



# DECEMBER

## **CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT**

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# DECEMBER PHOTO GALLERY



The Wexford delegation also had an opportunity to tour the Bayeux Tapestry Museum and Bayeux Cathedral.



Turning on the lights in Enniscorthy



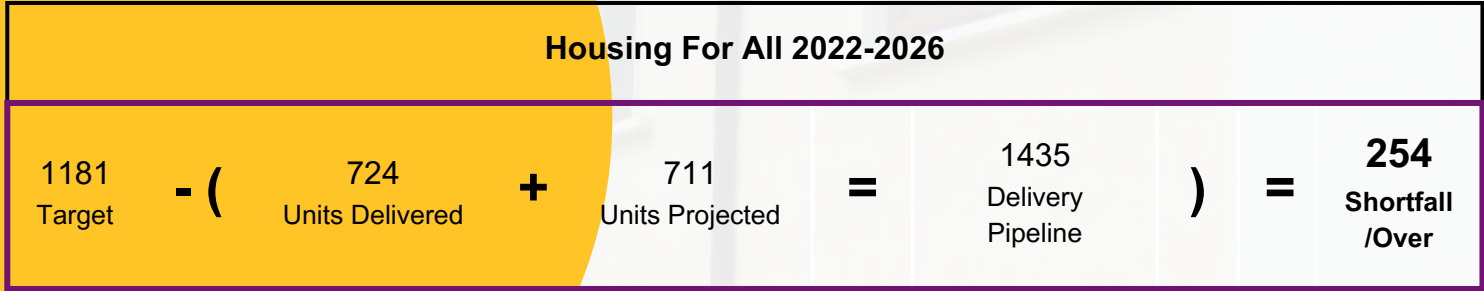
Annual Awards Presentation November 16th:

- Presentation of Long Service medals
- Presentation of training Certificates
- Presentation of Fleadh Executive Committee Fleadh participation certificates to those unable to attend the presentation event
- Volunteers and family day- demo of equipment etc

# 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.



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 tables below 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 most recent Expression of Interest closed on the 28th November 2024. All calls are seeking targeted delivery of smaller unit types (1 & 2 beds) in areas of need identified in the Housing Delivery Action Plan (HDAP). In addition, the process also seeks proposals for purchase of land in areas of need. All proposals received by Wexford County Council under the turnkey process are assessed by an Internal Assessment Committee.

### Gorey/Kilmuckridge Municipal District

| Project Address (TURNKEY)                  | Unit Type                        | Est. Delivery  | Total |
|--|----------------------------------|--|-------|
| Tobar Muire, Creagh Demesne, Gorey         | 7 x 2-bed<br>22 x 3-bed          | Q1 2025  | 29    |
| Gleann an Ghairdin, Gorey                  | 20 x 2-bed apt<br>20 x 3-bed apt | Phased from Q3 2024<br>8 X 2 bed & 8 X 3 bed Delivered | 40    |
| Mangan, Hollyfort, Gorey                   | 2 x 3-Bed                        | Q1 2025  | 2     |
| Churchview, Ballynaglogh, Blackwater (Ph2) | 14 x 2-bed                       | Delivered Q4 2024                                      | 14    |
| Spring View, Gorey Hill, Gorey             | 6 x 3-bed apt<br>6 x 2-bed apt   | Q3 2025  | 12    |
| Grattan Court, Gorey                       | 10 x 3-bed<br>4 x 2-bed apt      | Q2 2025  | 14    |
|  |                                  | Total Turnkey Units                                    | 111   |



## Gorey/Kilmuckridge MD - cont'd

| Project Address (Part V)                   | Unit Type  | Est. Delivery  | Total     |
|--|--|--|-----------|
| Gleann an Ghairdin Phases 3 & 4            | 2 x 3-bed<br>2 x 2-bed<br>4 x 2-bed apt<br>4 x 3-bed apt | Phased from Q3 2024 – Q1 2025<br>4 X 2 bed & 4 X 3 bed &<br>2 x 3 bed<br>Delivered | 12        |
| Tobar Muire, Creagh Demesne, Gorey         | 2 x 2-bed  | Q1 2025  | 2         |
| Spring View, Gorey Hill, Gorey             | 4 x 3-bed apt<br>4 x 2-bed apt                           | Q3 2025  | 8         |
| Deerpark (Ballowen or Ramsfort Park) Gorey | 3 x 3-bed<br>1 x 2-bed                                   | 2 delivered<br>Q3 2024<br>Phased basis from Q4                                     | 4         |
| Grattan Court Gorey                        | 2 x 2 bed  | Q2 2025  | 2         |
|  |  | <b>Total Part V</b>  | <b>28</b> |

| Project Address (AHB)                | Unit Type  | Est. Delivery           | Total      |
|--------------------------------------|--|-------------------------|------------|
| Ballytegan Rd, Gorey                 | 3 x 1-bed<br>26 x 2-bed<br>52 x 3-bed<br>5 x 4-bed | Q2 2026                 | 86         |
| Ramstown, Gorey - Phase 3            | 21 x 2-bed<br>9 x 3 bed                            | 30 Delivered<br>Q4 2024 | 30         |
| Riverchapel Road, Gorey              | 6 x 1-bed apt                                      | Q1 2025                 | 6          |
| The Close, Newbury, Clonattin, Gorey | 2 x 1 bed apt<br>4 x 2 bed apt<br>17 x 3 bed       | Q1 2025                 | 23         |
|                                      |  | <b>Total ABH</b>        | <b>145</b> |
| <b>Overall Total</b>                 |  |                         | <b>284</b> |

Rosslare Municipal District

| Project Address                      | Unit Type               | Est. Delivery      | Total |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-------|
| Carrig-on-Bannow (TURNKEY)           | 5 x 1 bed<br>5 x 2 bed  | Q3 2025<br>Q1 2026 | 10    |
| Carrig-on-Bannow (PART V)            | 2 x 3 bed               | Q2 2025            | 2     |
| Forth View, Murrintown (Phase 1) AHB | 9 x 2-bed<br>14 x 3-bed | Delivered Q4 2024  | 23    |
| Forth View, Murrintown (Phase 2) AHB | 7 x 2-bed<br>10 x 3-bed | Q4 2024            | 17    |
| Overall Total                        |                         |                    | 52    |

Enniscorthy Municipal District

| Project Address (TURNKEY)               | Unit Type                           | Est. Delivery   | Total |
|---|-------------------------------------|---|-------|
| An Glasan, Greenville Lane, Enniscorthy | 8 x 1-bed                           | Delivered   | 8     |
| Castlelands, Ferns, Enniscorthy         | 6 x 2-bed<br>14 x 3-bed             | Delivered Q4 2024   | 20    |
| Holly-Way, Clonhasten, Enniscorthy      | 5 x 2-bed                           | Q1 2025   | 5     |
| Cnoc na Greine, Enniscorthy             | 3 x 2-bed<br>9 x 3-bed<br>2 x 4-bed | Q2 2025   | 14    |
| Forgelands, Old Forge Rd, Enniscorthy   | 11 x 3 bed<br>1 x 4 bed             | 2 X 3 bed and 1 X 4 bed delivered<br>Q4 2024. Remaining units to deliver on a phased basis from Q4 2024 | 12    |
|   |                                     | Total Turnkey   | 59    |

## Enniscorthy Municipal District cond't

| Project Address (PART V)                | Unit Type                                    | Est. Delivery                           | Total |
|---|--|---|-------|
| Forgelands, Old Forge Rd, Enniscorthy   | 6 x 2-bed                                    | 2 delivered Q3 2024<br>4 due by Q2 2025 | 6     |
| An Glasan, Greenville Lane, Enniscorthy | 8 x 1-bed apt                                | Delivered                               | 8     |
| Holly-Way, Clonhasten, Enniscorthy      | 5 x 3-bed                                    | Q1 2025                                 | 5     |
| Milehouse, Phase 1, Enniscorthy (AHB)   | 3 x 2 bed apt<br>7 x 2 bed hse<br>27 x 3 bed | Phased from Q1 2025                     | 37    |
| Overall Total                           |  |   | 115   |

## New Ross Municipal District

| Project Address                         | Unit Type   | Est. Delivery                 | Total |
|---|---|-------------------------------|-------|
| Ard an Bhile, New Ross (TURNKEY)        | 8 x 2 bed<br>8 x 3 bed<br>12 x 2 bed apt<br>4 x 1 bed apt | Q1 2025                       | 32    |
| Hewittlands, New Ross (LAGS site) (AHB) | 10 x 1-bed<br>16 x 2-bed<br>22 x 3-bed                    | Q1 2026                       | 48    |
| Ard an Bhile, New Ross (PART V)         | 4 x 2 bed<br>4 x 1 bed apt                                | Phased from Q3 2024 – Q1 2025 | 8     |
| Overall Total                           |   |                               | 88    |

## Borough District of Wexford

| Project Address   | Unit Type  | Est. Delivery                 | Total |
|---|--|-------------------------------|-------|
| Ard na hAbhainn, Newtown Rd<br>(PART V)                       | 2 x 3-bed  | Q4 2024                       | 2     |
| Ard Uisce, Wexford (PART V)                                   | 10 x 2-bed   | Phased from Q3 2024 – Q4 2025 | 10    |
| Beechfield, Clonard (AHB)                                     | 25 x 1-bed<br>23 x 2-bed<br>1 x 3-bed<br>1 x 4-bed | Q3 2025                       | 50    |
| Pairc na Greine, Coolcotts (Ph2.2 of<br>Pairc na Daire) (AHB) | 22 x 3-bed<br>2 x 4 -bed                           | Delivered Q4 2024             | 24    |
| Whiterock Hill, Wexford (AHB)                                 | 6 x 2 bed<br>34 x 3 bed                            | Q2 2025                       | 40    |
| Overall Total   |  |                               | 126   |

### Pairc na Greine, Coolcotts





Support has been offered to AHB's for other proposals amounting to **455** units across all districts. These proposals are subject to Planning and Departmental approval.

| District    | No of Units |
|-------------|-------------|
| Enniscorthy | 38          |
| Gorey       | 187         |
| Wexford     | 70          |

| District     | No of Units |
|--------------|-------------|
| New Ross     | 81          |
| Rosslare     | 79          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>455</b>  |

## Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme

Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme 2024 is the fourth 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 set by the Department for Wexford to date.

| Department Targets for County Wexford |                   |                       |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Year                                  | No. of Properties | Delivered             |
| 2021                                  | 54                | 0                     |
| 2022                                  | 68                | 37                    |
| 2023                                  | 51                | 146                   |
| 2024                                  | 116               | 150 (Estimate)        |
| <b>Total</b>                          | <b>289</b>        | <b>333 (Estimate)</b> |

Housing Maintenance Section completed energy upgrades to 146 properties in 2023. Completing the balance of our 2021 to 2023 targets in 2023. The value of the grant funded works for 2023 was €3.99 million.

The 2024 allocation has been received from the department with an approval given for a target of 116 units: 126 of which have been completed.

Wexford County

# Development Plan

2022 - 2028

## AFFORDABLE HOUSING

### Affordable Housing Information Event – November 27th, Gorey Civic Offices

There was standing room only for patrons who attended a public information event in Gorey Civic Square in relation to the pilot affordable housing scheme currently under development in Ramsfort Park, Gorey Co. Wexford.



Cathaoirleach of WCC, Cllr. Pip Breen joined the Chairman of the Gorey/Kilmuckridge district, Cllr. Oliver Walsh, Senator Malcolm Byrne with elected members from the district, to launch the information event.

A total of 20 affordable housing units are to be delivered in the Radharc Na Beannóige scheme, which is the first housing scheme to include affordable housing in County Wexford under the Government's 'Housing for All' policy. The development which is being constructed by Mythen Construction in partnership with Wexford County Council, will provide new homes for sale via Wexford County Council's 'local authority affordable purchase' scheme.

Speaking at the event, Cathaoirleach of Wexford Council, stated, 'It's great to see so many of you joining us here this evening, Wexford County Council is actively working on developing an affordable housing programme for county Wexford and we hope tonight's event helps you in your housing journey'.

The housing information event was an opportunity for applicants to learn about the affordable housing scheme, the application process and for interested applicants to speak to staff members from approved mortgage teams who were available on the day.

