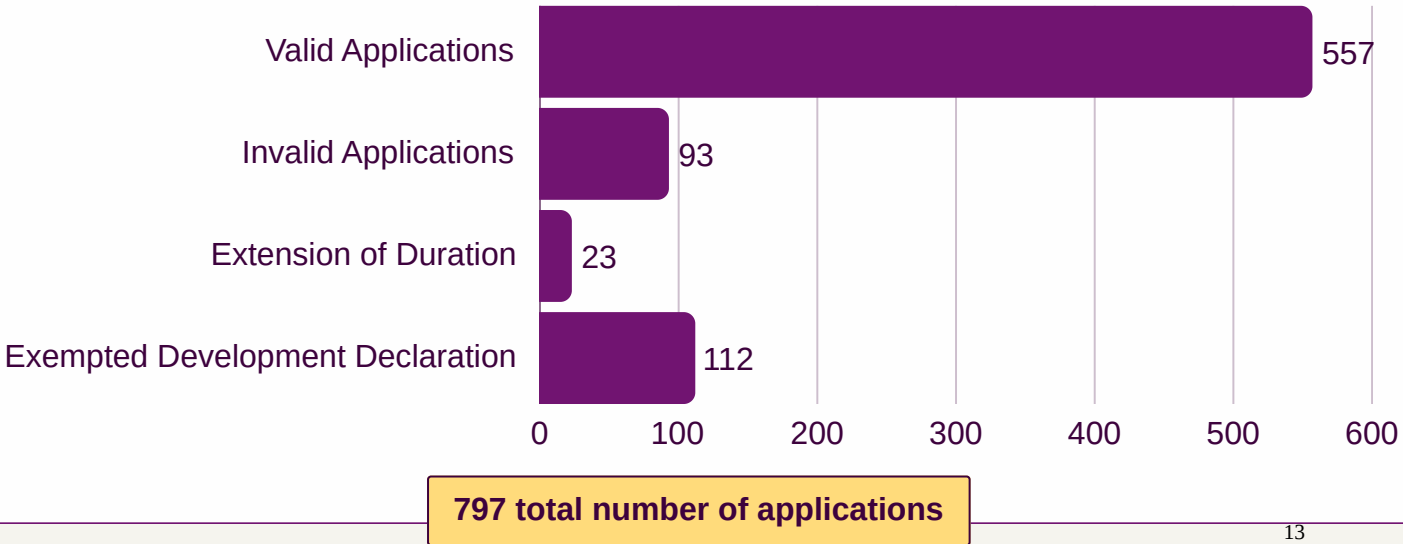
Housing Infrastructure Investment Fund Cont.

These essential enabling works are expected to directly fast track the development of approximately 5,300 new homes and support the continued growth of the areas. These works are also expected to indirectly facilitate the development of a further 5,900 units as the infrastructure provided will create capacity in local networks that will enable housing development across a settlement and not just on lands that directly benefit from the infrastructure. In summary, these projects will support the creation of circa 11,000 homes both directly and indirectly. The new Housing Infrastructure Working Group, which is a cross-departmental team, will now progress the detailed delivery phases of the projects to accelerate delivery.

Planning applications received 25th May 2026 to the 21st June 2026



Planning applications received 1st January to 21st June 2026



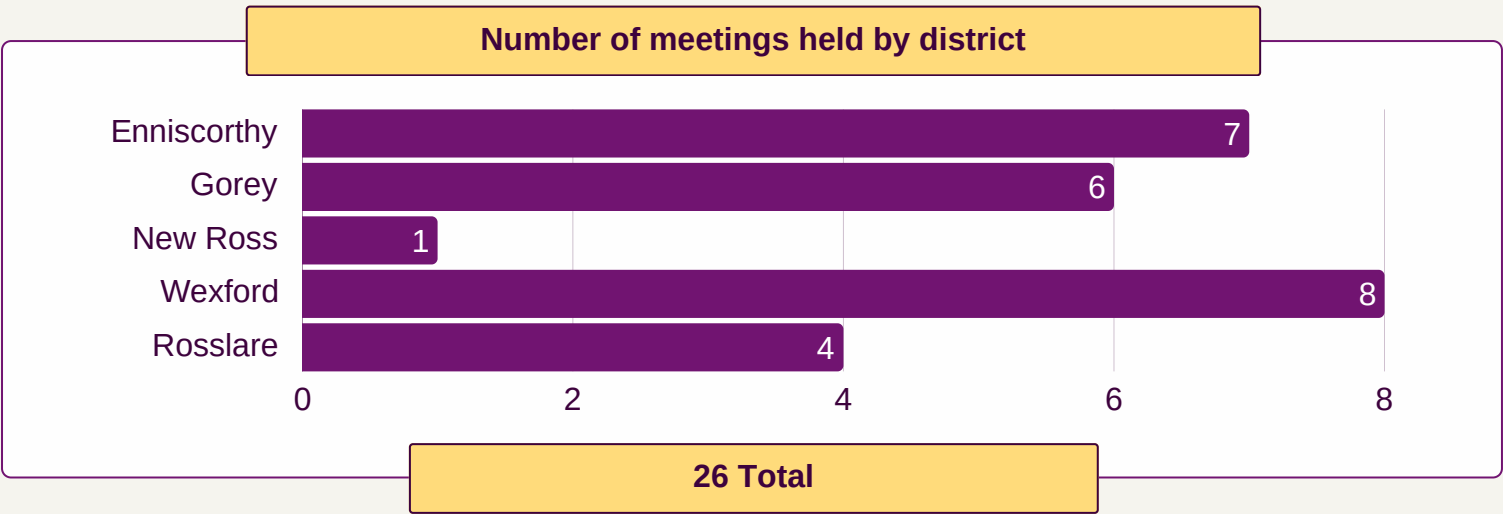
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Pre-Planning - applications year to date up to the 21st June 2026

| Pre-planning by District | Applications Received | Applications Closed | Open Pre-planning Applications |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| Enniscorthy MD           | 42                    | 37                  | 6                              |
| Gorey/Kilmuckridge MD    | 79                    | 80                  | 12                             |
| New Ross MD              | 45                    | 39                  | 4                              |
| Rosslare MD              | 51                    | 47                  | 1                              |
| Wexford BD               | 59                    | 51                  | 7                              |
| Total                    | 276                   | 254                 | 30                             |

Average days to pre-planning meeting is 24

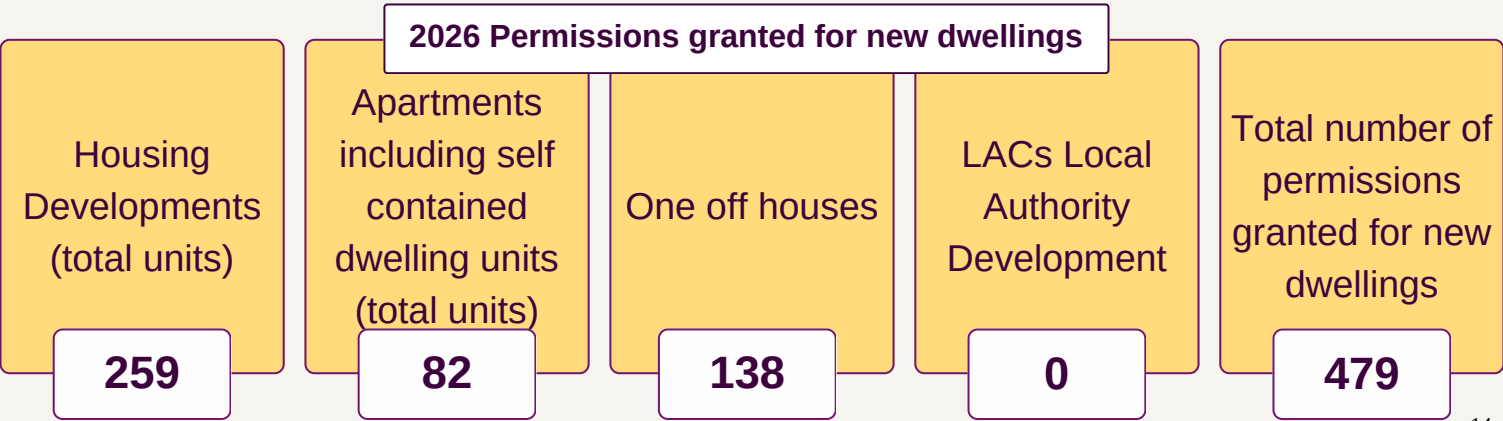
Major Pre-Planning - Year to date to the 21st June 2026



Number of Housing Units: 1596

Commercial Development (approx. sqm): 7896

Planning CSO Returns - year to date to the 31st May 2026



### Forward Planning

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

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

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

The Proposed Material Alterations to the Proposed Variation were on public display from the 29 April 2026 to 28 May 2026 during which time 14 submissions were received relating to the Proposed Material Alterations. The Chief Executive prepared a report summarising the submissions received during the public consultation period and making recommendations with regard to the submissions and the Proposed Material Alterations. The Chief Executive's Report was submitted to the Members on 17<sup>th</sup> June for their consideration in advance of the July Council meeting and a briefing meeting was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> June to inform the Members of the procedures for considering the report and finalising the Proposed Variation. The Members will consider the Proposed Material Alterations and the Chief Executive's Report and shall, no later than four weeks after the Chief Executive's Report has been furnished to them, by resolution i) make the Variation as originally proposed by the planning authority, ii) make the Variation with the Proposed Material Alterations (with or without minor modifications), or iii) refuse to make the Variation.

#### Variation Number 2 to the County Development Plan 2022-2028

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

Workshops were held to discuss the Proposed Variation with the Members of the Enniscorthy MD on 6 May 2026 and the Members of Rosslare MD on 11 May 2026.

Proposed Variation No 2 is now on Public Consultation from 17<sup>th</sup> June to 16<sup>th</sup> July 2026 inclusive. Public drop-in style Information sessions will be held in both Districts during the Public Consultation period.

- Thursday 25th June, 16:00 – 19:00 at Bunclody Golf Club, Bunclody
- Tuesday 30th June, 16:00 – 19:00 at The Bank Community & Enterprise Hub, Rosslare Harbour.

Following on from the Public Consultation, the Chief Executive will prepare a report summarising and responding to any submissions received. This CE Report will be submitted to the Members for their consideration.



### Heritage

#### Built Heritage Investment Scheme(BHIS) 2026

Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS)

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

BHIS Historic Thatched Building Stream projects

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

With one already complete works have now commenced to several more projects including window repairs at The Rectory Templeshannon, Enniscorthy and Roof repairs at Quigleys Bar Kilmore. Works have also commenced on Saunderscourt Gate Lodges which received a grant of €90,000 from The Historic Structures Fund (HSF) 2026



### Planning Enforcement - Year to date up to the 21st June 2026

**485**

Live cases

**124**

Cases opened  
year to date

**114**

Cases closed  
year to date

### Building Control - Year to date up to the 21st June 2026

Validated  
commencement  
notices

**244**

Building control  
inspections

**240**

Validated cert. of  
compliance on  
completion

**113**

Taking in Charge  
reports sent to  
Districts

**5**

## PLANNING CONT.

### Dangerous Structures and Places - Year to date up to the 21st June 2026

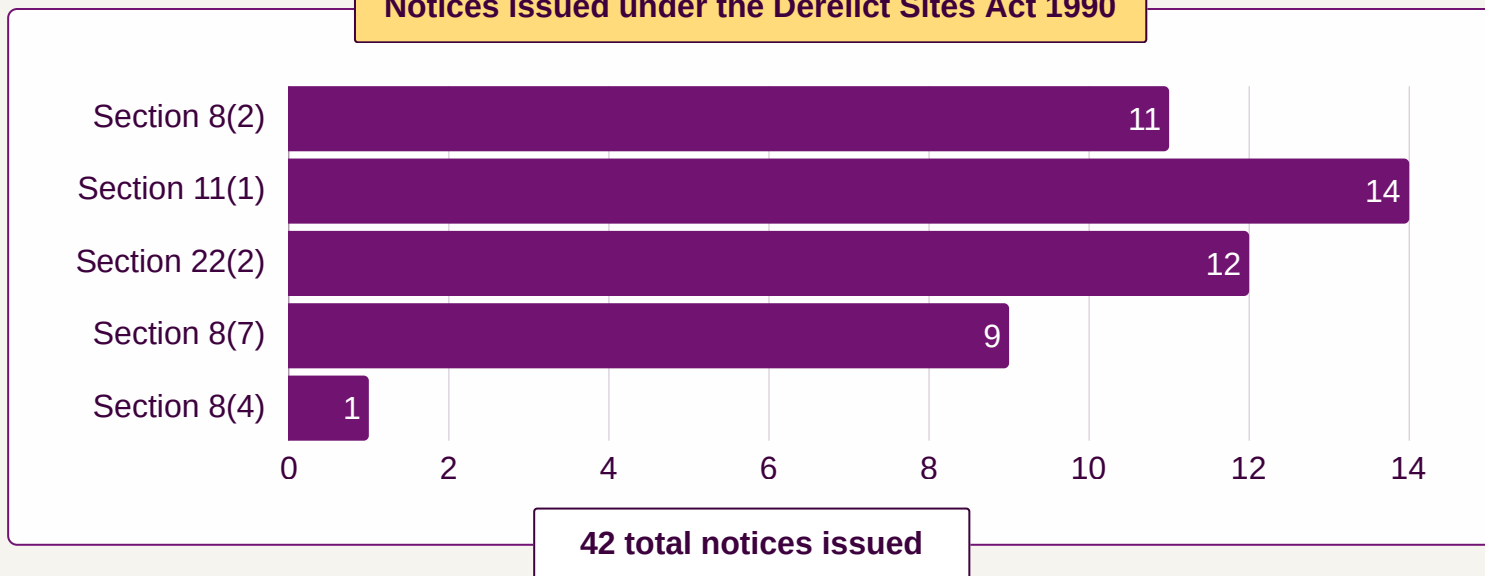


- **Section 3(1) Notice** instructs the owner to carry out works to make the site safe within a timeframe
- **Section 3(2) Notice** the Local Authority carries out the works to make the site safe. The owner is charged the cost of works.