The scheme is due to be advertised for applications early in the new year, with the delivery of the units scheduled for 2025. For further information, please contact [affordablehousing@wexfordcoco.ie](mailto:affordablehousing@wexfordcoco.ie)



## CHOICE BASED LETTING

133 properties were advertised on the Choice Based Letting website from 01/01/2024 to 26/11/24. As multiple properties were available in some cases, a total of 293 properties were available for allocation.

| Municipal District | Properties Available for Allocation | No. of Properties Advertised |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Enniscorthy        | 75                                  | 34                           |
| Gorey/Kilmuckridge | 88                                  | 28                           |
| New Ross           | 18                                  | 18                           |
| Rosslare           | 57                                  | 24                           |
| Wexford            | 55                                  | 29                           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>       | <b>293</b>                          | <b>133</b>                   |

## HOUSING ALLOCATIONS

From the 1st January to 29th November, 2024 Wexford County Council allocated 279 properties. A further 122 nominations were made to Approved Housing Bodies.

| Area               | Re-Lets<br>(Incl. Bays) | Transfers | New Lets   | AHBs       | MTR      | Total      |
|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|----------|------------|
| Gorey/Kilmuckridge | 14                      | 3         | 38         | 35         | 1        | 91         |
| New Ross           | 25                      | 0         | 8          | 3          | 0        | 36         |
| Enniscorthy        | 19                      | 6         | 55         | 12         | 0        | 92         |
| Wexford            | 26                      | 10        | 43         | 32         | 1        | 112        |
| Rosslare           | 17                      | 0         | 12         | 40         | 1        | 70         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>       | <b>101</b>              | <b>19</b> | <b>156</b> | <b>122</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>401</b> |



## RESIDENTS AWARDS DAY

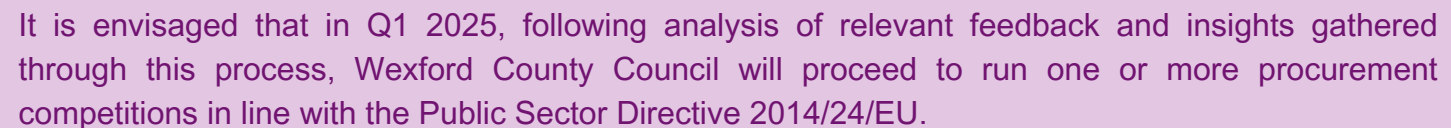
On Wednesday 30th October 2024 the Housing Section hosted the Local Authority Residents Awards Day. This day was the culmination of the Local Authority Estates Competition and the Local Authority Children's Art Competition which ran during Summer 2024.

There were 75 attendees in total (59 adults and 26 children) as well as housing staff and Elected Members. Adults attended talks presented on Climate Action, Energy Saving, Fire Safety in the Home and Healthy Age Friendly Homes Programme while the children attended an interactive clowning event 'Juanita the Cleaner' facilitated by Circus250. Information stands were provided by Environment, Library Service, Fire Service and many more. The event finished with presentation of awards by the Cathaoirleach of each district.



## Trinity Wharf

The project went live on e-tenders and in the Irish Times commercial property section to coincide with the launch by Wexford County Council of an Expression of Interest / Preliminary Market Consultation process (in line with Article 40 of the 2014/24/EU Directive) seeking engagement and feedback from investors and developers to unlock the delivery of this flagship project.



## WATERFORD/WEXFORD ESTUARY

Wexford, Waterford, Kilkenny and Tipperary Local Authorities together with Fáilte Ireland have formed a working group to identify and harness the opportunities for economic development and resources of Waterford Estuary.

The key objective is to develop a 10-year strategy to guide the future sustainable and economic development of the Estuary in an integrated manner. The strategy will focus on delivering maximum social and economic benefits to the communities of the Estuary, while safeguarding the valuable landscape, heritage and environmental interests. Currently the regional group are working with SETU on a scoping document.

## TOURISM

### Wexford County Council Delegation Visit to Caen, Normandie, France

The first European Summit of the “Norman People of Europe” took place on the 30th and 31st October 2024 to discuss the Millenium of William the Conqueror. This is the first step in establishing a regional approach to commemorative events starting in 2027. From an Irish perspective, a working group has now been established led by Michael MacDonagh, Chief Archaeologist, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage to progress plans commencing in 2027.

On the invitation of the President of the Normandy Region, the Wexford delegation attending included Councillor John Fleming, the Deputy Chief Executive, the New Ross District Manager, and County Tourism Development Officer. Other representatives from Ireland consisted of Deputy Irish Ambassador to France, Archaeologist at National Monuments Service in DHLGH, Head of National Monuments at OPW, Head of Collections at Irish Museum of Modern Art, CEO of National Library of Ireland, Director of Collections at National Museum of Ireland, Programme Manager at Royal Irish Academy, Professor of Medieval History at Trinity College Dublin together with representatives from Longford and Dublin City Councils and members of the Wexford Normandy Cultural Association.

**The European Forum was held at the historic Abbaye aux Dames in Caen and included representatives from France, Southern Italy and Sicily, Scandinavia, United Kingdom and the Channel Islands.**



The Official opening plenary session included speeches from the President of Normandy, Herve Morin, Senator and Chair of the Normandy Regions Culture, Tourism and Heritage Commission, Catherine Morin-Desailly, Head of the World Heritage Mission & Director General at the French Ministry of Culture, Bruno Favel.



## TOURISM cont'd

Following the official opening of the Forum some “Breakout Sessions” began to work on ideas and themes that were presented by the facilitation team. These “Breakout Sessions” also took place on day two of the Forum. The facilitation team presented the findings from the workshops over the two days and at the Official Closing Plenary Session, slides of the work were shown to delegates. Closing speeches followed, along with a press conference



Presentations on behalf of WCC were made to the President of Normandie, Herve Morin, and Senator and Chair of the Normandie Regions Culture, Tourism and Heritage Commission, Catherine Morin-Desailly



# LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE

## 10 YEARS OF LEO

In 2014, the Local Government Act empowered Local Authorities to take on an enhanced role in economic development and following the dissolution of County & City Enterprise Boards, 31 Local Enterprise Offices were established around the country. On Monday, December 9th, Wexford County Council will host a festive celebration for entrepreneurs and business owners, partners, stakeholders and the broader Wexford community to mark a decade of the Local Enterprise Office supporting Wexford businesses.

Clients of the LEO will showcase their food and craft offerings in a festive market which will also feature products developed by secondary students participating in the Student Enterprise programme.



Since its inception, the LEO has emerged as a vital partner for entrepreneurs and established businesses alike through providing a comprehensive range of services, including business advice, training, mentoring, and financial support.

## LEO WEXFORD 10 YEAR PERFORMANCE

LEO Wexford client companies performed exceptionally well with regard to the number of jobs created over the past 10 years, created a total of 2895 gross jobs in the county since 2014, the nett number of jobs created is 1,392.

The average number of jobs created by LEO Wexford every year since 2014 is 290 per year gross (139 per year nett), the 2nd highest number of new jobs across the National LEO Network in 2023.

## LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE cont'd

Key sectors driving employment numbers in Wexford LEO supported businesses (as a % of net jobs) include Food 70%, Engineering 12%, Manufacturing 8%, Life Science/MedTech 4% and Green 2%. 2023 was the fourth year running that LEO Wexford has been in the top 3 for job creation in the country. The employment survey for 2024 has been completed and results will be published in January 2025. The number of grant aided clients in the LEO portfolio has grown by 38% to 234 in the past 10 years and number of Jobs in LEO grant aided clients has grown by 83% since 2014 to 1,954

### LEO Wexford Employment Data 2014 – 2023

| Year | No. of LEO Clients | Jobs in LEO Grant aided Clients | Gross Jobs Created | Nett Jobs Created |
|------|--------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 2014 | 170                | 1070                            | 267                | 210               |
| 2015 | 185                | 1167                            | 326                | 132               |
| 2016 | 187                | 1192                            | 197                | 103               |
| 2017 | 213                | 1348                            | 238                | 143               |
| 2018 | 227                | 1308                            | 302                | 33                |
| 2019 | 221                | 1,438                           | 200                | 106               |
| 2020 | 241                | 1,474                           | 331                | 23                |
| 2021 | 231                | 1,630                           | 465                | 288               |
| 2022 | 234                | 1,773                           | 330                | 177               |
| 2023 | 234                | 1,954                           | 329                | 177               |

2020 was impacted by the Covid pandemic when the LEO as part of the Economic Unit played a key role in administering covid business supports.





# LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE cont'd

**K330 Financial Grant packages with a total value of €6,577,283 were approved in 10 years (2014-2024)**

Operational efficiency, digitalisation and sustainability of SMEs are key priorities in the White Paper on Enterprise 2022 and reiterated in LEO Policy Statement 2024-2030. As part of the Service Level Agreement with Enterprise Ireland, LEO Wexford are tasked with delivering consultant led support services under the Lean for Business, Green for Business and Digital for Business programmes. The Local Enterprise Office is currently undertaking a tendering process (via E-tenders) to establish a framework of consultants to deliver these programmes from 2025-2029.

These programmes are available to both new and existing businesses and are designed to match small business owners/ managers with experienced, insightful business consultants that can provide them with practical and strategic advice and guidance in relation to specific challenges their business needs to overcome. The consultant will contribute independent, informed observation and advice to aid decision making.

Consultancy will be provided free of charge to local businesses and grant aid is available to assist businesses to implement recommendations under the Energy Efficiency Scheme and the Grow Digital Voucher.

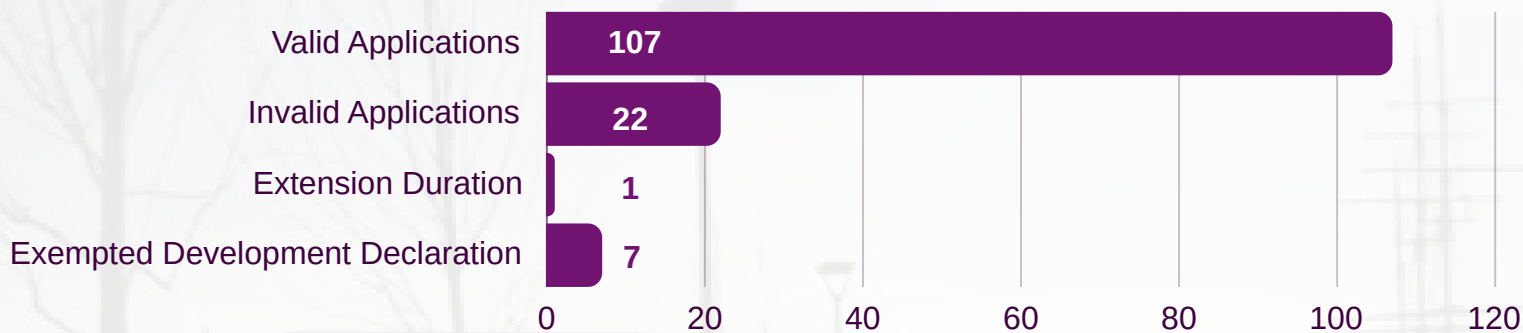
## Training and Mentoring Supports

An important function of the Local Enterprise Office is to foster a culture of entrepreneurship in the county and to provide training and mentoring programmes to help entrepreneurs to take the necessary steps to either start their own business or to upskill and build capacity. Since 2014, the Student Enterprise Programme has been successfully delivered to over 12,540 Student attending 19 schools across the county, providing them with hands on experience in setting up and running a business. Over the decade, the LEO has delivered over 1000 training programme to 13,553 individual participants. The LEO has helped entrepreneurs at the outset of their business journey with 1258 participating in Start Your Own Business courses, in addition to supporting over 1600 established business owner /managers to develop the skills to grow and scale their business through participation on the LEOs flagship Management Development Programme.

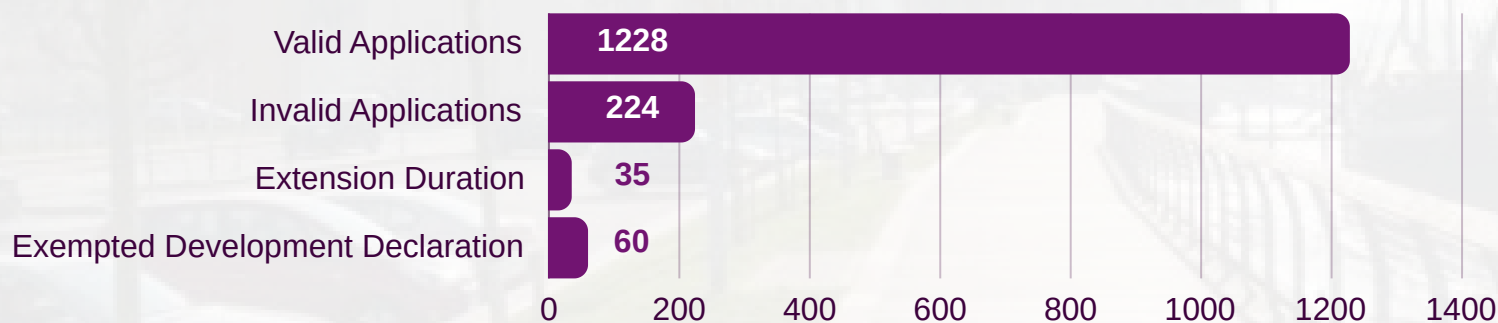
Almost 2,000 individual mentoring session have been delivered to Wexford based businesses to assist them to deal with challenges and opportunities since 2014.

|                               | No of Programmes | Participants |
|-------------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Training Courses (Total)      | 1001             | 13,553       |
| Start Your Own Business       | 77               | 1,258        |
| Management Development        | 83               | 1,611        |
| Individual Mentoring sessions |                  | 1,958        |
| Student Enterprise Programmes | 10               | 12,540       |