### Derelict Sites - year to date up to 21st June 2026



#### Notices issued under the Derelict Sites Act 1990



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

## URDF Call 3 - Urban Regeneration Development Fund

193 sites approved on the programme as of the 21st June 2026



## Back to Life - Podcast Series

### Back to Life: County Wexford Derelict Homes - Podcast series Update

This podcast series, created by Wexford County Council in conjunction with South East Radio, shares the real stories behind the people taking on vacant and derelict properties across the county - showing the challenges, the rewards, and the possibilities that come from breathing new life into old buildings.

Episode 1 to 4 are now available to stream or download from Southeast Radio or on Spotify or Apple Podcasts. Episodes 5 and 6 will be released weekly.

**Episode 1** follows Aileen O'Neill and Aaron Deegan in New Ross as they transform a vacant property back to a forever home. Contributions from Mick McCormack, Tom Bates and Tom Banville on Vacant Property Refurbishment Grants. (cont.)

**Episode 2** brings us to Fethard-on-Sea, where Gerry and Amanda O'Sullivan share the journey behind restoring a traditional old property. Contribution from Yvonne Doyle Curtis on Conservation Advice.

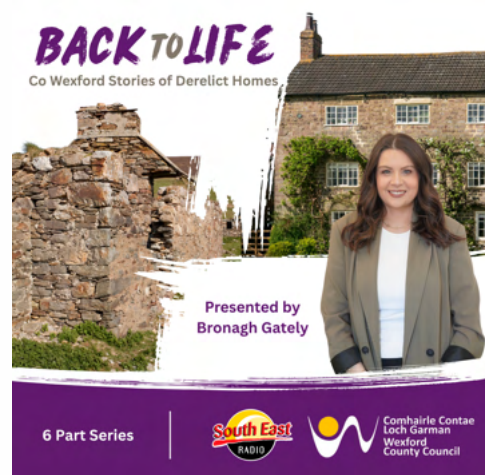
**Episode 3** follows Anne Smyth in Gorey as she takes on the challenge of rebuilding a property from scratch. After purchasing a property from the Derelict Buildings Register, this episode focuses on the planning journey behind the project - from applying for planning permission, understanding the process, and navigating the steps involved before work can begin.

Contributions from Aisling Kelly, Michael Sweeney and Tom Banville about the planning process, the Derelict Buildings Register, and the important role planning plays in bringing properties back into use.

**Episode 4** follows Seamus Butler in Newbawn as he takes on the challenge of transforming a vacant rural property and bringing it back into use.

Contributions from Michael Sweeney and Tom Banville in Wexford County Council.

**Episodes 5 and 6 will be released 29<sup>th</sup> June and 6<sup>th</sup> July.**



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## PLANNING CONT.

### Disability Access Certificates (DACs) Year to date up to the 21st June 2026

| Applications for Districts | Total for Districts | Awaiting Assessment | Further Information | Granted | Refused |
|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------|---------|
| Enniscorthy                | 7                   | 0                   | 2                   | 5       | 0       |
| Gorey                      | 5                   | 0                   | 0                   | 5       | 0       |
| New Ross                   | 11                  | 0                   | 1                   | 9       | 1       |
| Wexford                    | 11                  | 0                   | 3                   | 8       | 0       |
| Rosslare                   | 6                   | 0                   | 3                   | 2       | 1       |
| Totals                     | 40                  | 0                   | 9                   | 29      | 2       |

### Disability proofing - year to date up to the 21st June 2026

74

LAC/PLAC/LRD and  
General Planning Applications

4

Major pre-planning event  
days

1

Event Licences

## Access Items

### Update on Human Rights Strategy for Disabled People 2025-2030

A presentation by the Access Officer to the to the Executive is proposed for their meeting end of June. Collaboration and engagement between the Access Office and some sections/departments has started with a focus on building in the identified objectives of the Human Rights Strategy into their respective process and procedures.

The Environment Department walking trails service and the processes for ongoing updating of this service are now so that statistical data for reporting on the KPI of the Human Rights Strategy are easily achieved. Specific items have been identified for Community and Sports, Town Centre First, Town Regeneration, Events under Health and Safety and engagement with Procurement and HR Departments has taken place. Other Departments such as engagement with the Arts Department and individual Districts are proposed to take place over the coming months.

The need for a coordinated, whole-organisation response, underpinned by universal design, cross-departmental collaboration and the development of measurable KPI tracking and reporting has been identified as significant for applying locally the objectives of the National Strategy.

### Make Way Day

Make Way Day took place on **29<sup>th</sup> May 2026** this year in collaborating with Rosslare Municipal District. The event focused on the walkability and accessibility of the public realm, footpaths etc from the strand car park to the community centre with a number of local disability groups and advocates in attendance. The morning event culminated in a gather in the community centre where the feedback both positive, negative and suggestions from participants was recorded. Its proposed that these items would feed into the Districts Programme of work and updates and proposals provided to the group that attended on the day.

## REGENERATION UNIT

**Town Centre First** - Town Centre First Teams Review.

**Wexford** - The Town Team met in March to progress the TCF Strategy which will be incorporated into the LAP. Work is ongoing on the LAP and TCF Strategy in conjunction with forward Planning.

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

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

**Courtown/Riverchapel** - Meeting Bimonthly with a focus currently on funding streams for Project Interventions on TCF Plan.

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

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

**Taghmon** – 3 meetings in May and June. Current focus on local traffic and development issues outlined in TCF Health. Working on developing plans for square redevelopment.

### Castlebridge House TCF Team Engagement with the Community 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2026

Castlebridge Town Centre First Team are working with the Special Projects section of Wexford County Council on submitting a €5m RRDF application for Castlebridge House. As part of the process the Castlebridge Town Team hosted a very well attended community consultation event in Castlebridge Hall where a large crowd engaged in the consultation process.



VACANT HOMES

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

We are awaiting the appointment of a new Vacant Homes Officer (VHO) following the retirement of the last VHO.

Existing Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant

Work is continuing on vacant homes with €610,884 paid out in Grants in the last 4 weeks and €1,276,256 of initial approvals granted in this time period which is having a very positive impact on improving vacancy and dereliction throughout the County.

| Croi Conaithe Applications Wexford County Council as at 02-07-26 |     |                                    |     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|------------------------------------|-----|
| Applications Received                                            | 660 | Awaiting Approval                  | 0   |
| Inspections Required (First)                                     | 3   | Applications Rejected              | 12  |
| Inspections Required (Final)                                     | 23  | Applications Approved In Principle | 4   |
| Applications Info Requested                                      | 71  | Withdrawn By Applicant             | 60  |
| Applications Approved                                            | 501 | Funding Issued                     | 230 |
| Total Funding Paid to Date                                       |     | €12,890,680.70                     |     |
| Total Funding Approved in Principle                              |     | €29,125,680.70                     |     |



Castlebridge House TCF Team Engaging with the Community

## 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>Reservoir Bypass</b> - Drawdown complete for stage 1 payment Recouped from Dept.</li> <li>• Majority of funding expected to be claimed and recouped by Q3 2026.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>MARWP 2024-2026</b>                                                                                                                     | <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> <li>• Topographical Survey carried out</li> <li>• Detail design ongoing</li> <li>• Site Investigations contract preparation underway</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>24</b> new well grant applications were registered in June 2026</li> <li>• <b>15</b> Well Grants have been paid in this period, totalling <b>€31,011.25</b></li> <li>• <b>62</b> inspections to date carried out in June 2026.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Group Water Scheme Subsidies</b>                                                                                                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Subsidy A</b> Application deadline passed. Approx. €270K paid to date.</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). Validated figures for Q1 2026 payment made to schemes <b>€94,225</b></li> <li>• <b>MARWP Capital Replacement Costs</b> of the DBO GWSs have been reviewed and approved for Blackstairs, Borrmount and Mullawn GWSs. The Employers representative has certified that all equipment has been replaced. 3 of the DBO GWSs have been paid a total of <b>€114,655</b>. Kilanerin have submitted their claim which is for <b>€15,577</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>• Ramsgrange – €8.1 Million funding approved to Wexford County Council</li> <li>• Weekly update meetings held with the 5 Local Authorities with Measure A8 funding, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and Uisce Eireann to assign responsibilities and to implement a plan for the execution of all projects in a timely manner.</li> <li>• Appointment of consultants will be managed through this process.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Lead Remediation Grant</b>                                                                                                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11 applications received to date on revised grant, 8 paid, 2 approved, 1 new application.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Compliance monitoring</b>                                                                                                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 168 private supplies on register for compliance monitoring.</li> <li>• Compliance testing ongoing for 2026 as per schedule</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             | Q1 2027                       |
|                                    | Kyles Close     | Oulart       | €107,153           | €80,365              | Q2 2027                       |
|                                    | Mountain View   | Ballindaggin | €208,016           | €156,012             | Q4 2027                       |
|                                    | Gleann na gCaor | Monageer     | €302,878           | €227,159             | Q4 2027                       |
| DPI Resolution Programme 2023      | Beach View      | Duncannon    | €72,300            | €54,225              | Q1 2027                       |
|                                    | Farrin Carraig  | Duncannon    | €202,986           | €152,240             | Q1 2027                       |
|                                    | Beechfields     | Ballaghkeen  | €353,968           | €265,476             | Q4 2027                       |

- Cois Cuan, Farrin Carraig & Beach View – Contractor appointed. Works programmed Q4 2026/Q1 2027.
- Stonebrook submitted to Planning for Part XI Planning Approval. Planning Approved.
- Kyle Close submitted to Planning for Part XI Planning Approval. Planning Approved.

## MAJOR NATIONAL ROADS PROJECTS

### N11/N25 Oilgate to Rosslare Harbour

The project is in Phase 3 – Design and Environmental Evaluation.

- Project design is progressing, with additional work ongoing to address Service Area requirements, Active Travel provisions, and Biodiversity considerations.
- The Additional Topographical Survey Contract for the proposed Online Service Area (OSA) has been awarded, with the survey works expected to commence in Q3 2026.
- Preliminary design of the Active Travel facilities is ongoing.
- Preliminary design of the River Slaney Bridge has continued.
- The Maritime Usage Licence (MUL) has been submitted to MARA and the Maritime Area Consent (MAC) application is being finalised for submission.
- Landowner consultation is ongoing.

## ROADS & TRANSPORTATION

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

- Negotiations between the Real Estate Valuers and landowners regarding Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) compensation are ongoing. Agreement on compensation has been reached with five of the eight landowners.
- The procurement process for the appointment of Technical Advisors for Phases 6 and 7 is ongoing, with contract award expected in the coming weeks.
- The Main Construction Tender was published by Wexford County Council on 12 May 2026, with a tender return date of 8 July. Tender assessment & contract award are expected in early September.
- On 22<sup>nd</sup> June, the Archaeological Consultants commenced the on-site Stage II archaeological works. Completion of these works is expected by mid-July 2026.