## Planning applications received from 28th October 2024 to 24th November 2024



## Planning Applications received year to date - 1st January to 24th November 2024



Total number of applications: **1452**

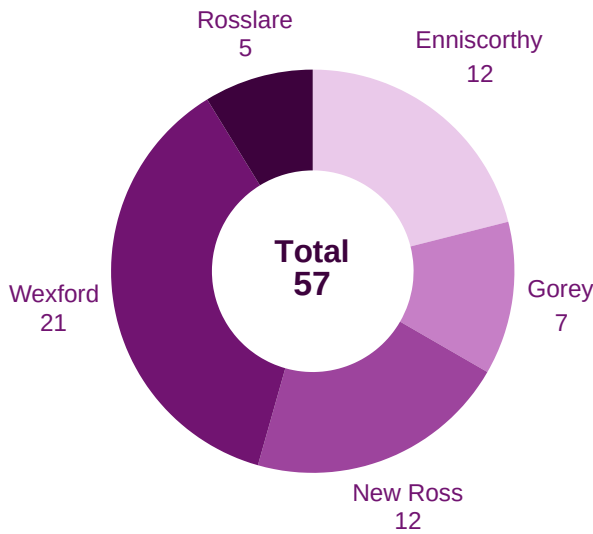
## Pre-Planning - applications year to date up to the 22nd of November 2024

| Pre-planning by District | Applications Received | Applications Closed | Open Pre-planning Applications |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| Enniscorthy MD           | 58                    | 49                  | 6                              |
| Gorey/Kilmuckridge MD    | 70                    | 74                  | 11                             |
| New Ross MD              | 63                    | 65                  | 4                              |
| Rosslare MD              | 67                    | 64                  | 6                              |
| Wexford BD               | 75                    | 46                  | 12                             |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>333</b>            | <b>298</b>          | <b>39</b>                      |

Average days to pre-planning meeting is **53**

## Major Pre-Planning

Year to date up to 30th November 2024 - Number of meetings held by district:



Total No. of Housing Units

**2054**

Commercial Development  
(approx. sqm)

**142,535**

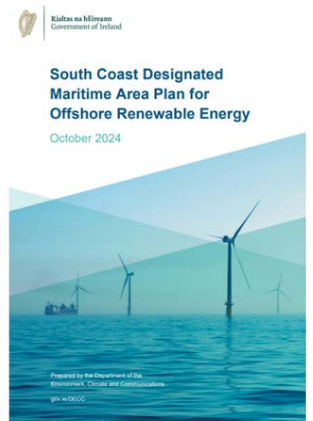
## Forward Planning

### South Coast-Designated Maritime Area Plan

The South Coast-Designated Maritime Area Plan was made by the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications on 24 October 2024. It is Ireland's first forward spatial plan for offshore renewable energy (ORE). Wexford County Council made a comprehensive submission to the plan which contributed to the finalised version of the plan.

The plan identifies four Maritime Areas within which proposed future ORE projects may be located. It provides a suite of supportive policies including policies for the development of ports and associated infrastructure and the protection of fisheries and the environment and the support of local communities.

The adoption of this first plan for ORE in the South-East offers great opportunities for the development of Rosslare Europort and Kilmore Quay and for associated development and services elsewhere in the County.



## County Development Plan Monitoring



The Annual Core Strategy Monitoring Report was completed and provides details on new dwelling completions and planning permissions granted for residential and commercial development during Year 2 of the Plan, as well as the aggregate figures for Year 1 and Year 2 to show the progress towards achieving the Core Strategy allocations.

During the first two years of the plan a total of 2,202 new dwellings were completed (34.2% of the Core Strategy allocation for the six-year plan period) and 2,336 dwellings were granted planning permission (36.3% towards the Core Strategy allocation for the six-year plan period).



Forward Planning cont'd

County Development Plan Monitoring

An additional 70,177sq.m. of commercial floorspace (office, industrial, retail, warehousing/logistics and hospitality) was granted planning permission since the adoption of the plan. Work is ongoing on the Chief Executive's Report on the achievement of the objectives of the Plan. The Plan contains over 1,200 objectives covering the Council's key programmes, activities and projects, and monitoring ensures that these objectives are being met as set out.

Wexford Town Local Area Plan

Work on the Wexford Town Local Area Plan continues. The LAP team are progressing the development of the overall spatial planning framework for the town. A key component of the framework is the Urban Design Strategy, and the consultants Loci are progressing well with this urban design work. With regard to the Town Centre First Regeneration Strategy, another workshop was held with the Town Team on the 29th October 2024. This workshop focused on identifying the strengths, challenges, opportunities and threats relating to the town centre. Loci are reviewing the workshop outputs which will be used to inform the development of the strategy. The consultants working on the Rainwater Management Plan and the Green Blue Infrastructure strategy are currently reviewing and incorporating the feedback from the LAP team

Planning CSO Returns - 2024 Permissions granted for New Dwellings as of 31st October 2024

| Housing Developments (total no. units) | Apartments incl. self contained dwelling units (total no. units) | One off Houses | LACs Local Authority Development | Total no. permissions granted 27th October 2024 |
|--|--|----------------|----------------------------------|---|
| 238                                    | 99   | 198            | 94                               | 629   |

Building Control - From 28th October to 24th November 2024

|                                      |                                    |   |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| Validated Commencement Notices<br>31 | Building Control Inspections<br>18 | Validated Cert. of Compliance on Completion<br>22 |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|

Planning Enforcement - Year to date up to 24th November 2024

|                   |                           |                           |
|-------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Live Cases<br>414 | Cases Opened (YTD)<br>262 | Cases Closed (YTD)<br>208 |
|-------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|

Short-Term Letting - Year to date up to 24th November 2024 - Gorey Rent Pressure Zone

Live Cases

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Cases Opened (YTD)

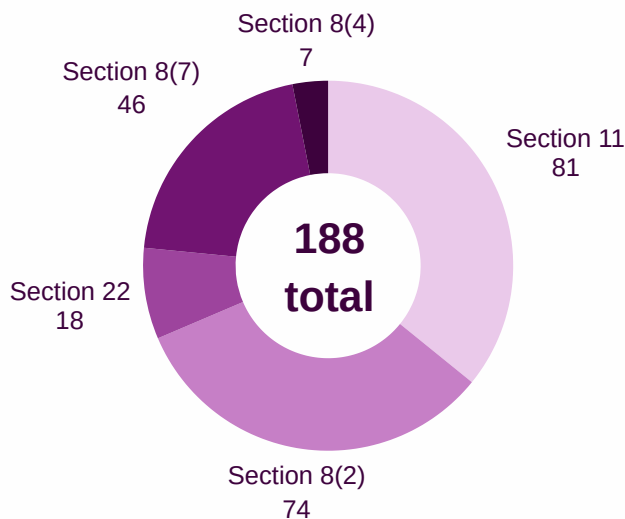
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Cases Closed (YTD)

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Derelict Sites, Dangerous Structures and URDF

Derelict Site Notices issued under the Derelict Sites Act 1990.  
Year to date up to 24th November 2024:



124  
sites on the Derelict  
Site Register

297  
site inspection/visits  
carried out

87  
new files opened

42  
files closed

Year to date figures

14 Church Street, Gorey

Example of remedial works carried out  
following issue of Derelict Site Notices



URDF - Urban Regeneration Development Fund Call 3

173 sites approved on the acquisition programme as of  
the 24th November 2024

- 40 Awaiting initial engagement with property owner
- 35 Engagement with Property Owner Commenced
- 1 Process to Purchase Commenced by Agreement
- 9 Process to Purchase Commenced by CPO
- 1 Property Acquired by LA
- 3 Enabling works underway by LA
- 5 Advertised for sale - property owned by LA
- 46 Brought back into use by Original Owner (closed case)
- 28 Property no longer vacant/derelict following review (closed case)
- 5 Being Dealt with Under Different Programme

Dangerous Structures

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

Section 3.1

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Section 3.2

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Year to date up to the 24th  
November 2024

### Access - Disability Access Certificates (DACs):

**103** valid DAC applications for the year to date up to 24th November 2024

| Applications for Districts | Total for Districts | Awaiting Assessment | Further Information | Granted   | Refused  |
|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------|----------|
| Enniscorthy                | 18                  | 0                   | 1                   | 17        | 0        |
| Gorey                      | 17                  | 0                   | 2                   | 14        | 1        |
| New Ross                   | 12                  | 1                   | 2                   | 9         | 0        |
| Wexford                    | 44                  | 5                   | 10                  | 28        | 1        |
| Rosslare                   | 12                  | 0                   | 4                   | 8         | 0        |
| <b>2024 Totals</b>         | <b>103</b>          | <b>6</b>            | <b>19</b>           | <b>76</b> | <b>2</b> |

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

Referrals:

**152**

LAC/PLAC/LRD & General  
Planning Applications

**10**

Major Pre-Planning

### Access Items

The National Age Friendly Recognition & Achievement Awards were held on 7th November 2024, with the Access Section shortlisted for an award for the “Making Wexford Beaches Accessible” initiative, which included the rollout of the new beach strollers which are now available at many of our beaches.





### Agents Day

An Information Day for Planning Agents took place in the Riverside Park Hotel on Wednesday 27th November. The event was organised by the Planning Department in Wexford County Council to update Agents on Planning Policy and key regulations



The morning event was certified by Engineers Ireland for Continuing Professional Development (CPD).

A total of 80 Agents attended the morning session which was well received and culminated in a Questions and Answers session.

Speakers including:

- Liz Hore - Director of Services - Welcome
- Diarmuid Houston – Senior Planner - Planning Policy
- Bryan Beale – Executive Engineer, Building Control Regulations
- Craig Innes – Senior Executive Engineer, Building Control Regulations
- Darren Buchanan - Senior Assistant Chief Fire Officer - Fire Regulations
- Mick McCormack – Town Regeneration Officer - Vacant Homes and Town Centre First

# REGENERATION UNIT

## Town Centre First

Town Centre First Teams are active in seven towns in County Wexford with each town at different stages of the journey.

**Measure 1** - Taghmon, Bunclody and Castlebridge were successful in receiving €10,000 per town and teams have been established.

The teams have already met twice and are working with the Regen Unit and Dr Yvonne Byrne in creating a Health check with the remaining funding to be used for capacity building.

**Measure 2** - Courtown/Riverchapel was successful in its application for €30,000. Wexford County Council provided match funding and the process has formally commenced with the appointment of LOCI consultants to assist in the delivery of this Plan.

**Measure 3** - Feachtas Ealaian - T/A St Michaels Theatre & Kilmore Scope were successful Project Developments which received €49,500 each. Work has already commenced with these groups to develop the projects.

Enniscorthy and New Ross are already established and work will continue to promote Town Centre First values and principles with all teams

| Croi Conaithe Applications Wexford County Council as at 30.11.24 |               |
|--|---------------|
| Applications Received  | 373           |
| Inspections Required (First)                                     | 8             |
| Inspections Required (Final)                                     | 16            |
| Applications Info Requested                                      | 136           |
| Applications Approved  | 225           |
| Awaiting Approval  | 0             |
| Applications Rejected  | 3             |
| Application on Hold  | 2             |
| Withdrawn By Applicant   | 7             |
| <b>Funding Issued</b>  | <b>51</b>     |
| Total Funding Paid to Date                                       | €2,979,496.93 |

## WATER SERVICES

| Multi Annual Rural Water Programme  |   |
|---|---|
| Measure 2 - Public Health Compliance  | <b>Kilanerin GWS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nitrate removal and monitor included in MARWP submissions.</li> <li>Awaiting announcement from Department on approved projects under the MARWP 2024-2026.</li> </ul>  |
| Measure 3 – Enhancement of Existing Schemes including Water Conservation          | <b>Blackstairs GWS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>CaimTank</b> – Contractor mobilised on site and has carried out majority of works on site. Contractor must return to commission, address snagging and corrections – project ongoing.</li> <li>Reservoir Bypass -Drawdown complete for stage 1 payment Recouped from Dept.</li> <li>Majority of funding expected to be claimed and recouped by years end.</li> </ul>  |
| Measure 5 – Transition of Existing Group Water Schemes and Group Sewerage Schemes | <b>Bing GSS – Community Wastewater Connection (CWwC)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Departmental agreement to progress the scheme to tender stage.</li> <li>Returned tender price from contractors for main contract works shall be subject to final Departmental assessment and approval.</li> <li>Publication to etenders expected Friday 25th October.</li> </ul>  |
| MARWP 2024-2026   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submission made to Dept. by closing date 12th April</li> <li>Submissions made across a range of measures totaling €3.26 million.</li> <li>All submitted projects have progressed to Phase 2 assessment</li> <li>Awaiting announcement from the Department</li> </ul>   |
| Measure 8 – Individual wells (private or household wells)                         | <b>Individual Well Grants - September 2024</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A total of <b>22</b> new well grant applications were registered to date in October 2024</li> <li><b>18</b> Well Grants have been paid in this period, totaling €37,476.06</li> <li><b>57</b> inspections to date carried out to date in November 2024.</li> <li>Workflow prototype meeting held in May, due to constraints in IT programme won't be resumed until a later date.</li> </ul> |



## WATER SERVICES cont'd

| Multi Annual Rural Water Programme   |   |
|--|---|
| <b>Measure A8 – Wastewater Collection &amp; Treatment Needs for Villages &amp; Settlements without access to Public Wastewater Service</b> | <b>New Advance Phase of MARWP 2022-2024</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minister announced Ramsgrange is one of the successful projects under the €50 million Rural Water scheme.</li> <li>Detailed programme for the delivery of project was submitted to Dept. on 10th May 24.</li> <li>Meeting held with Dept. 28th June to discuss next steps for advancing project.</li> <li>Project now with Uisce Eireann to progress to next stage.</li> <li>Workshop -5 held with UE on 3rd October.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Lead Remediation Grant</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9 applications received to date on revised grant, 6 paid, 3 approved.</li> </ul>   |

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

# ROADS & TRANSPORTATION

## MAJOR NATIONAL ROADS PROJECTS

### N11/N25 Oilgate to Rosslare Harbour

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

Real Estate Consultancy Service tenders have received TII's approval and the appointment of the preferred tenderer is progressing.

Project design is advancing, with additional tasks addressing Service Area requirements and Active Travel provisions.

Consultations with Iarnród Éireann regarding the railway protection structure at the River Slaney Bridge crossing are ongoing.

Consultation with directly affected landowners regarding the scheme commenced during the reporting period. The PLO will discuss the current work-in-progress alignment design with the landowners.

Preparation of Environmental, Planning, Design and other reports are ongoing.

The progress report submitted to the European Climate, Infrastructure, and Environment Executive Agency (CINEA) has been approved. A change to the project scope is currently being prepared and is scheduled for submission to CINEA by the end of January 2025.

### N25 Rosslare Europort Access Road

The Project is in Phase 5 – Enabling and Procurement.

Coordination with OPW/Irish Rail in relation to the OPW/Irish Rail temporary works and N25 Rosslare Europort Access Road is ongoing.

Technical Advisors are progressing through the Phase 5 (Enablement & Procurement) deliverables.

Archaeological Services (Stage 1 – 4) tender documents are completed and publication of the Tender is pending.

Technical Certificates for the three structures within the scheme have been approved by TII.

The Irish Rail Technical and Safety Approvals Process is ongoing for the proposed railway overbridge within the scheme. A Hazard Workshop for the proposed railway overbridge is scheduled for early December.

# NATIONAL ROAD PAVEMENT SCHEMES

## SAFETY SCHEMES

**N25 Tagoat** - Tenders have been invited from consultants for the design phase. This is being assessed and approval to award a contract for design works will be forwarded to TII in December.

**N80 Clohamon** - A traffic video survey at the junction will be carried out within the next 2 weeks.

**N30 Leeches Bend – West of Clonroche** - The Feasibility and Options report has been approved by TII. The preliminary design report and tender documents are being finalised by Tramore House Regional Design Office. We expect to invite tenders before the end of the year subject to approval of the preliminary design report by TII.

**N25 Larkins Cross** - The draft Feasibility and Options report is being reviewed by Wexford County Council in preparation for submission to TII for approval, to form the basis for scheme funding. The preliminary design report will then be prepared to inform a consent application.

## 2024 PAVEMENT SCHEMES

HD28 N25 Blackhorse to Ballykelly Pavement Scheme – (Estimated Total Scheme Cost is €1,000,000). This scheme was completed in November.

## 2025 PAVEMENT SCHEMES

N25 Ballygillane to Ashfield Cross Roundabout Phase 2 Pavement Scheme - TII approved the award of the contract in October.

A Letter of Intent was issued to the contractor on the 21st. October.

Works will commence in Q1 2025 following budget allocations.





# ROADS & TRANSPORTATION cont'd

## REGIONAL AND LOCAL ROADS

Wexford's allocation for 2024 is €23,437,550. This allocation includes €2,000,000 for Severe Weather damage.

An additional €1,097,000 was awarded by the DoT on 31st May specifically for restoration improvements throughout the county.

| Road Works Programme   | Municipal District | Status Update   |
|--|--------------------|---|
| Restoration Improvement  | Enniscorthy        | All Complete  |
|  | Gorey/Kilmuckridge | All Complete  |
|  | Wexford            | All Complete  |
|  | New Ross           | All Complete  |
|  | Rosslare           | All Complete  |
| Restoration Maintenance  | All Districts      | Completed   |
| Bridge Rehabilitation<br>A grant of €603,000 was received to repair 14 bridges | New Ross           | Dunbrody Bridge complete<br>Abbey Bridge Phase 2 complete                                   |
|  | Rosslare           | Ambrosetown complete<br>Waddingtown complete  |
|  | Gorey              | Annagh complete<br>Ahare complete<br>Oulartleigh complete<br>Peppardcastle moved to 2025    |
|  | Enniscorthy        | Still Pond complete<br>Boormount complete<br>Templescoby moved 2025<br>Ballycadden complete |
|  | Wexford            | Old Boley complete<br>Castlesow complete<br>Knocknahone commenced to be completed in 2025   |

| Road Works Programme cont'd  | Municipal District | Status Update   |
|--|--------------------|---|
| <b>Climate Adaptation &amp; Resilience Works</b><br>A grant of €687,200 was received to complete 20 projects | Enniscorthy        | Tomafarney complete<br>Farmley complete<br>Raheenahoon complete<br>Hollyfort road complete  |
|  | Gorey              | Island Middle complete<br>Scarnagh complete<br>Kilmichael complete<br>Fort Road complete  |
|  | New Ross           | Springpark complete<br>Duncannon Line complete<br>Tottenham Green complete<br>Campile complete<br>Camross/Old Town complete<br>Courtnacuddy moved to 2025 |
|  | Rosslare           | Bridgetown complete<br>Rosslare Strand complete<br>Ballygrangans complete   |
|  | Wexford            | Growtown Taghmon complete<br>Horse River Wexford complete<br>Castlebridge deferred to 2025<br>Newtown Wexford complete                                    |

### Community Involvement Schemes

A grant of €502,650 was received to complete 8 road sections this year. All roads complete

### Severe Weather - Flood Damaged Bridges

Temporary Bailey Bridges are in place at Chapel and Cullenstown Little in the New Ross District. The contractor is appointed and scheduled to commence replacement of both temporary structures with permanent bridges. Commencement of the reinstatements is planned for January, starting with Chapel, Adamstown.

### Specific Improvement Grants

A grant of €1,005,000 was received for the Owenduff river embankment stabilisation (R733 Wellingtonbridge) and to complete payments for the works on the Deeps Bridge. Works are substantially complete on the Deeps bridge, with resurfacing due for April 2025. Owenduff works will be completed in Q4 24.

Grange Beach Works coastal protection works are progressing well. The works sustained some damage during Storm Bert and will be addressed as part of the works contract. The reopening will be at the end of January 2025.

**Local Improvement Schemes** - All lanes under the 2024 Scheme are completed.

## ACTIVE TRAVEL UPDATE

**Newtown Road – Phase 1** - The contract is substantially complete with final account determination being finalised by the NTA.

**Newtown Road Phases Two and Three (Part of the Pathfinder Project)** - Detailed design for Phases 2 & 3 is nearing completion and will be tendered in early 2025.

**Beechlawn/Clonard Cycle Scheme (Part of the Pathfinder Project)** - to progress to Part 8 in 2025.

### **Roxborough Cycle Scheme (Part of the Pathfinder Project)**

The Scheme is at the final stages of Phase 3 design and will proceed to the Part 8 process in Q4 2024.

**Oaklands to Kents Cross Cycle Scheme (New Ross)** - will progress to Part 8 process in Q1 2025.

**Hospital Junction** - intention to proceed to Part 8 this year. Letter of comfort received from HSE in order to allow us to proceed to Part 8.

### **Safe Routes to School Launches**

Works at Ramsgrange Community School commenced on site on 4th Nov.



*Photos: Ramsgrange Work in progress on 28th Nov*

Crossabeg has a budget of €55,382. Gorey has a budget of €78,901. Both schemes will commence on Monday 2nd December. Works should be completed end of January 2025.

SRTS: The following list is provisional for 2025.

1. **Ballaghkeene NS** – Ballymurray, The Ballagh, (Gorey- Kilmuckridge District). Meeting on site between SRTS stakeholders and Principal to undertake a preliminary audit of front of school and possible design solution for school.
2. **Kiltealy NS** – R702, Kiltealy, (Enniscorthy District).
3. **Enniscorthy Vocational College** – Milehouse Rd, Bellefield, Enniscorthy, SRTS travel survey to be complete by the School and further background information and baselines to be established for the site to commence a suitable design and scheme.



**Wexford Town Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA)** - The expected completion date for the report is Q1 2025.

**Enniscorthy Town Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA)** - The Options development report (Part 2b of 6 steps) is being reviewed by WCC.

**Old Dublin Road, Enniscorthy** - A scheme feasibility report in 2 phases has been issued to the NTA in the event that supplementary funding becomes available in addition to the agreed multi-annual programme for active travel.

#### **Gorey to Courtown Footpath**

- Phase 1 to Ballymoney Junction is substantially complete, with the exception of planting and fencing.
- Phase 2 Ballinatrav Bridge is at final design stage for the possible provision of a signalised shuttle system to accommodate pedestrians and cyclists traversing the bridge.
- Phase 3 Courtown side of Ballinatrav Bridge is at preliminary design stage.

#### **Public e-bike and e-Scooter Sharing Scheme**

Information is valid to the end of October 2024 for Wexford Town based on 50 e-bikes and 50 e-scooters.

|  | e-bikes | e-scooters |
|--|---------|------------|
| No of trips in October                     | 1,789   | 3,323      |
| Kms travelled in October                   | 4,148   | 7,447      |
| Unique bike users in October               | 594     | 866        |
| Average distance in kms per vehicle in Oct | 2.31    | 2.24       |
| Total number of trips since commencement   | 54,198  | 9,400      |
| Total kms travelled since commencement     | 128,530 | 21,818     |



### Implementation of the new 60km/h Default Speed Limits

The implementation of the new 60km/h default speed limits on all L-class (county) roads in the county will now be effective from the 7th of February 2025, by direction of the Department of Transport.

The installation of new poles and signs is underway in the necessary locations in preparation of the effective date. The default speed limit sign RUS 041A will be used extensively.

## ROAD SAFETY

### Just 1 Life

Our joint road safety event in association with Wexford Rotary Club, Just 1 Life, commences on the 11th of December 2024.

Over 2,300 TY / 5th year pupils will attend during the 2024 / 2025 school year at 5 events to be held in the National Opera House. Presentations include An Garda Siochana Roads Policing Unit, Wexford Fire Service, National Ambulance Service, Mental Health Wexford and the HSE.

## PUBLIC LIGHTING

**LED Upgrade (National Roads)** - The LED lantern replacement on Scurlocksbush, Templescoby and Milehouse roundabouts were completed in November.

**LED Upgrade (Non-National Roads)** - Works commenced on the final phase of Led lanterns replacement works in October. Lantern replacements on the R700 (Old N30) New Ross from Kents Cross Roundabout to Irishtown .

There will be a delay in replacing the remainder of this section of the R700 due to safety issues with the old cabling along the route.

It is intended to have public lighting fully upgraded to LED by the end of 2025.

**Public Lighting Development Fund** - Due to energy savings from the Led upgrade programme we are continuing to complete “infill” lighting programmes across all municipal districts.

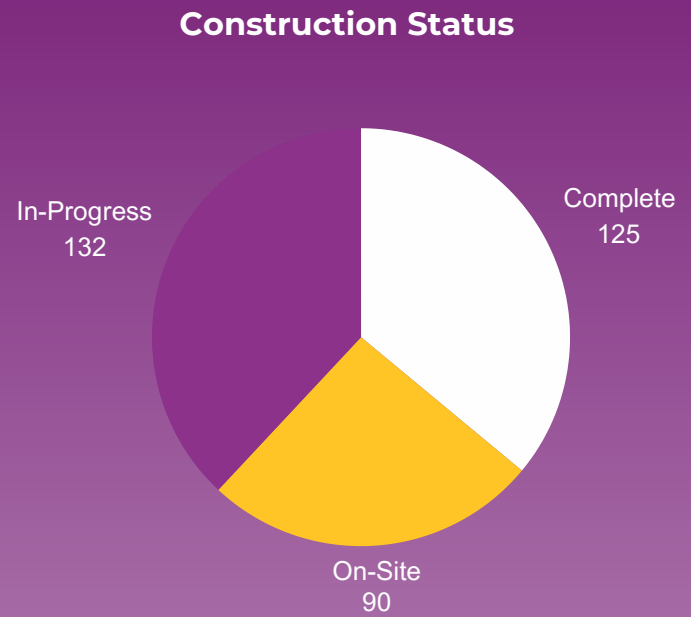
Projects currently out for pricing in Kilmuckridge, Castlebridge and Ballindaggin.

We have awarded a contract for 2 streets in Castlebridge and hope to commence installation in December.

Smaller infill projects are also taking place in each district using our maintenance contractor. We also have multiple Taking in Charge lighting projects that are being completed through Building Control.