## NATIONAL ROADS

### SAFETY SCHEMES

#### N25 Tagoat

The design is being finalised with TII. A public consultation process is planned for Q3 2026.

#### N30 Leeches Bend – West of Clonroche

Works are substantially complete

#### N25 Larkins Cross

Part 8 planning consent process will proceed following the July Borough Council Meeting. Work is programmed to commence in Q4, 2026.

### HIGH LEVEL COLLISION ANALYSIS NATIONAL PRIMARY AND SECONDARY

#### 10 Locations Identified 2026

##### N11WX\_118.0 Tinnahask.

Site under review no clear options identified.

##### N11WX\_119.0 Whitefort.

Line marking and Signage review underway by THRDO. Additional warning signage has been installed.

##### N11WX\_122.0 Kyle

Major N11/N25 Scheme required.

##### N25WX\_165.0 Newtown

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

##### N25WX\_166.0 Coolcots

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

##### N25WX\_167.0 Clonard Great/Little

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

##### N30WX\_019.0 Ballymackesy:

Safety issues identified included in 2025 HD28 site which will progress in 2026

##### N30WX\_023.0 leeches Bend

Site included in 2025 safety scheme. Scheme is now complete.

##### N80WX\_100.0 Bunclody:

Restrict parking on the approaches to the existing zebra crossings. Design required.

##### N80WX\_102.6 Clohamon.

Draft Feasibility and options report sent to TII regional safety Team. Once approval achieved scheme will move to Design Report.

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

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

## 2026 Pavement Schemes

### Pavement Schemes for completion in 2026

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

### HD28 Pavement Improvements 2026

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

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

### HD28 Pavement Improvements 2025

N11 Oylegate to Scurlocksbush Roundabout. 1.7km – works are substantially complete

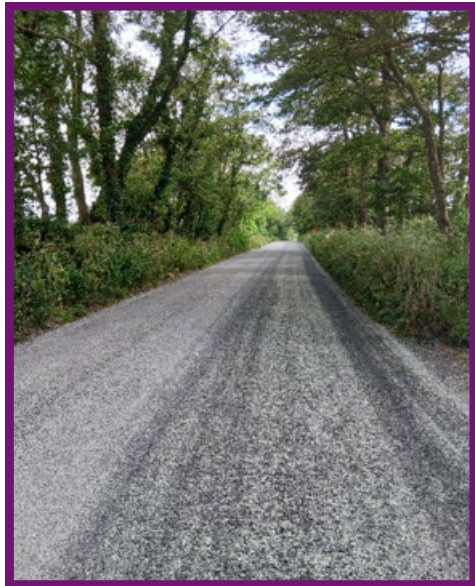
**REGIONAL AND LOCAL ROADS** - Wexford's allocation through the Regional and Local Road Grant 2026 is **€23,317,100**.

### Restoration Improvement €12,837,500

91 projects are now added to the road strengthening programme for 2026. Works are progressing on this roads programme with 68 projects (75%) completed to date.

### Restoration Maintenance €2,917,000

The restoration maintenance / surface dressing programme started in Rosslare MD on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2026. 75 projects are now added to the restoration maintenance programme for 2026. Rosslare MD nearly completed.



Surface Dressing underway at Rosslare MD, June 2026

## Bridge Rehabilitation €690,000

12 bridges are included in this year's programme. Works are underway to progress.



*Works underway at Raheendarrig Bridge on the L-1003 at Clone West, Monamolin, Gorey-Kilmuckridge MD*

## Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience Works €700,000

19 projects are included in this year's programme. Preparation works are underway.

## Community Involvement Schemes €665,700

Schemes are included in this year's programme.

## Safety Improvement Works €559,000

15 projects are included in this year's programme. Design and preparatory works underway to progress.

## Strategic Rehabilitation Roads €420,000

One road is included in this year's programme – R772-12 Gorey (former N11).

## Specific Improvement Grant €570,000

- Wexford, Edermine and Kildavin (Murntown) Bridge Remediation Project €270,000.
- Roughan O'Donovan Consulting Engineers are appointed to progress this scheme. The works involve bridge inspections, overseeing site investigations and undertaking necessary designs for remediation works.
- We are assessing tenders for Special Inspection and Investigation works contract on the 3 bridges. The results from this contract will determine the extent and scope of works on each bridge.
- There will be traffic restrictions on each bridge for a number of days while the inspections and investigations are underway. Details to follow once the contract is awarded in July 2026.
- Kildavin Bridge requires stabilisation support measures, works will start on site in July. There are no traffic restrictions associated with this work.

## Grange Cliff Stabilisation Works €150,000.

Extension to original scope of works to protect a section of road. The contractor started the works on 18<sup>th</sup> May and the works will take approx. 8 weeks to complete, depending on weather.



*Grange Cliff Stabilisation – Works Underway June 2026*

**R733 Safety Improvement Project €150,000.**

Safety improvement project including linemarking, studs, junction improvements. Junction improvements completed at R733 / Redshire junction. Studs and linemarking completed at a number of locations.



*Linemarking and Studs near Nelson’s Bridge, Wellingtonbridge R733  
New Ross MD / Rosslare MD*

**Storm Chandra, Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

The county was significantly affected by flooding as a result of Storm Chandra. The severe wet weather has affected many roads around the county.

Wexford County Council identified 157 items including roads and roads infrastructure such as bridges and embankments – over a total length of approx. 140km.

The estimated repair cost is in the region of €20m and we applied to the Department of Transport (DoT) in February 2026 to fund the repairs. On 1<sup>st</sup> July 2026 funding of €13.49m was allocated to Wexford County Council; works are underway to progress repairs.

**ACTIVE TRAVEL UPDATE**

| Pathfinder projects            |                                                                                                                                                      |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Project & Location             | Project Update                                                                                                                                       |
| Newtown Road Phases 2 & 3      | Tender awarded to successful contractor with commencement expected in Aug 2026. Construction traffic management discussions ongoing with contractor. |
| Hospital Junction Newtown Road | Landowner negotiations still ongoing between Council and HSE.Lands to be valued through Tailte Eireann valuations Services.                          |
| Beechlawn/Clonard Cycle Scheme | Part XI Planning Application approved on 8th June. Construction of phase 1 (permeability links, planting) to commence in Q4.                         |
| Roxborough Cycle Scheme        | Planning Part XI to be completed this year.                                                                                                          |

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

Consultants are currently updating plan to incorporate plannings comments. Updated Wexford Town zoning was issued to our consultants to review impact of same.

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

TII have reviewed the draft Plan and issued feedback, which has been incorporated into the draft Plan by the consultants. The Consultant has suggested to undertake a separate LTP to account for the new zoned lands in Enniscorthy.

Safe Routes to School Schemes (SRTS)

Three schools have been selected for works in 2026:

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

Preliminary concept designs discussed with each school principal. Design drawings for Section 38s currently being drafted.

**Enniscorthy Vocational College** – Works are ongoing with installation of new footpath, upgraded street lighting and pedestrian crossings.

Bus Stop Enhancement Scheme

Propose to survey and locate bus shelters as follows:

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

Rural Bus shelter update

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

Ballycanew Active Travel measures

Ballycanew National School held a “walk to school” on 25<sup>th</sup> June to acknowledge the success of the recent active travel intervention measures in the village. The measures included speed ramps, upgraded pedestrian crossing, road lining, signage and a driver speed feedback sign. Traffic speed outside the school has calmed considerably since the measures were completed.



The Active Travel team is planning to progress with further Ballycanew village improvements, to include a new footpath and pedestrian crossing connecting with the graveyard. Design development and undertaking of a Section 38 are planned for Q3, with construction due to be completed in Q4 2026.

**PUBLIC LIGHTING**

**Public Lighting Development Fund**

The following are schemes are being progressed at present:

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

**CLONARD TO WHITEMILL LINK ROAD**

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

# CAPITAL PROJECTS

## Projects at Planning Stages

| Project Name                                           | Status            | New Monthly Update: June 2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| Ballast Office-<br>a)Essential repair Work             | Tender Stage      | Completion of phase 1 is scheduled for 3/7/2026.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| b)Refurbishment                                        | Planning Stage    | Next milestone is procurement of Design team for renovation works. Appointment expected in Q3 2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Ballynagee Link Road                                   | Design Stage      | The full scheme progressed through the “major pre-planning” process in Q1 2026 and is anticipated to be submitted for development consent sought via Part 8 in August 2026. Funding for this project has been confirmed under the Housing Infrastructure Investment Fund, specific funding details to follow.                                                                                               |
| Carrigfoyle Activity Centre Building                   | Planning Stage    | No update from WWETB                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Courtown Coastal Protection & Beach Nourishment Scheme | Planning Stage    | Submission to ACP will follow receipt of an MAC from MARA. MARA have assessed the application for the Marine Area Consent and have issued the Minded to Determine Notice                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Dunbrody Centre and Extension                          | Detail Design     | Initial OMC (Order of Magnitude Costing) for the project has come in above the approved project budget.It is expected that the project brief may have to be reviewed to address budgetary concerns. Following meeting with the DRCD RRDF officials, the project will now proceed to detailed design and we will seek additional funding in advance of going to tender.                                      |
| <b>Enniscorthy Flood Relief Scheme</b>                 |                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Phase 1-New River Slaney Bridge Project                | Design Phase      | The road bridge alignment option and and junction designs are continuing. Ecology surveys are being kept up to date, such as, wintering bird surveys. The application to MARA for the pre-submission meeting was submitted on the 8/05/2026. The design team held the preapplication meeting with MARA to discuss Marine Area Consent (MAC) on 14/05/2026. The MAC application will be submitted in August. |
| Phase 2                                                | Feasibility Stage | The Stage 1 of the restricted competition for the appointment of the Consultant Engineer for this Phase has closed and the applications are currently being assessed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| Enniscorthy Technical Park Access Road Phase 2 420827  | Design stage      | The tender for construction works was published March 2026. Tender assessment is ongoing.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Enniscorthy Technical Park IDA Tech Building 420847    | Design stage      | The Technical Consultancy Services Contract was awarded for an architect-led design team to prepare a planning application for a proposed advance factory building in Enniscorthy Technology Park. Planning application was submitted in December 2025. Final grant was issued in March 2026.                                                                                                               |

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

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| Esmonde Street, Gorey                                                 | Construction | Construction works commenced on-site on 8th June 2026.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Gorey Market House                                                    | Construction | The main works contract was awarded to B. Nevin Contracting Limited T/A Nevin Construction in June 2026. Works are expected to commence on site in July 2026.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Gorey Relief Road, Ballytegan Avenue<br>(St Waleran's Link Road)      | Design Stage | The Irish Rail approvals process is ongoing and the project has now received Approval in Principal.<br>The full scheme progressed through the "major pre-planning" process in Q1 2026 and was submitted for development consent sought via Part 8 in April 2026. .<br>Funding for this project has been confirmed under the Housing Infrastructure Investment Fund, specific funding details to follow.                                        |
| John Street Grain Store, New Ross                                     | Planning     | The application for development consents for the new public realm to the rear of the property was submitted to An Coimisiún Pleanála on March 12th 2026.<br>An application for the whole project was made under the new Town and Cities Regeneration Investment fund (TCRIF) on 1st May. Preparation for procurement of a Design Team to bring the project to completion is ongoing. Invitation to tender is expected to issue end July 2026.. |
| Riverchapel Community Centre                                          | Design stage | Initial costings have been returned in excess of the original project budget. A thorough review is being carried out into the design brief as part of project value engineering. Initial costings have been returned in excess of the original project budget. WCC is currently looking at a design solution to match the project budget, while also seeking additional funds from the Department.                                             |
| Wexford Town Public Space Improvements<br>(Cornmarket to Common Quay) | Feasibility  | A TCRIF (Town Centre Regeneration Reinvestment Fund) Category 1A funding application has been submitted to support the development of the project and allow for the engagement of a design team to develop the project in line with the objectives set out in the draft TCF Strategy.                                                                                                                                                          |