HOUSING CAPITAL - CAPITAL BUILD PROJECTS

| Housing for All 2022 - 2026 SUMMARY  |     |
|--------------------------------------|-----|
| Dwellings Complete 2022              | 48  |
| Dwellings Complete 2023              | 23  |
| Dwellings Complete 2024              | 54  |
| Dwellings to Complete 2024           | 0   |
| Dwellings to Complete 2025           | 90  |
| Dwellings to Complete 2026           | 132 |
| Social & Affordable Housing Pipeline | 434 |



| Dwellings Under Construction to complete in 2024 |          |          |
|--|----------|----------|
| Whiterock Hill                                   | 22 Units | Complete |
| Ballyhine  | 8 houses | Complete |



| Dwellings Under Construction to complete in 2025 - Total 90 |           |
|---|-----------|
| Creagh, Gorey   | 22 Units  |
| Wexford Street, Gorey                                       | 30 Units  |
| Tagoat, Rosslare  | 18 Units  |
| Ramsfort Park, Gorey  | 20 Houses |



## HOUSING CAPITAL - CAPITAL BUILD PROJECTS CONT'D....

| Funded Projects for delivery 2025 – 2026 |    |                         |    |
|--|----|-------------------------|----|
| Monomolin, Gorey                         | 5  | Ballygillane, Rosslare  | 5  |
| Bullawn, New Ross                        | 3  | Grogans Road, Wexford   | 4  |
| Rosbercon, New Ross                      | 50 | Killeens, Wexford       | 60 |
| Adamstown, New Ross                      | 3  | Francis Street, Wexford | 2  |
| <b>Total 132</b>                         |    |                         |    |

| Projects in Design / Pipeline Social and Affordable Subject to Funding Approval |    |                       |     |
|---|----|-----------------------|-----|
| Clonard, Wexford  | 57 | Creagh, Gorey         | 24  |
| Group TAP Housing   | 5  | Castlemoyle, New Ross | 75  |
| Cluain Fada, New Ross   | 22 | The Lyre, Enniscorthy | 50  |
| Bride Street, Wexford   | 3  | St Walerans, Gorey    | 100 |
| Lacken TAP  | 1  | Park, Wexford         | 12  |
| Kilmore Quay, Rosslare  | 12 | Belvedere, Wexford    | 8   |
|   |    | Bunclody, Enniscorthy | 65  |
| <b>Total 434</b>  |    |                       |     |



# CAPITAL PROJECTS - Projects at Planning Stages

## Enniscorthy Town Centre & Tourism Project:

Preliminary design work on the Enniscorthy Castle Quarter project is ongoing and it is intended to present a concept design proposal at the December EMD meeting.

## Forth Mountain Activity Park – Phase 2 - Activity Centre Building

Advance site clearance works have commenced on the boathouse site. Subject to survey and finalisation of the design, it is planned to tender out the boathouse project in two discrete works packages in January 2025.

## John Street Grainstore, New Ross

Environmental assessments for the public realm area to the rear of the grainstore building are ongoing to inform an application for development consent to An Bord Pleanála. This application will be made in Q1 2025.

## WEXFORDIA - Irish National Heritage Park (INHP), Hook Lighthouse and New Ross Tourism Projects

**Irish National Heritage Park: INHP** - It is planned to submit a planning application for the project to An Bord Pleanála in Q3 2025.

**Hook Lighthouse** - It is planned to submit a planning application for the project to An Bord Pleanála in Q4 2025.

**New Ross Tourism Project** - It is planned to make a submission for development consent via the Part 8 process in Q2 2025.

**Esmonde Street, Gorey** - The tender process for the works will commence in December 2024.

**Wexford Town to Rosslare Greenway** - It is planned to confirm a preferred route corridor for Wexford Town to Rosslare Strand and Rosslare Strand to Rosslare Harbour in Q1 2025.

**Courtown Coastal Protection & Beach Nourishment Scheme** - It is planned to submit an application to An Bord Pleanála for development consent in 2025, subject to advance approval of a Marine Area Consent by the Marine Area Regulatory Authority.

**Enniscorthy Sports Hub** - A tender competition to procure a works contractor for the Sports Hub has been concluded. It is expected to make an appointment for a works contractor in December.

**Ferndale Gymnasium, Wexford** - The works are ongoing with completion expected in Q3 2025.

**Curracloe Water Sports Activity Facility** - The main works contract has been awarded to Kilcaven Property Developments. Works commenced on site in mid-October 2024, with completion expected in Q2 2025.

**Adoration Convent Wexford** - A tender competition to appoint a works contractor was advertised in November, with works planned to commence in Q1 2025.

## CAPITAL PROJECTS - Projects at Planning Stages cont'd

**St Waleran's Link Road** - Appointment of the consultant to undertake preliminary design, Environmental Impact Assessment and submission to ABP for approval is expected in December.

**Ballynagee Link Road** - Assessment of tenders for the appointment of a main consultant are complete and appointment is imminent.

### **Gorey Market House**

The tender for the appointment of a consulting team to undertake detailed design, procurement and construction supervision services has been advertised, with tenders due for submission in January.

**Enniscorthy Technology Park Phase 2** - Assessment of tenders for the appointment of a main consultant are complete and appointment is imminent. Appointment is anticipated in December.

**Enniscorthy Technology Park – IDA Advance Factory Building** - Tenders have been received and assessment is complete for an architect-led design team to prepare a planning application for a proposed advance factory building in Enniscorthy Technology Park. Appointment is anticipated in December.

## PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

**South East Greenway** - Work on Phase 2, a 5.5 km section from Ferrybank to Curraghmore is due for completion in December 2024. Some further works will be required prior to opening this stretch of greenway in Q1 2025. Fehily Timoney and Company are advancing designs for Lot 4 and all other lots for the completion of the greenway. It is targeted to commence works on Lot 4 in Q3 2025.

**Trinity Wharf** - The next works contract is due to commence in Q3 2025, which will comprise new sea wall, bulk filling site services and surface works.

**New Ross Emigrants' Park** - The Emigrant park was the winner of the LAMA best urban planning award 2024 and Best Municipal District Initiative Award 2024.

**Mechanics Institute, Wexford** - We are now scoping up the required works to prepare the building for community use. It is planned to have the building ready for occupancy by Q4 2025.

**Murphy Floods Redevelopment** - John Tinnelly & Sons were appointed as works contractor in September 2024. Works were completed on site in mid-October.

Plans are currently being developed for an interim car park and public realm.

# Projects Delivered under the Economic & Community Development Programme

| PROJECTS - DELIVERED |  |   |
|----------------------|--|---|
| 2021                 | Forth Mountain Activity Park–Phase 1: Trails & Carpark | Enniscorthy Technological Park, Phase 1 |
| 2022                 | Old Dublin Road, Enniscorthy Active Travel, Phase 1    | Gorey District Park                     |
|                      | Min Ryan Park  | Wexford Arts Centre Extension           |
|                      | Monck Street Enhancement Scheme                        | New Ross Fire Station                   |
|                      | High Hill Norman Gardens, New Ross                     |   |
| 2023                 | Southeast Greenway Rosbercon to Glenmore               | Emigrants Park, New Ross                |
| 2024                 | Trinity Wharf Access Road                              | Oyster Lane Public Realm                |
|                      | Mechanics Institute Essential Repair Works             | Ferndale MUGA                           |



## Flood Defence Schemes - Wexford Town and Environs Flood Relief Scheme

Surveys and investigations are continuing to gather data to inform the feasibility study.



COMMUNITY - LOCAL SPORTS PLANS

On 21st November, at Sport Ireland Campus, the “Local Sports Plan Templates” were launched at an event attended by the LCDC Chief Officer and Sports Active Coordinator. Each Local Authority is now asked to develop a Local Sports Plan to increase participation locally, in a manner consistent with the vision and objectives set down in the National Sports Policy and taking appropriate account of any existing plans.

To do this, each Local Authority is asked to work with the Local Sports Partnership, with partners on the Local Community Development Committees (LCDC), CYPSC, with clubs, schools, leisure facility providers, community groups and other stakeholders. A locally led, nationally supported approach will be a key feature of the local sports plans. Some level of funding is being made available by Sport Ireland to assist Local Authorities in this task. In Wexford County Council, this new plan will be led by the Community Section and consultation will commence in early 2025.



PRIDE OF PLACE

The IPB Pride of Place 2024 in association with Co-Operation Ireland Gala Awards Ceremony was held in the Hillgrove Hotel in Co. Monaghan on Saturday 2nd November. The entries for Wexford were The Rocks Community Area and Fethard on Sea. The Rocks Community Area won the Urban Neighbourhood Category while Fethard on Sea were also successful and won runner-up in the population 1000-2000 Category. These awards acknowledge the achievements and invaluable work undertaken by the volunteers and those involved in local community development.



SICAP 2024-2028

Wexford County Council facilitated a SICAP support workshop on the 10th October, 2024, on behalf of Pobal. LCDC representatives and Programme Implementers from 4 Local Authority areas attended, and any remaining issues in the understanding and interpretation of SICAP 2024-2028 Programme Requirements were addressed. Personnel from the DRCD were also in attendance, where they extended thanks to all involved in the SICAP programme, for their continued collaboration in making the programme a success.





COMMUNITY RECOGNITION FUND

| COMMUNITY RECOGNITION FUND 2023 - Progress to date |                                    |
|--|------------------------------------|
| Total Fund   | €1,509, 869.00                     |
| Total fund expenditure to date                     | €1,066,971.30<br>(incl. WCC Admin) |
| Works complete (20 projects)                       | 74%                                |
| Works in progress (3 projects)                     | 11%                                |
| To be started (4 projects – extension to 2025)     | 15%                                |
| Total fund claimed to Q3 2024 from Dept.           | 67%                                |

The following milestones have been achieved this period:

- Ministerial launch event at Kilmore Quay Playground 25th October 2024, attended by Minister James Browne.
- Department of Rural & Community Development (DRCD) have approved project extensions for St. Aidan’s Hall (Bunclogy) Q1 2025; St. Mary’s Hall (Fethard-on-Sea) Q2 2025; Fethard Community DA Q2 2025; Rosslare Harbour Development Board Q2 2025; Kilmuckridge Playground Q2 2025.



| COMMUNITY RECOGNITION FUND 2024 - Progress to date |                                     |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| Total Fund   | €1,703,377.0 (incl. WCC Admin.€85K) |
| Total of fund allocated to date Window 1           | €798,291.00                         |
| Shortlisted Window 2 – September 2024              | €241,996.00                         |
| Available Window 3 – January 2025                  | €577,921.15                         |

The following milestones have been achieved this period:

- Awaiting confirmation of 3 shortlisted projects from Window 2 from DRCD.
- Final CRF24 Window 3 (Nov/Dec 2024) live at [Community Recognition Fund | Wexford County Council](#). Deadline Friday 13th December.

## WEXFORD SLÁINTECARE HEALTHY COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME



**Enniscorthy Community Inter Agency Team** met on 13th November and had updates from the members, working groups (as below) and a presentation from WCC Climate Action Team including information on Enniscorthy DZ zone. Updates from members included additional Community Safety Funding for Enniscorthy Community Alliance, Conundrum community-led mobility strategy for Enniscorthy, Dept. of Health funding application for traveller project in the town, expansion of walking tracks at Bellefield, Park Run and gold medal for Enniscorthy Tidy Towns.

Enniscorthy Community Inter Agency Team has a number of working groups who meet separately to ensure delivery of specific priorities identified as below with progress being reported on all:

- Moving Around/Transport
- Communication
- Care and Maintenance (of estates & surrounding areas)
- “Tea on the Green” – update from Gimont & Cluain Dara event 7th September
- Family Resource Centre (FRC) – preliminary work on a FRC for Templeshannon



At the recent Wexford County Council **Resident's Day Awards, Gimont Avenue & Cluain Dara** won the 'Most Improved Estate' category in Enniscorthy MD. Congratulations to the Residents Association who have worked hard with members of the Inter Agency Team over the past year since the walkability audit was carried out.



## AGE FRIENDLY WEXFORD



Wexford County Council were shortlisted in the Community Innovation Award category of the **Age Friendly Awards 2024** for our project 'Sporting Memories' which was a partnership between Sláintecare Healthy Communities, The Alzheimer Society of Ireland, Wexford GAA and Wexford Age Friendly.

Following the completion of the **Social Dancing Lessons** in Coolcotts, Duncannon, Rosslare, The Ballagh and Hollyfort in Gorey, an **Afternoon Tea Dance** was held in St Josephs Community Centre on the 13th November with music by John Kenny. There were approximately 60 people in attendance who danced the afternoon away and all said they had a very enjoyable afternoon and hoped that it would happen again.



In November, the Age Friendly Co-Ordinator organised a Walkability Audit of two routes along Wexford Town, with 16 people on the walk which included the Borough District Engineer, wheelchair users, along with Visually and Hearing-Impaired people.

# HEALTHY WEXFORD

The Healthy County Committee will meet again in December, with the working group activity progressing in advance of this meeting



- The Playful Spaces Orchard Peace Park Musical Trail in Enniscorthy launched on 18th November.
- Age Friendly Social Dancing completed with a County Tea Dance for all groups across the county held in St Josephs on 13th November
- The next Healthy Home Environments programme commenced on 13th November, running over three sessions, and hosted by Blackstairs Community First Responders
- An additional Resilience Training for Community Volunteers course was secured for 30th November, following oversubscription of the October course.
- A review session for the Healthy Choices programme is being held in December with two new programmes in planning with Southend FRC to commence in January.