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| Wexford Town to Rosslare Greenways | Options Selection | W2R -Additional flood modelling is currently ongoing .<br>RS2RH-Options Selection Report Peer review completed. Preferred Route Corridor agreed. A public Consultation process was conducted from 4/3/26 to 1/4/26. Phase 2 Gate Review Statement for the Rosslare Strand to Rosslare Harbour Greenway is complete. |
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| <b>Wexfordia</b>             |                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Irish National Heritage Park | Preliminary Design | MARA have issued a Mind to Determination notice for the scheme. A submission to ACP for approval is scheduled for Q4 2026.                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Hook Lighthouse              | Preliminary Design | Following delay caused by necessary ecological surveys, we are finalising the design for re-presentation to the Board of HHL, now planned for August 2026, prior to further engagement with other stakeholders. Public consultation will follow this. It is planned to submit to ACP before the end of 2026.                |
| New Ross Tourism Project:    | Tender Stage       | The tender process is now complete and an apparently successful tenderer has been identified. Finalising interpretative design phase.<br><br>Funding to complete the project will now be sought via the current RRDF Call 5 window, with the submission deadline of July 28th. A decision on funding is expected in Q4 2026 |

## Projects Under Construction

| Project Name                  | Status             | New Monthly Update: June 2026                                                                                                                                           |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Adoration Convent             | Construction Stage | Works are progressing and currently on programme for completion in September 2026                                                                                       |
| Enniscorthy Sports Hub 420330 | Construction Stage | Works are progressing & currently on programme for completion in Sept. 2026                                                                                             |
| Ferndale Gymnasium            | Handover           | Substantial completion on the building was achieved on 6th May 2026, with an official opening in to take place during Summer 2026, subject to ministerial availability. |
| Mechanics Institute           | Construction       | Work ongoing. To be completed at the end of Mid July 2026.                                                                                                              |

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| <b>SouthEast Greenway</b>  |                    |                                                                                                            |
| Lot 1, Lot 2, Lot 3, 4a    | Complete           |                                                                                                            |
| Lot 8a Rosbercon Trailhead | Preliminary Design | Part 8 submission for Lot 8a (Rosbercon Trailhead) was approved at the June Wexford County Council Meeting |
| Lot 4                      | Detailed Design    | Works contract tender advert scheduled for early July 2026                                                 |
| Lot 4a                     | Options Selection  | No update                                                                                                  |

| Project Name         | Status             | New Monthly Update: June 2026                                                                           |                                                                                     |
|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Lot 5a               | Under construction | Phase 2 of the South East Greenway, Ferrybank to Curraghmore, opened on 19th June 2026.                 |                                                                                     |
| Lot 5b ,Lot 6, Lot 7 | Detailed Design    | The design of Lots 5b, 6, & 7 is ongoing construction works are expected to commence on-site in Q1 2027 |  |
| Lot 8                | Preliminary Design | No update                                                                                               |                                                                                     |
| Lot 9                | Detailed Design    | No update                                                                                               |                                                                                     |

| Project Name                                    | Status                | New Monthly Update: June 2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| Trinity Wharf                                   | Detailed Design Stage | <p>Irish Rail works are ongoing to construct a new automated level crossing pending the licence agreement confirmation.</p> <p>As per the licence agreements with Irish Rail a new temporary security fence was erected to allow Irish Rail to undertake their works on the Trinity Wharf site.</p> <p>The revised Stage 1 pre-qualification for the next site development works contract (Phase 1A) closed on the 6th of February 2026. The submissions have been assessed.</p>                                                                    |
| Wexford Town & Environs Flood Relief Scheme     | Options Selection     | The Scheme is currently in optioneering. The consultant has presented the short list of options to the Steering Group which showing areas that require defence. These options will be further refined in to determine the type of defence (hard defence/demountable, etc) that will be required.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Funding &amp; Development Schemes</b>        |                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Town & Village Renewal Scheme (TVRS) 2025       | n/a                   | <p>DRCDG announced the TVRS 2026 Building and Land Acquisition Measure ( B/LAM) on 29th April, 2026 . A max. fund of €500,000 per LA is available under this measure.</p> <p>Funding applications for 2no. properties have been submitted to DRCDG under the TVRS 2026 Building and Land Acquisition Measure (B/LAM)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) | n/a                   | <p>Measure 1 and Measure 4 Projects approved under the 2024/2025 ORIS Fund are being progressed by the relevant Community Groups with an expected completion by Q1 2027.</p> <p>Measure 2 and Measure 3 Projects to be delivered by WCC - completion before scheme deadline of Q4 2027</p> <p>The 2026 -2027 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) was launched by the Minister Dara Calleary TD, on 3rd June, making funds available for communities under a range of measure. A call for Expressions of Interest is currently open.</p> |
| Rural Regeneration Development Fund (RRDF)      | n/a                   | <p>We are currently preparing applications for Call 5 as follows:</p> <p>&lt;/= €10m - New Ross Norman Centre</p> <p>&lt;/= €5m - Castlebridge House. Submission deadline is July 28th 2026</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| CLÁR Funding                                    |                       | Closing date for applications to DRCDG was 3rd July. Up to 12 applications for funding of between €5,000 and €65,000 with a further 2 applications up to €100,000 may be submitted. Community Section is administering submission of CLÁR applications. EOI's received were assessed for submission to DRCDG.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

COMMUNITY



LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

Whites Hotel - June, Wexford Local Community Safety Partnership held a workshop in developing the 3-Year Local Community Safety Plan for the county. Members analysed the results of an extensive public consultation process and considered actions and priorities on nine key topics.

- 1. Lack of visible Gardaí
- 2. Anti-social behaviour (ASB)
- 3. Road Safety
- 4. Misuse of drugs and alcohol
- 5. Protection of older people
- 6. Poor public lighting
- 7. Limited awareness of reporting procedures/services
- 8. Lack of youth services
- 9. Vulnerable groups racism/discrimination



STREET FEAST 2026

Community Development partnered with Neighbourhood Network to support Street Feast 2026, a community initiative that brought communities together across Wexford. A total of 53 Street Feasts were held throughout the county, with approximately 4,836 residents participating. These feasts provided valuable opportunities for neighbours to connect, strengthen community relationships, and foster a greater sense of belonging through these feasts.



URAINIAN RESPONSE UNIT UPDATE

Accommodation

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

| Pledge Type     | No. of Properties | No. of People Placed |
|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Offer a Home    | 277               | 801                  |
| Irish Red Cross | 27                | 86                   |

## Ukraine Refurbishment Programme

All six Refurbishment Programme properties are now open and operational.

| <b>Name</b>               | <b>Occupancy</b> | <b>Capacity</b> |
|---------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Carne Accom. Centre       | 54               | 68              |
| Unity Court, Wex.         | 44               | 57              |
| Michael Street, Wex.      | 13               | 19              |
| Borromount Lodge, Ennisc. | 32               | 37              |
| Rafter Street, Ennisc.    | 8                | 15              |
| Ryland Rd., Bunclody      | 13               | 21              |

## SPORTS ACTIVE



June was a busy month for Sports Active with a wide range of events being held throughout the County:

|                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                               |
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| Activator Pole Taster Session with Bree Active Retirement Group | New Ross Family Fun Day                                                                                                                          | Equine Assisted Learning with Wexford Women's Refuge                          |
| A Playful Street, New Ross                                      | Lowland Leader Open Day, Bunclody                                                                                                                | Strong & Steady - falls prevention programme                                  |
| Active Schools Week: Gymnastics Session & Sports Equipment Bags | Table Tennis - 6-week vision impaired/blind programme took place in Lochrann Centre in conjunction with Table Tennis Ireland and Vision Wexford. | Woodlands for Mental Health - 12 week woodlands for health walking programme. |
| Interactive Storytime: Learn & Move                             | Neurodivergent Teen Girl Gentle Movement Programme                                                                                               | Pilates for Chronic Conditions                                                |

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NETWORK (PPN)

The PPN held their **Summer Gathering** (Plenary Meeting) in Oylgate Community Centre in June.

Guest speakers on the night included, Wexford Active Retirement, Campion Insurances, TFI Local Link, Wexford County Council Arts Office, National Learning Network and Muintir Na Tire.

Stands were also provided by the above speakers and Ballymitty Women's Shed, FDYS and Wexford Mental Health.



Exhibitors and Guest Speakers at our recent Summer Gathering (Plenary Meeting)





Wexford PPN recently held **LGBT+ Awareness Training** for community groups. The training aims to support community and voluntary groups to be inclusive in an ever-changing world and to give them a greater awareness and understanding of LGBT+.



Wexford PPN took part in the recent **Make Way Day** held in Rosslare. Make Way Day raises awareness of everyday obstacles faced by people with disabilities. Members of the community walked from the Beach Car Park to Rosslare Community Centre.



### Visit to Kilkenny

LAIT and Age friendly organised for a group of people from Carne BOTP centre to attend an afternoon in Kilkenny to enjoy the gardens and combining history and architecture potentially to make friendship with local community in Kilkenny.



### Celebration BBQ

LAIT attended a celebration BBQ for Refugee week at Rosslare IPAS centre. In attendance were the Rosslare men's shed, local community, WLD and members from Yola farm Tagoat.



### Intercultural Event

LAIT closed Refugee week on the 27th of June with an Intercultural event in Redmond Park, Wexford. The day was a huge success despite the showers of rain! Events included performers from all nationalities, crafts, food, and children's entertainment.

## ENVIRONMENT

### COASTAL MATTERS

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

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

**Kilpatrick Beach** Has now been submitted for Part 8 planning. Site Notices in place. Consultant RPS to progress.

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

**Ballyhack & Passage East Car Ferry Infrastructure:** AYESA consultant has been appointed and kick off meeting took place on 10th December 2025, progressing.

**Rosslare CRFRS:** Emergency works required at Rosslare strand, site visits and inspections happening this week, to progress with OPW funding application. No date fixed for 2nd Public Participation Day yet, likely to be Q3 2026.

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

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

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

**Carne & Slade Pier Dredging**– Annual dredging at Carne & Slade harbours now complete.

**Bathing Waters** – Water testing at beaches has now commenced.

### Operations –

Meeting with Foreshore Dept for approximately 15 foreshore references around the county to confirm whether these are activated so they can be transferred to MARA is still in progress.

In the process of writing to Foreshore Dept to have Fethard on Sea, the new slipway application ceased and then transferred over to MARA. After consulting with Foreshore Dept the decision is for the application to remain with them. Expected timeline is one year.

MARA reconciliation of New Ross Marina and debris boom. All relevant info has now been compiled and application to be completed and submitted in the coming weeks. This is still in progress.

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

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

### Public Conveniences

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

### Septic Tank Inspections:

|                 |                           |                                          |                             |
|-----------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| NIP Grants 2026 | January – May 18 received | 2026 – Total €172,907.50 sent to finance | 2 on hold for documentation |
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### No of Verification Inspections

|                                      |                                      |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 2025 - Verification Inspections = 91 | 2026 - Verification Inspections = 34 |
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### Court cases

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

### Ongoing Inspections

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

- All files for 2018 & 2020 are now closed.
- 74 new inspections have been carried out for 2026. 18 passed and 56 failed. 5 inspections booked for July 2026.
- In 2026, 18 direct discharges to surface water and 13 discharges onto the surface of the ground were noted.
- NIP inspections will continue in 2026 in Piercetown/Murrintown area, Castletown/Inch area, Mount Howard & Lady’s Island area.
- A stand giving out information on septic tank maintenance was at the Gorey Agri Show on 20<sup>th</sup> June and Bannow Rathangan Show will be attended on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2026. Climate Action nights in Clonroche and Kilanerin were also attended.

### 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. The monitoring returns on receipt are assessed by Environmental Technical Staff and actively pursued to address any ongoing issues arising from exceedances in chemical/microbiological and flow parameters as laid down in the Discharge Licence for the site.

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| No. of Monitoring Submission Returns from 1/1/2026 to 20/6/2026 | 38 |
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## Low Smoke Fuel Areas

The 5 stations in Bunclody, New Ross, Wexford, Enniscorthy & Gorey have now had their monitors updated to measure air quality and noise levels. A new station has been installed in Bunclody and is fully operational. The 18 low-cost sensors installed in Enniscorthy monitoring PM10 & PM2.5 have been removed to be calibrated. Preliminary breakdown of pollutants in the air are Peat 21%, wood 12%, Coal 10%, traffic 7%, other 50% will be broken down later. 6 low-cost sensors have been now installed in Wexford Town and are recording air quality. The TownAir Project to monitor gases NOx, SO2, CO has now been completed. This will be compared with 2016 levels taking during the SAFFIRE project. The project team will give an update once the work is completed. There have been 4 inspections of premises / forecourts / shops who are all selling compliant products.