# SPORTS ACTIVE



|                                  |  |  |
|----------------------------------|--|--|
| Funding                          | SAW (Sports Active Wexford) received the following allocation of funds for the ‘Participation Nation’ application for sporting infrastructure. We were awarded €60,000. This will be used to develop the basketball courts in Gorey, Wexford and Rosslare by the Municipal districts. Linked with this SAW was allocated under ‘Amuigh Faoin Speir’ Funding Scheme 2024. €22,500 (Biodiversity project) Sport Ireland administers this funding stream, working alongside the Department of Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport, Media, and Gaeltacht (DTACSMG), to strengthen and underpin the National Sports Policy. |  |
| Staffing                         | Anna Flynn has been appointed as the ESF + social inclusion officer. This is a European funded post through Sport Ireland specifically tasked with working with targeted groups to increase physical activity.   |  |
| Sheds for Life                   | 10-week health & wellbeing initiative, ‘Sheds for life’ which was run in conjunction with Irish Men’s Sheds Association and ‘HSE Healthy Eating Made Easy’ finished in Ramsgrange Men’s Shed in November. 10 men took part.  |  |
| Social Programme                 | Badminton  | 6-weeks Social Badminton Programme started in November in collaboration with Badminton Ireland in CBS Secondary School, Wexford. 16 people participated in this programme; |
| Water-based Exercise for Farmers | 8-week Water-based Exercise programme for Farmers finished in Tuesday November. This programme was conducted in the Waterfront Pool Enniscorthy in collaboration with the IFA Wexford. 17 farmers participated.  |  |
| PG Leader Workshop               | The ‘Playground Leader Workshop’ has been conducted in 6 in primary schools (Danescastle NS, Scoil Eoin Baiste, St Josephs Gorey, Kilmore NS, Court Ns, Scoil Mhuire) in October with 106 participants.  |  |



|   |  |
|---|--|
| Spring Activator Walking Pole Initiative  | SAW has conducted an evaluation of the 'Spring Activator Walking Pole Initiative' with Davidstown/ Cournacuddy GAA club. This initiative was conducted in collaboration with the GAA Healthy clubs. Davidstown/ Cournacuddy GAA club has purchased the activator walking poles for club member and have a walking group up and running. 8 people participated;   |
| Olympic Handball School's Fun Blitz       | Following on from our 'Olympic Handball Teacher Training Workshop', Sports Active in collaboration with Olympic Handball Ireland conducted a Olympic Handball School's Fun Blitz. Four schools participated with over 200 children participating.  |
| Physical Activity Leaders                 | In conjunction with Age Friendly Wexford and Ages & Opportunity, a 6-week physical activity leaders program concluded in November. 17 adults registered.   |
| Mental Health Services Walking Rugby      | 6-week walking Rugby programme delivered in conjunction with Leinster Rugby and Wexford mental health services finished in St. Josephs Community Centre, Wexford town finished in November. 12 service users took part.  |
| Inclusive Learn to Cycle                  | A 5-week learn to cycle programme for children with disabilities began in November. 7 children participated.   |
| CYPSC Girls Get Active Get-Together       | 9 Teenage girl Youth Groups who have participated in the 8-week CYPSC 'Girls Get Active Initiative' attended the Wexford 'Girls Get-Together' celebration event on Saturday the 23rd in Astro Active Enniscorthy. Teenage girls participated in a range of physical activity tasters along with creative activities in celebration of their commitment towards their PA programme. Over 110 teenage girls have participated in the overall initiative with approx. 70 girls attending the celebration event. |
| IPAS Badminton                            | A 4-week Badminton Programme in collaboration with Barntown Badminton Club, Badminton Ireland, Wexford Local Development and Local Authority Integration Team finished in November. 9 adults attended.   |
| Inclusive Adult Yoga                      | 4-week inclusive adult yoga in Gorey began in November. 14 adults attended.  |
| IWA Multi-Sport Programme                 | A 3-week 'IWA multi-sport programme' began in November. Activities include basketball, athletics, cricket and table tennis. 8 children registered.   |
| Inclusive Social Football GAA             | 4-week inclusive social GAA football programme delivered in conjunction with Wexford GAA, Windmill Therapeutic Services, Rehab Care and KITE services. 21 adults registered.   |
| Intro to Gym for Adults with Disabilities | 4-week introduction to gym for adults with disabilities began in November in the Apex, New Ross. 11 participants from CUMAS attended.  |
| Safeguarding                              | 2 x Safeguarding 1 Courses took place in November with 35 participants.  |



**CLLR GARRY LAFFAN PRESENTING GOODIE BAGS ON THE FINAL NIGHT OF OUR FARMERS WATER BASED EXERCISE PROGRAMME**



ENVIRONMENT

COASTAL MATTERS

**Duncannon Harbour** – A contractor will be appointed to carry out site investigations to determine the cause of the structural cracks in the pier and consider a suitable solution for the repairs.

Beaches

- Grange Beach Cliff Stabilisation works started in Oct 2024. The beach access is temporarily closed until the works are completed late 2024 / early 2025.

Coast

- Seaview Coastal Protection and Beach Access, Kilmore: total funding of €1.6m is now approved by OPW. Contractor is now on site.
- Lady’s Island Water Level Management Structure – WCC met with NPWS on 26th November regarding funding of the overall scheme. NPWS to further consider salinity and water level issues first before a decision on funding the solution is made.

Drainage Districts

- Kilmannock Drainage District, Great Island: consulting engineers appointed to progress repair, maintenance and health and safety works.

Public Conveniences

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

Water, Air & Noise

**Water Framework Directive** - Under this directive every catchment in the county must be assessed to identify required actions to maintain and improve water quality. This work which is being carried out by WCC in conjunction of LAWPRO is being supervised by the Sub-Catchment Unit of the EPA.

**Water Sampling** - In 2024 a total of 340 river water samples will be taken from 76 sampling sites on 36 rivers by WCC staff. 7 surveillance sites will be sampled in 2024 with analysis of all samples carried out by the EPA lab in Kilkenny.

Septic Tank Inspections:

|                    |                             |                                    |  |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| NIP Grants<br>2024 | 46 applications<br>Received | 36 Grants Paid/Sent<br>for payment | 10 outstanding for<br>review/documents due |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|--|

Court cases

- 4 Currently in the court system for failing to comply with Advisory Notices
  - 6 cases closed prior to court hearing as works were already carried out.
- 5 cases over 4 years old closed. 20 other cases closed. 75 new inspections carried out.

Open Cases

| Year | Number of inspections | Pass | Fail | Outstanding | Closed in 2024 |
|------|-----------------------|------|------|-------------|----------------|
| 2017 | 154                   | 62   | 92   | 5           | 0              |
| 2018 | 150                   | 51   | 99   | 1           | 3              |
| 2019 | 156                   | 48   | 108  | 5           | 0              |
| 2020 | 111                   | 38   | 73   | 3           | 3              |
| 2021 | 91                    | 24   | 67   | 11          | 6              |
| 2022 | 139                   | 50   | 89   | 8           | 3              |
| 2023 | 123                   | 54   | 69   | 25          | 19             |
| 2024 | 119                   | 33   | 86   | 63          | 23             |

No of Verification Inspections

|                                     |                                      |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 2023 - Verification Inspection = 72 | 2024 - Verification Inspections = 56 |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|

**Section 4 Discharge Licences:** - Currently, there are 88 active discharge licences with scheduled biannual, quarterly and bimonthly monitoring returns assessed for compliance on receipt 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. There are currently 8 Discharge Licence applications under assessment and review.

**Air Quality:** - WCC enforces air quality requirements for 3 specific types of facilities, which must be registered with WCC – vehicle refinishers, dry cleaners and petrol stations. These certificates must be renewed every 3 years. On-going enforcement action is carried out to ensure sites remain certified.

No. of Certificates of Compliance Issued

| Category of Facility   | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 (to 1st Dec) | 2024 (to end October) | Outstanding |
|------------------------|------|------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Vehicle Refinishers    | 19   | 24   | 20                | 15                    | 0           |
| Petrol Vapor Emissions | 22   | 22   | 14                | 27                    | N/A         |
| Solvents               | 3    | 5    | 0                 | 2                     | N/A         |

Low Smoke Fuel Areas - The 4 stations in New Ross, Wexford, Enniscorthy & Gorey have now had their monitors updated to measure air quality and noise levels. There are also 6 low cost sensors installed in Enniscorthy monitoring PM10 & PM2.5 only. UoG & UCC have started a programme called Openair to monitor gases NOx, SO2, CO continuously, particle numbers 10 nm to 10 microns, as well as black carbon and organic aerosol, ions ammonium, chloride, sulfate and nitrate, all in real-time, as well as collecting 24hr filter samples of PM2.5. The filter samples will be analysed for metals and toxicity. These will be compared with 2016 levels taking during the SAFFIRE project. They will be monitoring the weather also.

**Noise and NAP 2019-2023** - Two complaints of persistent noise pollution are currently under investigation.

**Agriculture** - WCC continues to undertake a significant number of farm inspections in accordance with the WFD. WCC engage with landowners to undertake the necessary rectifications works through encouragement of improvement of farming infrastructure and farming practices.

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

A total of 48 Agricultural related Planning Permission Applications have been assessed in 2024 to date. 10 of these applications related to further information been submitted on behalf of the applicant.

PLANNING

The Environment Section makes an assessment and recommendations on planning applications relating to the environmental aspects of the application and the main issues regarding the impact of planning on the environment which have arisen in recent years are as follows:

- 1) Density of housing.
- 2) Applications for extensions and upgrades of existing houses on sites where the soil is unsuitable for discharge of wastewater via a domestic wastewater treatment system.
- 3) Applications for detached granny flats and other detached ancillary accommodation.

Breakdown of planning applications referred from Planning Section to Environment

|         | Single dwellings | Commercial | Discharge/ glamping | Housing Estates | Schools | Solar Farms | Sports | Agricultural | Compliance/ Assessments |
|---------|------------------|------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------|-------------|--------|--------------|-------------------------|
| 2023    | 630              | 94         | 4                   | 42              | 17      | 3           | 16     | 104          | 121                     |
| Q1 2024 | 99               | 25         | 0                   | 0               | 0       | 0           | 0      | 47           | 33                      |
| Q2 2024 | 58               | 6          | 0                   | 5               | 1       | 0           | 4      |              | 13                      |
| Q3 2024 | 89               | 6          | 1                   | 4               | 1       | 0           | 1      |              | 34                      |
| Q4 2024 | 75               | 8          | 1                   | 1               | 0       | 0           | 1      |              | 7                       |

WASTE MANAGEMENT

**New Recycling** - Re-turn Scheme. Irelands new deposit return scheme. In February 2024 the new deposit return scheme commenced throughout Ireland. Plastic bottle, aluminium or steel can with the Re-turn logo, are refund a deposit typically be 15c to 20c per item. For more information, please see [www.MyWaste.ie](http://www.MyWaste.ie)

**Food Waste** - Since 1 January 2024 every household in Ireland, regardless of location, are entitled to a brown bin collection service. Follow up enforcement for the roll out of the Brown Bins are being carried out through the county is ongoing with providers having until 31st December to put the service in place.

**Landfills** - Holmestown Landfill remains temporarily closed. Environmental monitoring and maintenance of infrastructure continues at both Killurin and Holmestown in accordance with the conditions of our waste licences.

The Household Recycling Centre at Holmestown continues to provide recycling services to members of the public as well as a disposal service for other waste streams such as residual waste, bulky waste, segregated food waste, garden waste and waste paint.

RECYCLING SERVICES:

| Bring Bank Network<br>WASTE CATEGORY | No. of Sites<br>September<br>2024 | Recycling out<br>(End September) 2023<br>(t) | Recycling out<br>(End September) 2024<br>(t) |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| Glass Bottles                        |                                   | 3015   | 3076   |
| Aluminium Cans                       |                                   | 78   | 49   |
| Total                                | 108                               | 3093   | 3125   |

| Household Recycling Centres - Summary of Activities |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| WASTE<br>CATEGORY                                   | Enniscorthy                             |   | New Ross                                |   | Holmestown                              |   | Gorey                                   |   |
|   | Recycling<br>out<br>Jan-Oct<br>2023 (t) | Recycling<br>out<br>Jan-Oct<br>2024 (t) | Recycling<br>out<br>Jan-Oct<br>2023 (t) | Recycling<br>out<br>Jan-Oct<br>2024 (t) | Recycling<br>out<br>Jan-Oct<br>2023 (t) | Recycling<br>out<br>Jan-Oct<br>2024 (t) | Recycling<br>out<br>Jan-Oct<br>2023 (t) | Recycling<br>out<br>Jan-Oct<br>2024 (t) |
| Total<br>Recycling<br>out                           | 517                                     | 540                                     | 550                                     | 571                                     | 664                                     | 795                                     | 416                                     | 445                                     |
| Total<br>Domestic<br>Waste in                       | N/A                                     | N/A                                     | N/A                                     | N/A                                     | 2716                                    | 2994                                    | N/A                                     | N/A                                     |
| Daily Average<br>Customers<br>Jan-Sep               | 2023                                    | 2024                                    | 2023                                    | 2024                                    | 2023                                    | 2024                                    | 2023                                    | 2024                                    |
|   | 70                                      | 72                                      | 115                                     | 113                                     | 122                                     | 138                                     | 81                                      | 80                                      |

**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                        | To end October 2023 | October 2024 | To end October 2024 | % +/-  |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------|
| Total Illegal Dumping/Clean Ups | 1,966               | 169          | 2,442               | +24.2% |
| Gorey                           |                     | 50           |                     |        |
| Enniscorthy                     |                     | 38           |                     |        |
| Wexford                         |                     | 39           |                     |        |
| New Ross                        |                     | 19           |                     |        |
| Rosslare                        |                     | 23           |                     |        |
| Total Bring Site Inspections    | 6,808               | 821          | 7,754               | -13.8% |



Other Works done by Holmestown photo record are as follows.