## Air -Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC's)

**DECO Paints:** Auto-Refinishers Q2 DECO Compliance Register was updated in June and published to Website. 10 Inspections carried out. Site inspections are ongoing.

1 un-authorized operator located; €1,500 in Fines issued to this operator in June.

8 previously Certified operators have moved premises since 2023 and are assumed to be continuing to operate at new unknown locations. Locations for these operators are under investigation. On the spot fines will be issued as and when these operators are located.

**Dry Cleaners:** 5 Dry-Cleaners are currently registered, All Certified as Compliant. 1 un-authorized premises have continued to operate following inspections and warnings; Fines will be issued to this operator in July 2026. Q2 Solvents Register updated in June and published to website.

**Petrol Stations** -PVE emissions Stage 1 testing & compliance: 3 Inspections in May. 4 premises re-certified in Q2 2026. 1 non-compliant premises continuing to operate following inspection and warning; Advisory letter delivered in April 2026; warning letter issued in June.

Advisory Notices issued to 8 Petrol Stations for non-renewal of Certification in Q2. 2 of these are now registered. Warning letters will be issued to the remaining Service Stations in July. Prosecutions will follow from warnings if non-compliance continues. Q2 PVE Register updated in June and published to Website.

**Agriculture** -Wexford County Council continues to undertake a significant number of farm inspections under the National Agricultural Inspection Programme. Wexford County Council engages with landowners to undertake the necessary rectifications works through encouragement of improvement of farming infrastructure and farming practices.

Under the National Agricultural Inspection Programme, Wexford County Council's target has remained at 271 GAP Initial inspections for 2026 concentrating in catchments where agriculture has been identified as the main pressure and is not meeting the objectives of the Water Framework Directive. Catchments such as Heathpark\_010, Begerin\_010, Owenduff, Boro\_040, Lady's Island Lake, Aughboy, Mangan, Lask\_010 and Inch\_010 are currently being inspected. A team of 4 Assistant Scientists take on this role led by the Agricultural Scientist in the Environment Section. The team will undertake other agricultural inspections such as sludge use in Agriculture, complaints made by the public, initial and follow up inspections. A total of 231 farm related inspections have been carried out in 2026 to date with 107 of these been initial GAP inspections and 75 follow up inspections which are imperative to the EPA's inspection process.

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

A total of 54 Agricultural related planning permission applications have been assessed to date in 2026. 7 applications were refused on failure to demonstrate compliance with the GAP regulations. 12 applications resulted in further information required to assess under the current regulations.

### Waste/Litter Management

| Year               | Dumping Incidents Reported | %Increase/Decrease | Community Clean Ups | % Increase/Decrease |
|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 2024               | 2389                       | Down 7%            | 1021                | Down 3%             |
| Jan to Dec 2025    | 2441                       | Up 3%              | 981                 | Down 4%             |
| 1 Jan-23 June 2026 | 1054                       |                    |                     |                     |

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 2022 | Jan to Dec 2023 | Jan to Dec 2024 | Jan to Dec 2025 | Jan 30 Jun 2026 |
|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Incidents    | 3896            | 4235            | 4195            | 4419            | 2079            |
| Closed       | 3721            | 4009            | 3942            | 4162            | 1691            |
| Closure Rate | 95%             | 95%             | 94%             | 93%             | 81%             |

### Members Portal

|           | 1 Jan to 30 June 2026 |
|-----------|-----------------------|
| Incidents | 89                    |
| Closed    | 83                    |

### Total Calls logged 1 Jan to 1 July 2026

Comhairle Contae Loch Garman  
Wexford County Council

Total Calls

2091

## Customer Services Environmental Cases

| Issue Type         | January | February | March | April | May | June | July | Total |
|--------------------|---------|----------|-------|-------|-----|------|------|-------|
| Abandoned Vehicle  | 15      | 17       | 18    | 19    | 30  | 24   | 1    | 124   |
| Air Pollution      | 10      | 8        | 10    | 11    | 11  | 7    |      | 57    |
| Beach Bye Laws     |         |          | 1     | 2     | 1   | 1    |      | 5     |
| Bring Banks        | 11      | 1        | 3     | 2     | 6   | 4    |      | 27    |
| Coastal            | 3       | 6        | 5     | 5     | 8   | 3    |      | 30    |
| Community Cleanup  | 72      | 89       | 114   | 117   | 74  | 52   | 4    | 522   |
| Dog complaint      | 3       | 4        | 2     |       | 3   | 3    |      | 15    |
| Fines              | 15      | 8        | 3     | 9     |     | 12   |      | 47    |
| Litter             | 201     | 169      | 193   | 163   | 113 | 114  | 5    | 958   |
| Loose Animals      |         |          | 2     |       | 1   |      |      | 3     |
| Noise Pollution    | 9       | 5        | 4     |       | 7   | 13   |      | 38    |
| Oil Pollution      | 2       |          | 5     | 1     | 1   | 3    |      | 12    |
| Public Convenience |         |          |       |       | 1   | 2    |      | 3     |
| Waste Pollution    | 23      | 19       | 18    | 31    | 20  | 34   | 1    | 146   |
| Water Pollution    | 9       | 8        | 11    | 8     | 19  | 11   |      | 66    |
| Work Request       | 7       | 5        | 3     | 7     | 12  | 3    | 1    | 38    |
| Total              | 380     | 339      | 392   | 375   | 307 | 286  | 12   | 2091  |

## Court Overview

| Month     | Heard | Outcome     | Litter | Waste | Water | Air | Noise | Dogs |
|-----------|-------|-------------|--------|-------|-------|-----|-------|------|
| Jan - May | 6     | Total fines | €1150  | €100  | NA    | NA  | NA    | €0   |
|           |       | Total costs | €1250  | €0    | NA    | NA  | NA    | €0   |

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

|                               | Jan - May 2026                                                           |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Fixed payment Notices issued  | 3 FPN WBPL 3 Waste regulations                                           |
| Litter fines issued           | 46                                                                       |
| Fines paid litter             | 31                                                                       |
| FPN paid                      | 6                                                                        |
| Successful prosecutions       | 6                                                                        |
| Legal proceedings in progress | 34                                                                       |
| Amount collected in fines     | €4670 litter, €1800 dogs, €225 FPN, €1500 waste regs<br>– total €8195.00 |
| Dog fines issued              | 6                                                                        |

### Anti-dumping Initiative 2026:

The anti-dumping initiative is being run again this year. An application for funding was submitted on 15 May 2026 and the funding received was €104,520.00. This will be used for CCTV cameras for waste enforcement purposes, the mattress sofa amnesty and a specific clean up project.

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

| <u>Control of dogs</u>    | 2024 | 2025 | Jan-Jun 2026 |
|---------------------------|------|------|--------------|
| Dogs collected            | 564  | 546  | 217          |
| Dogs reclaimed            | 147  | 149  | 56           |
| Dogs re-homed/transferred | 442  | 386  | 137          |
| Dogs put to sleep         | 31   | 10   | 5            |
| Dog Fines                 | 11   | 12   | 7            |

Recycling Services:

| Bring Bank Network<br>WASTE CATEGORY | No. of Sites May 2026 | Recycling out<br>May 2025 (t) | Recycling out<br>May 2026 (t) |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Glass bottles                        |                       | 318.88                        | 296.5                         |
| Aluminium Cans                       |                       | 5.27                          | 2.57                          |
| Total                                | 108                   | 324.15                        | 299.07                        |

| Household Recycling Centres - Summary of Activities |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                    |                                    |                                     |                                     |                                     |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| WASTE<br>CATEGORY                                   | Enniscorthy                         |                                     | New Ross                            |                                    | Holmestown                         |                                     | Gorey                               |                                     |
|                                                     | Recycling<br>out<br>May 2025<br>(t) | Recycling<br>out<br>May<br>2026 (t) | Recycling<br>out<br>May 2025<br>(t) | Recycling<br>out<br>May<br>2026(t) | Recycling<br>out<br>May<br>2025(t) | Recycling<br>out<br>May<br>2026 (t) | Recycling<br>out<br>May<br>2026 (t) | Recycling<br>out<br>May<br>2026 (t) |
| Total<br>Recycling<br>out                           | 59                                  | 53                                  | 60                                  | 57                                 | 103                                | 80                                  | 49                                  | 46                                  |
| Total<br>Domestic<br>Waste in                       | N/A                                 | N/A                                 | N/A                                 | N/A                                | 103                                | 353                                 | N/A                                 | N/A                                 |
| Daily<br>Average<br>Customers<br>Jan-May            | 2025                                | 2026                                | 2025                                | 2026                               | 2025                               | 2026                                | 2025                                | 2026                                |
|                                                     | 77                                  | 74                                  | 114                                 | 111                                | 148                                | 158                                 | 83                                  | 83                                  |

**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                         | May 2025 | May 2026 |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Total Illegal Dumping/ Clean Ups | 191      | 167      |
| Gorey *                          |          | 29       |
| Enniscorthy *                    |          | 49       |
| Wexford *                        |          | 46       |
| New Ross*                        |          | 21       |
| Rosslare                         |          | 22       |
| Total Bring Site Inspections     | 777      | 842      |

Environment Education and Awareness

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

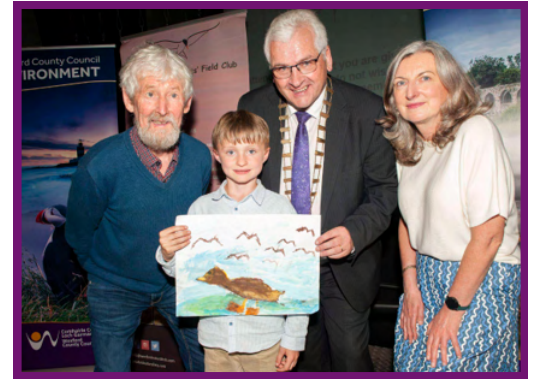
**Green Schools:** 21 schools were awarded their green flag in Kilkenny on 20th May. Court National School, Galbally National School and Kilnamanagh National School were all awarded their first green flag for Litter & Waste. The below schools all renewed their green flag.

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

**Annual Artwork Competition:** Young artists from schools all around County Wexford received their awards for the Wexford County Council Annual Artwork Competition 2026 in the County Hall on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June. The artwork competition is an initiative run by the Environment Section of Wexford County Council in conjunction with Wexford Naturalists' Field Club. Don Conroy judged all entries received. The aim of the competition was to raise awareness of the importance of Wexford's environment and to encourage all to explore its uniqueness as something to be valued and cherished.

The theme of this year's competition was 'Wexford's Wetlands.' An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Joe Sullivan, presented prizes to 43 school children representing both primary and secondary schools.





The overall winner from Primary Schools was Rocco Doyle, Glynn National School and the overall winner from Secondary Schools was Tommy O' Leary, St Peter's College Wexford. The winning artwork was displayed in County Hall. Councillor Joe Sullivan congratulated all involved and praised the groups for all their voluntary work in Keeping Wexford Beautiful.

**Snap Into Action Competition:** The Snap into Action Competition is open to both primary schools and community groups. This competition encourages people from all walks of life to take action against litter. On Thursday 11th June prizes were presented to winners by An Cathaoirleach Councillor Joe Sullivan. Kilmyshall National School received first prize in the Snap Into Action School Competition and received a prize for €500. Riverchapel National School and St Aidan's Primary School, Enniscorthy were presented with runner up award of €250.



Enniscorthy Tidy Towns were the winners in the Snap Into Action Community Group Competition and received a prize of €500. Tomhaggard Clean Coasts Group and South East Region CGI Girl Guides were presented with runner up award of €250.



**Planting Grant:** 147 applications for planting grants were received with 101 voluntary groups receiving a grant of 250 euros. All grants must be redeemed at the applicants chosen retailer by 12<sup>th</sup> September 2026

**Keep Wexford Beautiful:** Details of the competition were circulated and advertised in June.

**Circular Cups for Community Events:** Our first event using Circular Cups was ReLay for Life.

**Local Waste Prevention Grant / Local Circular Economy Grant 2026:** This scheme aims to support communities to take steps on waste prevention, re-use and repair activities in their local areas. 10 projects have been funded with a completion date of 25<sup>th</sup> September.

**Community Supports:** Gorey Agricultural Show received supports with the provision of waste segregation bins and ReTurn bins. Environment Section held a stand at the show with information on Greener cleaning / gardening, Green Dog Walker, septic tanks, and water quality.



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

| Date                    | No. of community Clean Ups |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| 01/06/2026 – 30/06/2026 | 51                         |
| 01/01/2026 - 30/06/2026 | 517                        |

**CLIMATE ACTION**

WCC is behind on our glide path for Thermal and Transport emissions. If HVO is not used for our fleet, in a significant way, Wexford County Council will not meet our CO2 target of 51% reduction by 2030. Currently Wexford County Council is above CO2 emissions from the baseline years of 2016-2018. Over 51% reduction in CO2 emissions is now required by 2030. The pathfinder projects will address the thermal requirements, but the transport element needs to be progressed.

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

## **Pathfinder Retrofit Programme**

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

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

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

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

**C.** Co Hall Lighting and lighting controls retrofit

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

**D.** Enniscorthy Library EV Charger SEEA grant application

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

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

## **COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION PROGRAMME (CCAP)**

Wexford County Council held the official launch of Phase 2 of the CCAP on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June in the Council Chambers, Co. Hall. The event, opened by an Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Joe Sullivan, was attended by the 23 organisations that were successful in securing CCAP funding. These organisations will commence their Climate Action Projects, which include measures such as installation of solar panels, retrofit windows, improve insulation, decommission diesel generators, upgrade lighting to LED, install grey water systems in their buildings, plant native pollinators and other Climate Action initiatives in the coming weeks.

| Organisation                              | CCAP Allocation    |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| May Byrne Community House                 | €6,315.00          |
| Rathgarogue-Cushinstown GAA Club          | €8,550.00          |
| Horeswood GAA Club                        | €9,695.00          |
| Rathnure St. Annes GAA Club               | €9,875.00          |
| Kilrush Camogie Club                      | €11,405.00         |
| Duncannon Seaview FC                      | €12,600.00         |
| Terrera Muintir Na Tire Community Council | €13,330.00         |
| St. Aidan's Community Hall                | €13,450.00         |
| St. Mary's Day Care                       | €16,660.00         |
| St. Mogues GAA                            | €17,650.00         |
| St. Brigids Blackwater GAA Club           | €19,395.00         |
| Killanne Church Select Vestry             | €22,330.00         |
| Castletown Liam Mellows GAA               | €24,500.00         |
| Wexford Harbour Boat & Tennis Club        | €30,000.00         |
| Reachability Bellefield                   | €31,200.00         |
| Curraclloe United                         | €31,480.00         |
| The Rock Community Social Club            | €37,260.00         |
| Monageer / Boolavogue GAA Club            | €48,785.00         |
| Kilrane Rosslare Harbour Community Centre | €65,275.00         |
| Murrintown Community Centre CLG           | €72,105.00         |
| Clongeen Community Development Group      | €76,460.00         |
| HWH Bunclody GAA Club                     | €80,465.00         |
| Enniscorthy Rugby Club                    | €87,281.50         |
| <b>Total CCAP Allocation</b>              | <b>€746,066.50</b> |

## Biodiversity

The draft Local Biodiversity Action Plan public consultation period was open from 1<sup>st</sup> May to 11<sup>th</sup> June. Alongside multiple events held during Climate and Biodiversity Fortnight in May, information events took place in libraries and community centres around the county. Further information was available on the County Council website and the portal was open to submissions and observations.

25 submissions were received which will now be reviewed prior to preparing a Chief Executive report for the final Biodiversity Action Plan to be brought to the full Council meeting for consideration.

## Local Biodiversity Action Fund 2026

Projects currently underway with the assistance of funding under the Local Biodiversity Action Fund through the National Parks and Wildlife Service

**Swift Survey** – Birdwatch Ireland have been engaged to undertake a survey of the Common Swift in Enniscorthy and New Ross. The Common Swift, (*Apus apus*), is a summer migrant breeding throughout Europe, north Africa and central Asia, and wintering in sub-Saharan Africa. In recent decades, Swift numbers have been in decline across much of its range. In Ireland, data from the Countryside Bird Survey (CBS), shows a 69% decline in Swifts between 1998-2023. As a result, Swifts are now red listed as a species of conservation concern in Ireland.



This decline is likely driven by several factors including a loss of nesting habitat, insect declines, and factors associated with climate change. The objective of the Swift survey is to gather data on the number and location of nest sites in Enniscorthy and New Ross. This will involve accurately assessing numbers and locations of nesting sites, determining the number of nest boxes and bricks required to bolster the population, and where best to locate them. A public event is being planned to raise awareness of the survey, due to take place during Heritage Week in August

**Return To Nature** – This is a project which aims to support faith communities to manage their grounds for positive measures for biodiversity. We will shortly be undertaking ecology surveys of 5 Quaker burial grounds in the County, some of which are Recorded Monuments. The Quaker community are keen to manage these sites to support biodiversity, and this ecology survey will help inform that approach. National Monuments will be contacted prior to any works being undertaken.

**Wetland Survey** – The aim of this survey is to continue to identify and survey previously unmapped wetland sites across the county. This year we are focussing on the New Ross Municipal District area. The survey results will be used to identify important sites of conservation value. Results will be shared in-house with other departments and also with the National Biodiversity Data Centre and the Heritage Council who are mapping Locally Important Biodiversity Sites (LIBS).

**Invasive species control** – Together with Coillte and the local Tintern Trails Committee, the Biodiversity officer is working to control invasive cherry laurel which is dominating part of the woodland at Tintern, shading out native woodland plants and stopping natural regeneration. Treatment involves targeted cuts to the base of each shrub and direct application of glyphosate. Upon die back the standing deadwood will be removed and shredded. This project will continue over a number of years to ensure any regrowth is identified and targeted. Later in the year we hope to run a public awareness raising event to highlight the problems associated with Cherry Laurel. This will be held in conjunction with the Gaelic Woodland Project.

**Hare's Corner** – This is an initiative by Burren Beo to help landowners make more space for nature through creation of habitats such as Mini-Woodlands, Heritage Orchards, Wildlife Ponds, Wildlife Hedges and through provision of bespoke 'Plans for Nature'. Back in November 2025 we applied for Wexford to be part of the Hare's Corner initiative in partnership with Burren Beo and to the NPWS for Local Biodiversity Action fund to cover the costs of delivering the project. Advisors are now on the ground providing landowners with help in creating ponds, establishing hedgerows, woodland and heritage orchards. Plans for nature are being drawn up to give best advice to landowners on how to manage existing sites for biodiversity.

## Community and Culture

### Cruinniú na nÓg

Cruinniú na nÓg is a flagship initiative of the Creative Ireland Programme's Creative Youth Plan to enable the creative potential of children and young people. Cruinniú na nÓg is delivered in partnership with the 31 Local Authorities and supported by RTE. All branches of Wexford Library Service held events for Cruinniú na nÓg on June 6th. Activities were wide ranging including art, crafts, drama, singing, and an upcycling workshop.



*Josephine Whitmore at the upcycling workshop in Wexford Library*

### Evening of Celebration

Wexford Library hosted an evening in late June which celebrated the legacy of Liam Gaul, local historian, musician and author. The event honoured his lasting contributions to Wexford Libraries. Liam's personal music and book collection were presented to Wexford Library Service by the Gaul Family which was accepted by County Librarian Eileen Morrissey.

### Otherworlds Sci-Fi Festival

Wexford Library hosted two discussions at the end of June:

**'For the Love of Horror'** presented by Jamie T Murphy

Jamie T Murphy took a deep dive into horror movies, scary genres and spooky tales.

### The Advent of Dystopia with Steve Huenneke

Steve Huenneke examined the Titanic's fateful race through ice-laden waters as more than historical tragedy, unpacking its deeper, almost metaphysical significance as a symbol of unchecked confidence in progress and the illusion of invincibility.

## Integration

### Intercultural Celebration Day

In conjunction with the Local Authority Integration Team, staff from Wexford Library 'set-up camp' in Redmond Park to provide storytimes, craft tables, events and library eResources information. They also offered the facility to sign up for library membership for visitors to the park on the day.

## **Refugee Day Celebrations**

In conjunction with the LAIT (Integration Team), residents of Slaney Manor IPAS centre were invited to Wexford Library on June 20th. Craft workstations, themed storytime, book and graphic novel displays, a 3D printer demo for teens & adults and a sensory corner for children ran throughout the day.

## **Learning and Information**

### **Skills for Life**

#### **Smart Summer Spending Financial Literacy**

As part of the Four Sides of a Coin programme, staff from the local MABS office held a lunchtime talk in Wexford Library. The speakers gave practical budgeting tips and revealed the best FREE family events happening in Wexford and how to keep the family entertained during the Summer months without the financial stress. This event formed part of the Financial Literacy strand of the Skills for Life national programme. Skills for Life is a nationwide initiative delivered through Ireland's public library network, offering free workshops, talks, and resources designed to help adults build practical, real-world skills for everyday life.

#### **ComMUniversity**

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

#### **Tusla Fostering Information Stand**

As part of National Fostering Awareness Month, Tusla Fostering, Ireland's national fostering agency and experts in foster care, hosted a drop-in information session in Bunclody Library to provide information for anyone who may be interested in learning more about fostering and explore how they can support a child in need.

#### **WWETB Apprenticeship Pop Up Information Stand**

Services to Business, WWETB provided a Pop-Up Information Stand in several Wexford Libraries branches for information on apprenticeships and funded courses available for part-time and full-time employees under the Skills to Advance Initiative.

#### **Age-Friendly AI workshop**

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is becoming a big part of everyday life - from how we access information to how services are being delivered in areas like healthcare and banking. This workshop, held in Wexford Library offered an introduction to AI, to better understand what AI is, where it can be found in daily life and what to look out for when using it.

## CFSN Services Day

The first Child and Family Support Network Services Day was held in Gorey Library in association with Gorey Kilmuckridge Municipal District, highlighting the services available to support local families as they enter the summer holiday period.

There were many local services in attendance, including Gorey Youth Needs Group, Tusla,, HSE, An Garda Siochana, Courtown Local Training Initiative, WWETB (Wexford Waterford Education and Training Board), Wexford Local Development, Ukrainian Community Group and Sports Active.



*Councillor Donal Kenny at the Child and Family Support Network Services Day in Gorey Library*

## Wexford Science Café

A Life in Biomedical Research: from Wexford to Australia

This month's talk, held in Wexford Library, was with Professor Frances Shannon of the University of Canberra. Born in Wexford and educated at Presentation Secondary School, Professor Frances Shannon has an extensive record of leadership and senior management experience within higher education and medical research institutes, principally in Australia. After studies in biochemistry and zoology at University College Dublin (PhD, 1981), she made significant contributions to understanding gene regulation and epigenetics in the immune system.

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

## Reading and Literacy: Right to Read at Your Library

### Summer Stars Reading Adventure 2026

Summer Stars Reading Adventure is a free national reading programme, open to all children, which takes place in all public libraries every Summer. It will run in Wexford Libraries branches from June 2<sup>nd</sup> until the end of August 2026. Children are invited to join the library, if not already a member, and enjoy the fun and pleasure of reading throughout the Summer. They will receive incentives along the way including a Summer Stars Reading Adventure activity book, reading card, stickers and a range of other prizes. There will also be free library events throughout the Summer and a chance to enter competitions along the way. Wexford Libraries staff were busy throughout June promoting Summer Stars by visiting schools and Early Learning Centre's and welcoming school groups into library branches. To date **1,259** children have signed up to the Summer Stars Reading Adventure throughout the County.



*Staff member Shane Gibbons from Bunclody Library in Our Lady of Lourdes National School Bunclody*

### My Little Library Book Bag

The My Little Library Book Bag initiative has returned to libraries across the country.

The free bag is available to all children starting school in 2026 to help support the transition to primary school and is available in both English and Irish versions. Each bag is filled with brand new picture books and resources to promote literacy and library membership and can be collected from all Wexford Libraries branches and both Mobile Libraries.

The My Little Library Book Bag initiative is part of the national Right to Read programme to promote literacy and reading development for everyone and is a collaboration between Libraries, the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht, the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth as part of the First 5 Strategy.

To date **371** children have collected their My Little Library Book Bag in the County.

### Author Visit

Bestselling Irish children's author Eoin McLaughlin known for his heartwarming and humorous picture books, including "The Hug" and "While We Can't Hug", visited New Ross Library during the month to read from his latest book, which is set in New Ross.