- Beach and lifeguard work
- Black spot checks across county
- Town inspections every morning
- Trails maintenance
- Min Ryan Park maintenance and upkeep
- Community Clean up across county

**Waste Facility Permits** - The full list of 68 registered operational Waste Facility Permits and Certificates of Registration can be viewed on the Council's website.

**Enforcement** - RMCEI 2024: The Recommended Minimum Criteria for Environmental Inspections (RMCEI) plan was submitted to the EPA on 15 March 2024. The plan aims to undertake 6,921 routine inspections this year by 21 full time equivalent staff members to cover waste, water, air & noise. The mid-year review was carried out in July and presented to the SPC Environment Committee.

### Litter/Waste Management

| Total fixed penalty notices issues   | TOTAL for 2023 | TOTAL FOR OCTOBR 2024                               |
|--|----------------|---|
| No of incidents reported   | 2284           | 2009  |
| Fines Issued (All Fixed Penalty Notice Issued)   | 212            | 152 (127 litter/25 waste)                           |
| Fines Paid in Full   | 64             | 61/waste 1 = 62 total                               |
| Fines Cancelled/Proceedings Discontinued/Struck Out*                                     | 56             | 46 Litter/4 Waste = 50 total                        |
| Successful Prosecutions (Litter fines & WPBL fines)                                      | 28             | 27  |
| Legal Proceedings in Progress (Litter fines & WPBL fines)                                | 41             | 26  |
| Amount Collected in Fines -total   | €13,023        | Litter €9,236.00, waste €775.00<br>Total €10,011.00 |
| Amount awarded via the Court system (fines awarded for litter and waste cases) - overall | €6,210         | €4,293.00   |

\* Other fines may be paid prior to the hearing or withdrawn for evidential or legal reasons.

Includes income from all Fixed Penalty Notices

Fines paid in full- data excludes fines partly paid.

Amount collected in fines- includes part payments.

ENVIRONMENT cont'd

| Month     | No. of cases heard | Outcome                               | LITTER | WASTE                 | WATER | AIR | NOISE |
|-----------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|--------|-----------------------|-------|-----|-------|
| September | 2                  | Total Fine                            | 0      | €300.00               | 0     | 0   | 0     |
|           |                    | Total Costs                           |        | €300.00               | 0     | 0   | 0     |
| October   | 1                  | Total Fine                            | 0      | 0 (poor box donation) | 0     | 0   | 0     |
|           |                    | Total Costs                           |        | €240.00               |       |     |       |
| November  |                    | Court cancelled Solicitor Bereavement |        |                       |       |     |       |

| YEAR         | Dumping Incidents Reported | % Increase/Decrease | Community Clean Ups | % Increase/Decrease |
|--------------|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 2023         | 2461                       | up 11%              | 1054                | Up 3%               |
| Jan-Nov 2024 | 2179                       |                     | 968                 |                     |

CLIMATE ACTION

Climate Action Plan (CAP)  
DZ

Following on from the four Decarbonizing Zone (DZ) workshops held in September and October, the Climate Action Team focused their resources on a proposed workplan for the Enniscorthy DZ. The Baseline Emission Inventory for the Enniscorthy DZ outlines that the transport Sector accounts for 35.5% of Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions in the DZ and the commercial sector emits 34.9% of the total GHG in the DZ. An Internal meetings was held with the main sections involved in the Transport Area in Enniscorthy and a separate internal meeting was held with the Economic Development Section. Staff from the Enniscorthy MD were present at these meetings. Proposals to progress a number of actions based on these meetings were agreed.

Other items under consideration are the promotion of the Climate Heroes App in Enniscorthy among community groups/businesses and schools over a two week period in March April 2025. The idea is to engage and mobilise differeeernt sectors into Climate Actions in the Enniscorthy Area. The app is a tool that can capture how certain actions can help reduce emissions by giving an estimated CO2 savings associated with particular choices.

The Climate Action team is also linking in with the Arts & Creative Communities officers for a number of projects both in Enniscorthy DZ and around the county with a focus on Climate awareness.

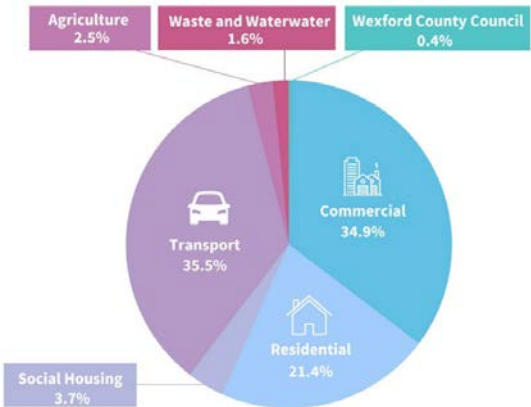


Figure 2. Total GHG emissions for Enniscorthy DZ by sector type in 2018

## COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION PROGRAMME



The 16 successful projects have commenced works, with four groups having already completed significant elements of their projects. The second round of the Programme is expected in 2025.

### Sustainable Energy Communities (SEC)

Wexford SEC and the Climate Action Team continued with the awareness promotion of the SEAI's Warmer Homes Scheme, which is a fully funded home energy upgrade grant for homeowners who meet certain social welfare criteria. A drop-in information afternoon was held on 7th November in Access 2000, Green St, Wexford and was very well attended.

Enniscorthy SEC on behalf of the SEC's within Co Wexford has submitted a funding application to the "Climate Actions Work Engagement Fund". The application is seeking funding of €10,000 to enable a training of "energy champions" across all SEC's. These champions would then inform and assist members of their communities with making grant applications for home energy upgrades.

### LOCAL BIODIVERSITY ACTION FUND

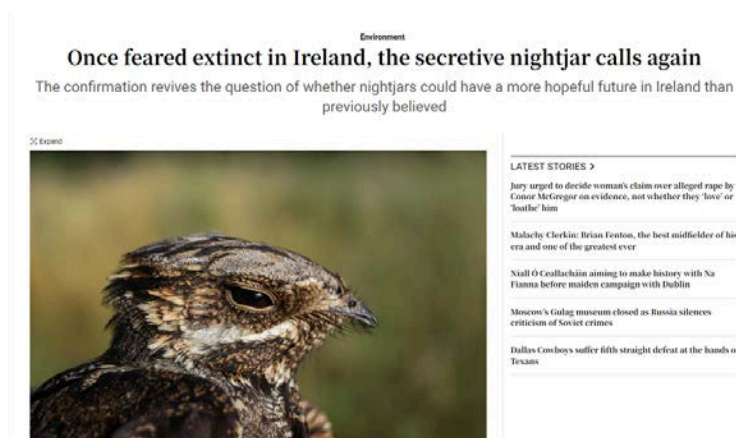
€63,0000 was claimed from National Parks and Wildlife Service for Local Biodiversity Action Fund projects which included:

Holmestown and Killurin Landfill ecology surveys

Wetland Surveys Enniscorthy Area

Nightjar survey

National Mayfly survey



*Recent Irish Times Article on the Nightjar*



Curraclloe – fencing off of select areas of sand dunes close to the main entrance to Curraclloe beach areas was carried out to encourage reestablishment of marram grass.

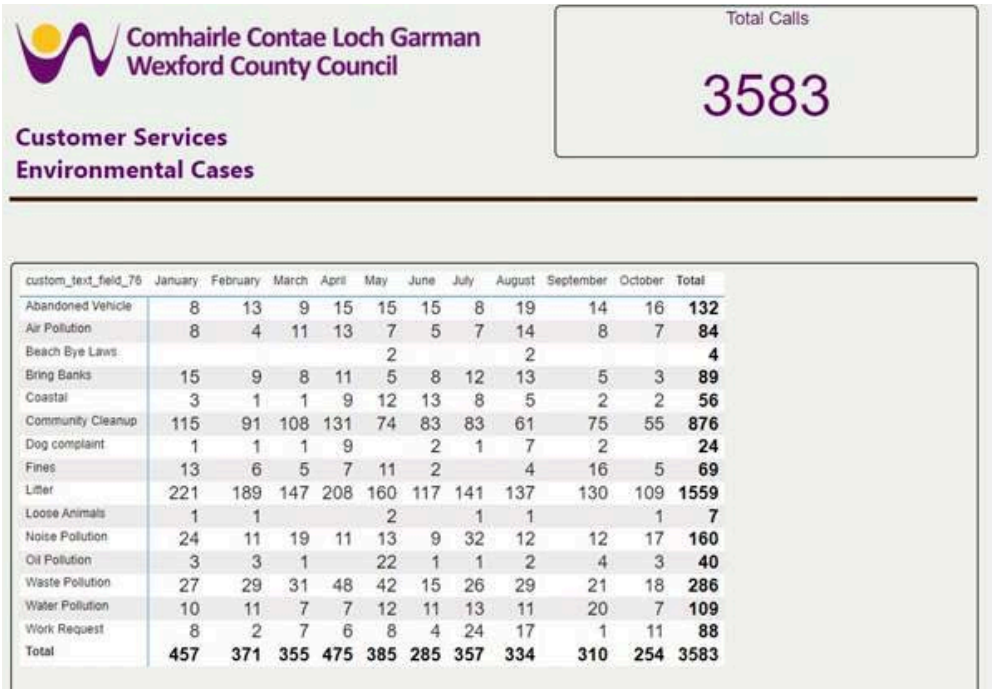


ENVIRONMENT cont'd

**GENERAL** - All environmental complaints are logged by the Customer Service Unit on the DASH CRM system.

|              | Jan to Dec 2019 | Jan to Dec 2020 | Jan to Dec 2021 | Jan to Dec 2022 | Jan – Dec 2023 | Jan -Oct 2024 |
|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Incidents    | 4749            | 4999            | 5136            | 3896            | 4235           | 3644          |
| Closed       | 4733            | 4967            | 5072            | 3564            | 3712           | 2753          |
| Closure Rate | 99%             | 99%             | 99%             | 91%             | 88%            | 75            |

Total Calls logged January to October 2024



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

| Control of dogs           | 2021 (to 31-12-21) | 2022 | 2023 | Jan – Oct 2024 |
|---------------------------|--------------------|------|------|----------------|
| Dogs collected            | 429                | 546  | 575  | 472            |
| Dogs reclaimed            | 133                | 117  | 128  | 123            |
| Dogs re-homed/transferred | 267                | 370  | 404  | 376            |
| Dogs put to sleep         | 29                 | 51   | 38   | 28             |
| Dog Fines                 | 18                 | 21   | 14   | 11             |

There are now 27 registered Dog Breeding Establishments with several applications on hand awaiting inspection.



## ENVIRONMENT EDUCATION AND AWARENESS:

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

**Circular Economy Workshop:** A circular Economy workshop took place on Tuesday 19th November. 32 students from 4-6th class from St Mary’s PS, St Senan’s PS, St Aidan’s PS and Gaelscoil Inis Corthaidh participated. The workshop based on the ‘Designathon’ method which was delivered by an Taisce green schools facilitators and was fully funded by the Environment Section. The children were introduced to the topic of the circular economy and designed and made a solution that will contribute to building a new circular economy.

**Christmas Decoration Competition:** Details of the competition have been circulated to all primary and secondary schools. Closing date is Monday 2nd December.


**Leave No Trace Workshops:** 10 primary schools will be funded for the academic year 2024 /2025. 10 primary schools have been offered this free workshop.

**Picker Pals Programme:** 10 primary schools will be funded for the academic year 2024/2025.

**Composting in Schools Programme:** 4 secondary schools will participate this year. The programme will offer schools the opportunity to explore and improve waste management in and will look at waste separation systems and explore ways to improve waste management via waste prevention, reduction, reuse recycling and composting. The school will receive 2 visits, will create an action plan and all teachers will be given training and given access to BaseCamp so that they can avail of the resources developed so far for the programme including booklets, guides, instructional fact sheets, videos as well as learning resources that teachers can bring into the classroom. In addition, schools receive a €300 voucher for bins, tools and supplies to help carry out their action plans.

**Green Schools:** Communication with renewal schools is ongoing. All schools must have a renewal visit by end of March.

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

|  | Date                | No. of Community Clean Ups |
|---|---------------------|----------------------------|
|   | 01/10/24 – 31/10/24 | 60                         |
|   | 01/01/24 – 30/11/24 | 731                        |

**Planting Grant:** All 94 grants have been claimed and administration of the scheme is complete.

**Environment Awards:** The annual Environment Awards took place on Monday 11th November. The winners of the Keep Wexford Beautiful Competition were announced on the night. Blackwater Tidy Towns were awarded the overall winners in the Keep Wexford Beautiful competition. Representatives from 11 schools and 53 community groups were in attendance on the night. Enniscorthy Tidy Towns were presented with a plaque for winning the Community Group Snap Into Action competition. Gorey Tidy Towns, The Gap Tidy Towns & Heritage Group and Hollyfort Development Group, were also presented with awards for their participation in the North Wexford 2K. Gorey Educate Together Secondary School, St Patrick's School, Enniscorthy and Tombrack National School, Ferns were all recognised for receiving their first green flag and presented with a nest box sponsored by The Wexford Naturalists' Field Club. Coláiste an Atha, Kilmuckridge, Gorey Community School, Meánscoil Gharman, Inis Córthaidh, Ramsgrange Community School, Selskar College and St Peter's College Wexford were awarded certificates for their participation in the Rubbish Film Festival Programme. Niamh O' Connor, St Fintan's National School, Taghmon was awarded a Plaque as the overall primary school winner in the Christmas Decoration Competition 2023 in conjunction with South-East Radio for her decoration entitled 'The White Angel.' Certificates were presented to Ella Dundon, Our Lady of Lourdes national School, Bunclody who was the Overall Primary School Winner in the Environment Artwork Competition and Júliá Rós Ásmundsdóttir Coláiste an Atha, Kilmuckridge who was the overall secondary school winner of the Environment Artwork Competition. Kilmyshall National School were also awarded a Plaque for being Wexford's Cleanest School. An Award for Outstanding Individual Contribution to Wexford's Environment was presented to Jim Hurley.