## Pop-Up Library

Staff of New Ross Library hosted a pop-up library in Pearse Park, New Ross at a Family Fun Day this month where members of the public could drop by and get information on joining the library, the Summer Stars Reading Adventure and the Little Library Book Bag initiative.



*Library staff members Thomas and Caroline at the Pop-Up Library event in Pearse Park, New Ross*

## Environment and Climate Action

### Local Biodiversity Action Plan Public Consultation

Wexford Library held an information drop-in evening with the Wexford County Council Climate Action Team during June.

### Plant Swap

Staff member Angela from Wexford Library invited members of the public to bring a little green into their life. The plant swap was the perfect chance to share cuttings, seedlings, or full plants with fellow plant lovers in the community.

### Nature Explorers Workshop

This month's workshop in Gorey Library saw children use lavender stems to create a wand that will keep the scent in their home for weeks, using only biodegradable and sustainably grown flowers with reusable ribbon.

## Heritage & Local History

### 'The man who sold Ireland' - the legacy of Dermot MacMurrough'

This talk, in association with the Wexford Normandy Cultural Association, took place in Wexford Library during the month which was well attended. As we build up to the 'Year of the Normans' celebrations speaker Luke Bradly took a look at this national historical figure who resided in Co. Wexford.

### 1926 Census

Genealogist Bernadette Walsh delivered talks in Bunclody and Gorey Libraries on the recently released 1926 Census - a snapshot in Irish history 100 years ago. Bernie highlighted what has changed since the 1911 censuses and explained the new information now available to researchers and family historians, with a tour of how to use the database.

### Duncannon Fort Under Siege

Tour guide and historian Derek Handley held a talk in New Ross Library during June which recalled the history around Duncannon Fort.

Wexford Library received 22 local studies queries and 21 genealogy queries in June.

## Commemorations



*David McCullagh in Wexford Library as part of the 2026 Commemorations Programme*

### **“The Kennedy Letters” by Flor McCarthy on Tuesday 16 June in New Ross Library**

Flor McCarthy, author of *The Presidents' Letters*, revealed correspondence and photos surrounding the visits to Ireland of President John F Kennedy, Jacqueline Kennedy and their children John and Caroline. JFK described his 1963 trip to Ireland as the "highlight" of his European tour and the "three happiest days" of his life. Just five months later, he was assassinated in Dallas. This talk also included detail from the 33 letters written by Jacqueline Kennedy to Irish priest Fr. Joseph Leonard between 1950 and 1964, revealing her personal thoughts on her marriage, her life in the White House and her "raw grief" following the assassination. Flor McCarthy is a journalist and author. Her bestselling book, *The Presidents' Letters*, was shortlisted for Best Irish-Published Book 2021.

### **“Reaching for the stars - de Valera and America” by David McCullagh on Thursday 25 June in Wexford Town Library**

America was central to the life and the career of former Taoiseach and President Éamon de Valera. It wasn't just the land of his birth. Throughout his life, the United States was incredibly important, giving him political support to help defeat his rivals and financial support to fight elections and establish *The Irish Press*. David discussed this affiliation. Dr. David McCullagh, the presenter of the *Today* show on RTÉ Radio, has a PhD in politics from University College Dublin. He is the author of multiple books on Irish history, including 2025's *From Crown to Harp: How the Anglo-Irish treaty was undone 1920-1949*.

### **America250 at New Ross**

An event to commemorate “America 250” was held in the town of New Ross in June. This was organised by John F Kennedy Trust with funding from the Commemoration 2026 grant. The Kennedy Homestead hosted talks on the connections between New Ross and the United States. Katherine Kennedy Townsend was the guest speaker, along with Eamonn Hore, Director of Services and Brian Kennedy (author of “*From Whence I Came*”). The event also included The Kennedy Footsteps walking tours of the town by Myles Courtney, a film screening, a classic car show, free music at the Dunbrody Emigrant Flame Plaza and an evening concert in St. Michael's Theatre.

## **ARCHIVES**

### **Collections management**

In addition to 42 research enquiries via email, telephone and post, a total of 12 researchers visited the Archive during June. Topics included research through the first minute book of New Ross Commercial Club (1885-86); research through registers of motor registrations for Co. Wexford (1936-39); family history research through maps and rentals of the Boyse estate, Bannow (1881-85); research through minute books of Wexford Harbour Commissioners for the tenure of a commissioner, Peter Synnott (1843-78); research through extant records of Wexford County Council's Civil Defence section (1950s-80s); family history research through the Marquess of Ely estate papers (1879-90); family history research through the Rosbottom archive for Sinnott ancestors (1860-1900).

### **Outreach**

Several key documents, visuals and artefacts from the Archive's 1916 collection were given on loan to Enniscorthy Castle in early June for an upcoming 1916 exhibition which opens at the end of the month. Items included a large framed Enniscorthy 1<sup>st</sup> battalion flag, an Irish Volunteer tunic worn by Comdt. Pat Keegan, key documents related to the eventual surrender of the insurgents, and several items featuring local Cumann na mBan members. The exhibition will remain open to the public until November.

An event was held in the Tholsel, New Ross on 17th June to mark the official acceptance by An Cathaoirleach of New Ross Municipal District, Cllr. John Dwyer of a sculpture on behalf of the Archive. The bronze sculpture depicting the New Ross town seal (featuring the stag and hound) was crafted by former businessman and talented artist, Seamus Furlong and had been on display in the town's AIB bank for many years. Manager of the bank, Pat Breen presented the sculpture to An Cathaoirleach on behalf of the Archive. This historic piece, which will form part of the overall Archive collection, has now been placed on long-term display in the Tholsel chamber.

## **ARTS**

### **Westgate Music Rehearsal Space Residency Open Call**

Wexford Arts Office is offering a 3 – 6 month residency at the Westgate music rehearsal space for Wexford based musicians . As part of this residency the selected musician will be given one free night to perform at the Wexford Arts Centre. The successful bands were Wexford based 'Wizard Fruit' and 'TEAS'.

### **Culture Night Open Call 2026**

Wexford Arts Office held the annual Culture Night funding open call and received 45 applications for different events from artists, heritage and cultural groups, venues and societies based in County Wexford. Culture Night is an annual all-island public event that celebrates culture, creativity and the arts, all activities are made available to the public free of charge. Culture Night/ Oíche Chultúir 2026 will take place on Friday 18th September, all around the country from 4pm.

### **Living Arts Project Open Call**

Wexford Arts Office in partnership with Wexford Arts Centre and The Arts Council / An Chomhairle Ealaíon announced four successful schools and eight artists that will participate in the Living Arts Project commencing in September/October 2026. The aim of the Living Arts Project is to provide children with an understanding and appreciation of contemporary visual art.

1. Clongeen National School (Foulkmills) with artists Caoimhe Dunn and Sadhbh Lynam
2. Kilmore National School with artists Aoife Banville and Roisin O'Brien
3. Riverchapel National School with artists Helen Flanagan and Sarah Lou Keenan
4. St Iberuis National School with artists Kate Murphy and Clodagh Dempsey.

## **Small Arts/ Failte Ireland Festivals Scheme 2026**

### **Rosslare Harbour Festival, Failte Ireland Festival**

The Rosslare Harbour Maritime Festival took place in June and was a vibrant event that celebrated the maritime heritage of Rosslare Harbour. It featured a mix of heritage, music, and arts, showcasing the connections with French and Welsh ports. The festival was free to attend and offered activities for all ages. Funded by Failte Ireland Small Festivals Scheme.

### **Tomhaggard Clean Coasts Festival - Dune Time with artist Jeni Roddy**

Beach Waste Workshop Series from the Artist in the Community award had items they had made with Artist Jeni Roddy on display in the Stella Maris Centre in Kilmore Quay on Sunday 21st June at 2.30pm as part of the Coastal Connections Festival.

### **Jazz at Johnstown Small Arts Festival - June**

This annual festival funded through the Arts Office Small Arts Festival fund, it is the biggest outdoor jazz festival in the Southeast. The programme featured over 35 of the best jazz musicians living in Ireland. Our headliner evening acts this year were the Kevin Lawlor Quartet (The Magic of Coltrane) and the Sharon Clancy Quintet (The Summer of Love).

### **Build School, Gorey – Small Arts Festival**

This festival took place on the 6th and 7th June and was funded by Arts office Small Arts Festival fund 2026. The festival included a lime workshop with Traditional Lime Company founder Edward Byrne, a talk and presentation with artist and writer Adrian Duncan, Wild Clay Workshop with ceramic artist E Williams and a talk and presentation with designer and researcher Colm O'Neill.

## **Artists in the Community Scheme**

### **ACCESS 2000 Artist in the Community Reading**

A special reading from the 'Imagine That' project took place on 18<sup>th</sup> June with writer Margaret Galvin at the ACCESS 2000 centre. This project was funded through the artist in the community scheme 2026.



*Participants in the ACCESS 2000 Artist in the Community project with writer Margaret Galvin and Nicola Giltrap from the Arts Office*

## Youth Film Summer Workshops

Facilitated by filmmaker Therese Dalton and based in St. Michael's Theatre, the County Wexford Youth Film Project offers young people (ages 13-20) hands-on training in filmmaking.

Wexford Youth Film offered free workshops for young people aged 13- 18 years from 22nd - 25th June at St Michael's Theatre, New Ross.

## Screen Wexford

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

## Crew Networking Event

took place on Friday 12th June at the Presentation Arts Centre, Enniscorthy. This networking event was open to everyone and offered an opportunity to meet and catch up with others working across film, TV, and the wider screen sector.

## New Voices 2026

**Caoineadh** is one of the recipients of the New Voices Short Film Fund 2026, a Screen Wexford initiative developed in partnership with Wexford Arts Office. The crew from this awarded film spent early June at the filming stage. This film will be shown at the end of 2026 at the New Voices showcase.



*The crew from Caoineadh during filming*

## **Creative Places Enniscorthy (CPE)**

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

## **Evaluation Workshop**

Creative Places Enniscorthy held a public feedback session on 19th June at the Presentation Arts Centre to reflect on the programme so far, and for the public and local artists to feed into the strategic plan for CPE going forward.

## **Are You Coming Out to Play**

A day for residents on Pairc na gCon took place in June led by and conceived by the young people resident in the estate, that the artists have been engaging with over the last 6 months, 50 people attended. This project was partnered with Sláinte Care Healthy Communities, Wexford Local Development and Cluid. It was Facilitated by artists Jeni Roddy and Lynn Haughton, Brendan Carthy, Anita Petry and Becci Whelan.

## **Music Generation (MG)**

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



## **Bunclody Music Hub Concert**

Bunclody Music Hub held their end of year concert at the Bunclody Community College on June 6th. This was an opportunity for the young people to perform in front of family and friends.

## **Music Generation Public Consultation**

Music Generation held a public meeting to plan the future of Music Generation Wexford on Monday 15th June at Whites Hotel. There were presentations from the young people and families who have been involved with Music Generation to reflect on the achievements of the programme.

*The Bunclody Music Hub Concert in Bunclody Community College*

## **Creative Ireland**

### **Cruinniú na nÓg 2026**

Cruinniú na nÓg, Ireland's National Day of Creativity for children and young people, was celebrated across County Wexford on 6th June with a wide programme of free creative events and workshops. Events included arts, music, storytelling, theatre, film, craft and many other hands-on activities for children and teenagers.

Alongside activities delivered through all libraries, the programme was strengthened through collaboration with community partners and Family Resource Centres, including ARC Family Resource Centre in Clonroche, Taghmon Family Resource Centre and Gorey Family Resource Centre. Additional workshops and events also took place in the Hatch Lab in Gorey, Enniscorthy Castle and the 1798 Centre, providing creative opportunities for young people across the county. The day was further enhanced by Wexford Arts Centre's Creative Youth Lab evening event, contributing to a vibrant countywide celebration of youth creativity.

### **Community Placemaking and Heritage Project in Killanne**

The Community Placemaking and Heritage Project in Killanne commenced on 6<sup>th</sup> June, bringing together artists Mick O'Dea and Liz Rackard with local residents to begin development of the "Great Book of Killanne." Two workshops were held on the day, supported by a calligrapher, where participants of all ages and abilities contributed ideas. The project continued with a live portrait painting session by Mick O'Dea featuring well-known local figure Gloria Binnions, which attracted strong community participation. Further activities will continue throughout the year as part of the ongoing placemaking and heritage initiative for the village.

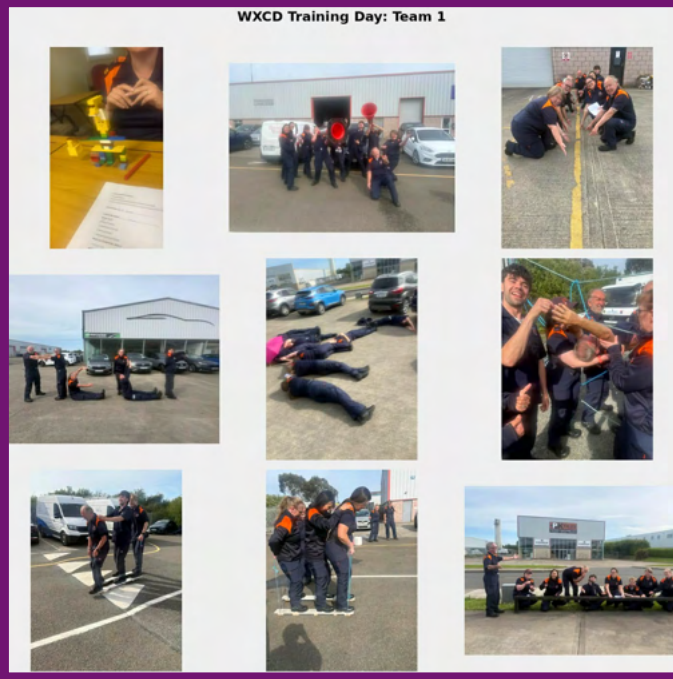


*The Community Placemaking and Heritage Project in Killanne*

### **Sound/Audio project at Carnsore Wind Farm**

A sound and audio art project at Carnsore Wind Farm began on 3rd June, led by artist Conor Duggan under the Creative Communities programme. The initial phase included a site visit and walk-through with the District Manager from Rosslare Municipal District, the Creative Communities Engagement Officer and local community representatives. This engagement provided an opportunity to explore the site, gather community insights, and shape the early direction of the project. Further engagement and development work will continue as the project progresses.

# WEXFORD CIVIL DEFENCE



## County Training & Team Building Day



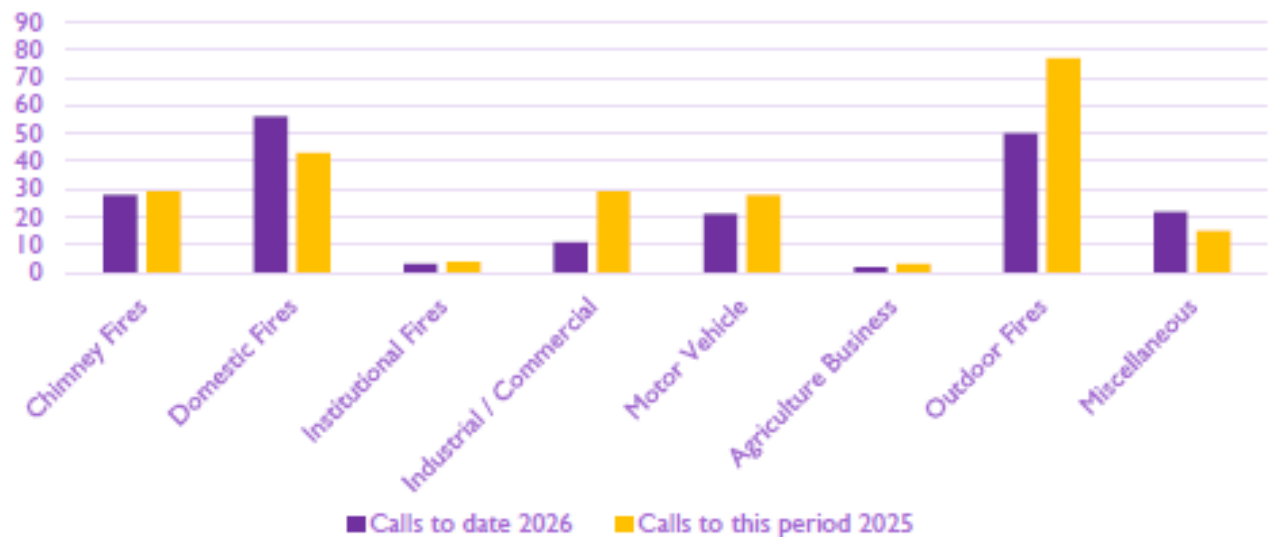
## Long Service Medals

Gabrielle Willis; 50-yrs service.  
Aoife Caulfield; 30-yrs service.

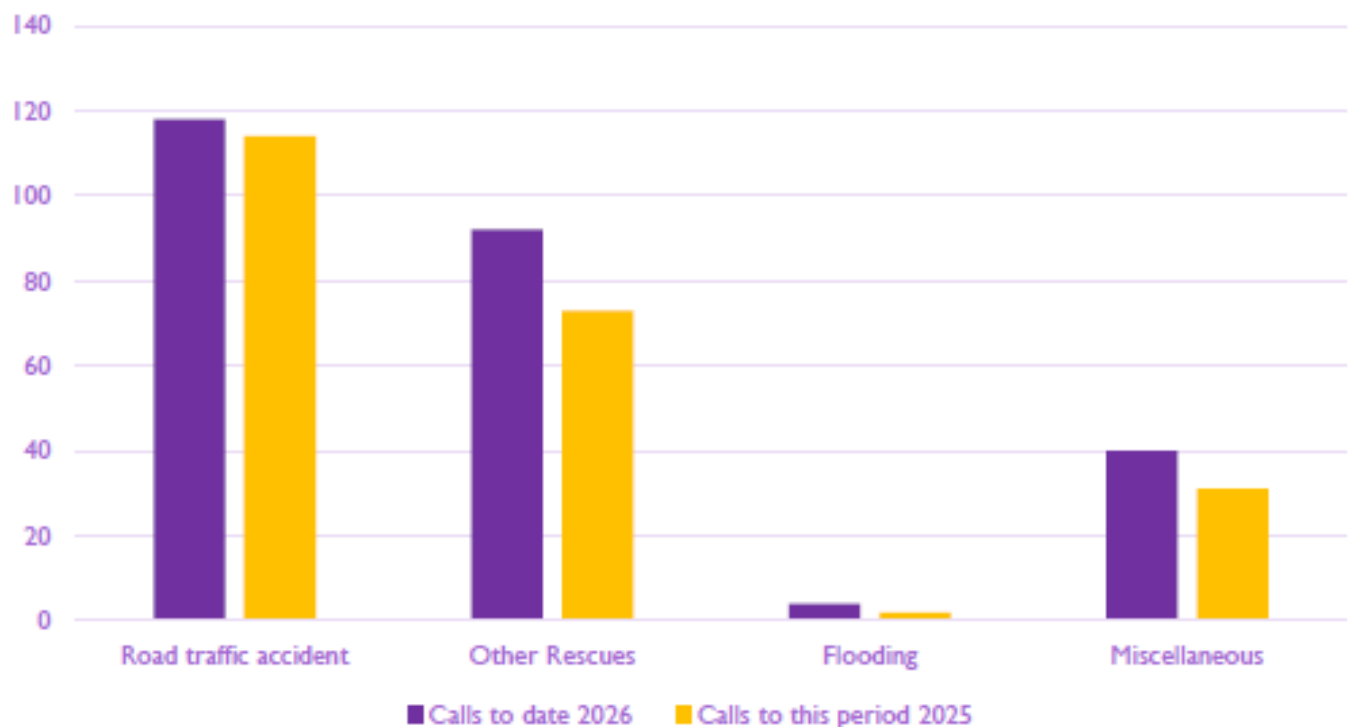
Medals were presented in Mckee Barracks

# WEXFORD FIRE SERVICES JUNE 2026

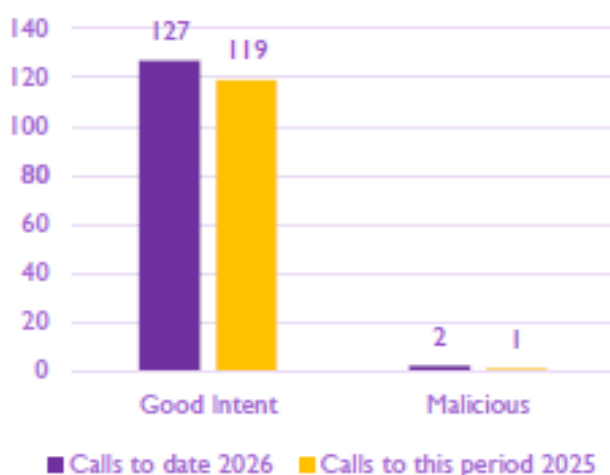
## Call Statistics - Wexford Fire Service



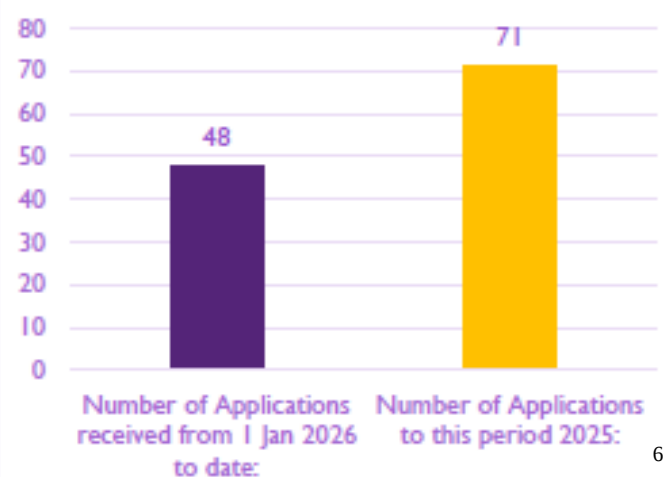
## Special Services - Wexford Fire Service



## False Alarms



## Fire Safety Certificates



# CORPORATE SERVICES

## CUSTOMER SERVICE UNIT STATISTICS – JUNE 2026

| Task                     | June 2026 |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| Phone Calls              | 3201      |
| Emails received and sent | 3139      |

## TOP 5 CSU PHONE QUERIES

|                           |                      |                   |                            |                    |
|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| (23%) Housing Maintenance | (11%) Housing Grants | (10%) Environment | (7%) Area Housing Officers | (4%) Housing Rents |
|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|

## FOI OFFICE REQUESTS JUNE 2026

| Type                                     | Number |
|------------------------------------------|--------|
| Freedom of Information                   | 20     |
| Customer Complaint                       | 38     |
| Ombudsman Complaint                      | 1      |
| Access to Information on the Environment | 2      |
| Data Access Request                      | 2      |
| Total                                    | 63     |

# FINANCE

## Audit of Accounts 2025

In accordance with the Local Government (Financial and Audit Procedures) Regulations 2014, it is expected that the Local Government Auditor will formally commence the Audit of Wexford County Council Accounts for 2025 shortly.

## Audit Committee

The next meeting of the Audit Committee is due to take place on Wednesday 16 September.

## Cash Flow/Overdraft

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

## Notable Incidents in Wexford County Council

Microsoft have confirmed the existence of “RoguePlanet”, a zero-day vulnerability in their Defender security tool which would give attackers full privileges on a system. Zero-days have no existing security fix, meaning they can be exploited even if a user keeps their systems up to date. Microsoft are working on a fix, and this will be rolled out to all staff devices once received.

- **591.9k emails in total** (*WexfordCoCo tenant*)
- **484.6k stopped from malicious IPs**
- **332 stopped with malicious links/attachments**
- **9,361 emails in total** (*Cllr tenant*)



## In the News

Anthropic, one of the leading global AI companies, has called on other major AI companies to have a ‘coordinated pause’ on AI development in order to allow time for stronger guardrails to be designed and implemented. This call comes in a report published by Anthropic, revealing that AI systems are requiring less and less human input for development and will soon reach “recursive self improvement”.

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## COMMUNICATIONS

### TOP 3 POSTS FOR JUNE 2026

137k+ Views



## Elections

**55k+**  
**Views**



## New Bye-Laws

**35k+**  
**Views**



## Na Fíanna Boxing Club



Intercultural Day 2026 was a wonderful celebration of diversity, community and inclusion. A sincere thank you to everyone who participated, performed, volunteered and supported the event.

**Eddie Taaffe**  
**Chief Executive**