**Trees for Wexford Campaign:** The 'Trees for Wexford Scheme' closed on October 4th. 137 applications received. Quotations are now being sought for the supply and delivery of trees.

**Sustainable Christmas Wreath Workshops:** 2 workshops were held in Enniscorthy on Wednesday 13th November. The workshops demonstrated how to make a wreath from sustainable materials.

## COMMUNITY & CULTURE

### Science Week 2024 10th – 17th November

Science Week is a national celebration of science with hundreds of events for people of all ages taking place across Ireland. The theme for Science Week 2024 was Harnessing the Power of Regeneration. Wexford Library Service held a variety of events for adults, families and children throughout the week in the branch libraries, see below.

Events for children hosted in libraries included 3D Printer demonstrations, Nutty Scientist Workshops, Ecology workshops, LEGO® bricks workshops, art workshops, coding workshops, animal function talks, Intertidal Creatures through Science and Art, an exploration of fingerprinting and DNA, creative writing and a magic science show. Meanwhile adults learned about Isaac Newtown, took part in a soap making workshop and learned why soil science matters. Science communicator Niamh Shaw spoke about her Antarctic adventure, the handmade quilt made by a Gorey women's group for her trip to honour Irish female scientists and how the experience impacted her.



### ALL Digital Skills for Everyday Life

This 5 week digital skills course continued in library branches this month. It is aimed at those who feel they're being left behind because everything is Online. Topics to be covered include Everyday Essentials, Money Matters, Health and Wellness and Good Advice and Travel.

### A Journey with Dementia

Laurance Collins, Dementia Adviser for The Alzheimer Society of Ireland in County Wexford, gave this talk in Wexford Branch.



## LEARNING & INFORMATION

### HERITAGE

#### Christmas Folklore with Michael Fortune

Artist/Folklorist Michael Fortune looked at Christmas from a uniquely Irish perspective in Bunclody Library this month. He introduced those in attendance to first-hand source customs and traditions found around the country from Christmas.

#### Local Studies

Wexford library had 15 genealogy enquiries and 22 local studies enquiries in November.

## ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE ACTION

#### Energy Advice Clinic

Wexford Branch held this one on one chat with an energy expert to make your home more energy efficient.

#### The Role of National Parks and Wildlife Service Conservation Rangers

Hazel Doyle, Conservation Ranger, visited New Ross Library to discuss what the National Parks and Wildlife Service Conservation Rangers do (NPWS).

#### Marine Protected Areas and the South Wexford Coast with Jim Hurley

New Ross Library had an illustrated talk with Jim Hurley on the South Wexford coast and what impact marine protected areas have on local communities and biodiversity.

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

#### Author visit: Colin Walsh

Colin Walsh visited Wexford Branch and read from his number one international bestseller, **Kala**, which won the Irish Book Award for Newcomer of the Year in 2023.





# ARCHIVES

## Collections Management

In addition to 28 research enquiries via email, telephone and post, a total of 7 researchers visited the Archive during November. Research topics included the compilation of an inventory of the various artistes featured in the Wexford Festival Opera's photographic archive during the first 30 years of the festival (1951-81); employment records for personnel stationed at Duncannon Fort (1930s-50s); research on Dr George Hadden for a forthcoming talk; research on the townland of Boley in two rentals relating to the Colclough estate, Tintern (1834-82); coroner's reports and inquests for the 1821-25 period in County Wexford; tenants on the Boyse estate, Bannow in the late 19th century for family history research (1881-91).

## Outreach

The launch took place in Wexford town library on 5 November of the publication ***Wexford County Archive: 25 objects from the Irish Revolution, 1916-23***. Part-funded by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media, this flagship project grew out of a desire to have a lasting physical record in the lead up to the culmination of the Decade of Centenaries last year.

Artefacts featured in the book include extracts from Seán Sinnott's autograph book from Cork Jail, 1917; Séamus O'Brien's plate and spoon from Frongoch, 1916; Tom Doyle's prison cap, 1916; original flag from Enniscorthy 1st Battalion; Patrick Keegan's Volunteer tunic; Máire Moran's Cumann na mBan brooch; a letter written by TD Sinnott to his mother during his internment at Ballykinlar, Co. Down, 1920; a Homburg hat belonging to Liam Mellows; letters from John Creane, James Parle and Patrick Hogan on the eve of their execution in Wexford Jail, 1923.

The launch was performed by An Cathaoirleach of Wexford County Council, Cllr. Pip Breen who observed that Wexford's Decade of Centenaries commemoration programme (1912-23) 'has especially placed archival collections at the forefront of our understanding of the revolutionary decade and in providing a fresh perspective on past events for academic, local and family history research'. He congratulated author Aaron Ó Maonaigh on his thoughtful and meticulous research for the book in placing each artefact in its historical context at national and local level, and in providing a sympathetic overview of the men and women who were impacted during the period. Eighty people, many of them relatives of those who featured in the book, were in attendance.

Copies of the publication are in the process of being distributed to the history department in primary and post-primary schools across County Wexford.

## Irish Society for Archives

The Archivist was invited to submit the first article to a new series in the Irish Society for Archives newsletter entitled 'A five-minute chat with an archivist'. This was an invaluable opportunity to showcase many of the projects undertaken by the Archive and to provide an insight into the roles and responsibilities of a local authority Archivist.

## ARTS

### **Small Arts Festival and Failte Ireland Festival Open Call 2025**

Wexford County Council Arts Office is pleased to announce 2 strands to the Festival Grant Scheme for festivals taking place in County Wexford during 2025. The total fund is €50,000 and this supports on average 20 festivals across the county with grants ranging from €1,500 - €3,000

### **Arts Office and Creative Ireland Wexford Information Sessions**

The aim was to promote funding opportunities via the Arts office and Creative Ireland. These include artists bursaries, artist residencies, training and networking opportunities, and opportunities for arts in community, arts in education and arts and health. These sessions took place in Wexford Arts Centre, Tomhaggard and online

### **Westgate Heritage Centre Arts Space**

Management of Westgate Heritage Centre and the adjacent Computer Centre is now with the Arts Office and is being used as artist workspaces. From 1st October Wexford Arts Centre was contracted by the Arts Office to manage the day to day running of the space. Westgate Heritage Centre will be available for hire for Pop Up exhibitions and other events from the end of November. Ongoing works continue on the new Music Rehearsal Space at the back of the Heritage Centre and it will be open for bookings in December. Heritage tours continue to access the space.

## **INTERNATIONAL RESIDENCY OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Lisbon 2024 & 2025 – aimed at emerging visual artists**

Wexford Arts Office is partnering with Capacity Ireland and the Arts Council on a European residency opportunity for a Wexford based emerging visual artist called Breaking the Patterns. Currently there are 2 Wexford artists in Lisbon completing a 3 month residency from October-December 2024. Another artist's open call took place for a Lisbon residency to take place in Jan-March 2025. Two Wexford artists were selected.

### **Centre Culturel Irlandais Paris (CCI)**

Wexford Arts Office is partnering with CCI Paris again in 2025 to support another funded artist residency for a Wexford based artist in Paris. Residencies of one to three months will be awarded for the period September 2025 - December 2026. This opportunity closes Tuesday 14th January 2025 at 5pm. This is open to artists across all art forms.

### **Exhibition in County Hall- Els Dietvorst**

The exhibition continued in November in County Hall. This show was curated by Catherine Bowe and Karla Sánchez Zepeda. This final exhibition is the concluding part of a national tour of Els Dietvorst's work. ADRIFT will run concurrently at Wexford Arts Centre and Wexford County Council until Friday 29 November 2024. 23 people were taken on private tours over the course of the exhibition.

### **ISACS LIFT Residency**

Wexford Arts Office was happy to support the 4th LIFT residency supported by ISACS (Irish Street Arts, Circus and Spectacle Network) and the Arts Council of Ireland with Italian artist Elisa Gallorosso, who presented her work-in-progress in the Wexford Arts Centre in November. Elisa will return to Wexford in December to utilize ISACS' hot desk and further develop her artistic research.

### **Cow House Parenting Artist Residency Open Call**

The Arts Office with Cow House Studios are pleased to offer a two-week residency designed specifically for parenting artists. This makes it possible for awarded artists to dedicate time to their work by offering childcare and supports during the residency. The deadline is the 15th of December.

### **SCREEN WEXFORD**

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

### **Remote Working in Postproduction for the Future**

These workshops took place online with four sessions and over 1 day in person in Gorey School of Art and focused on the various aspects of working remotely in postproduction in film. Supported by WCC, Screen Wexford and Screen Ireland. This was designed specifically for individuals who work in special effects, film editing and sound.

### **Crew Networking Coffee Morning - Presentation Arts Centre, Enniscorthy**

This was open to anyone interested in and/or currently working in video, gaming, social media, film and TV or any screen-related industries. This included writers, directors, producers, creators and crew from all departments. This event was an opportunity for local filmmakers and talent in the South East to meet and network while hearing from Screen Wexford on upcoming training, opportunities, and initiatives.

### **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.

### **Creative Youth on a Shared Island**

A call out took place in November for all young people in Enniscorthy age 14+ for an exchange project with Fuse Arts in Derry and Freshly Ground Theatre in Tallaght and Bare Cheek Theatre Company in Enniscorthy. Workshops started in November.

### **Recording Sessions at the Orchard Recording Studio Enniscorthy**

Creative Places Enniscorthy supported eight recording sessions to forty musicians across the Enniscorthy area in November. There will be a launch on Friday the 13th of December at the Presentation Arts Centre at 7pm.

### **Scalder? Project by Crannog Films with Creative Places Enniscorthy**

Call out started from the 14th of November for locals of Enniscorthy to record a short video or audio track about what 'SCALDER' means to them and what people think about Enniscorthy. Crannog Films will have a screening night in the Templeshannon Community Centre in December. One submission will be chosen to spend a day filming with Crannog Films on one of their upcoming projects.



## CREATIVE IRELAND

### Good Grief

In 2024 through the Creative Ireland Health and Wellbeing Fund, Creative Ireland teams in Waterford and Wexford developed Good Grief, a free programme to assist people who are in the second year of bereavement. The programme ran for eight weeks with 36 participants and finished with 33 participants. Most of the participants were from County Wexford. A researcher was engaged to evaluate the programme and put together a report that considers the value of it continuing in different iterations. The report is expected to be delivered in the spring of 2025.

### Shared Island

As part of the Creative Ireland Wexford Shared Island project, fourteen people from Belfast, including ten students from Ulster University and Belfast School of Art, travelled to Gorey School of Art in November. They met a cohort of Wexford students, and through AI and VR collaboratively explored the interwoven effects of climate change and health. Gorey School of Art students will travel to Belfast in December to continue this conversation. The results will form the basis for a phase 2 project, that further develops meaningful Shared Island links between communities in County Wexford and Belfast.

### Spoken Word project with Stephen James Smith

Calmast, the STEM engagement Centre in South Technological University, coordinated a project for TY students from Selskar College and Presentation School Wexford that encouraged exploration of their connections with climate change and their sense of place and belonging through the medium of spoken word. This project was undertaken in collaboration with Stephen James Smith, a Wexford Town resident who is a leading figure in Ireland's vibrant spoken word community. The workshops took place in September and October and culminated in a showcase performance at Wexford Arts Centre in November.

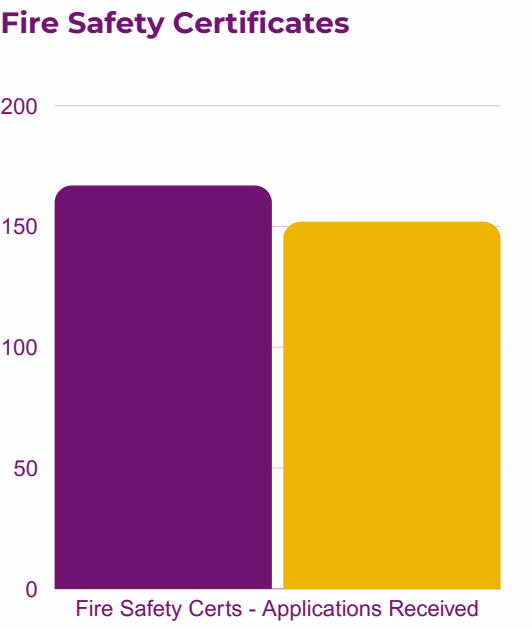
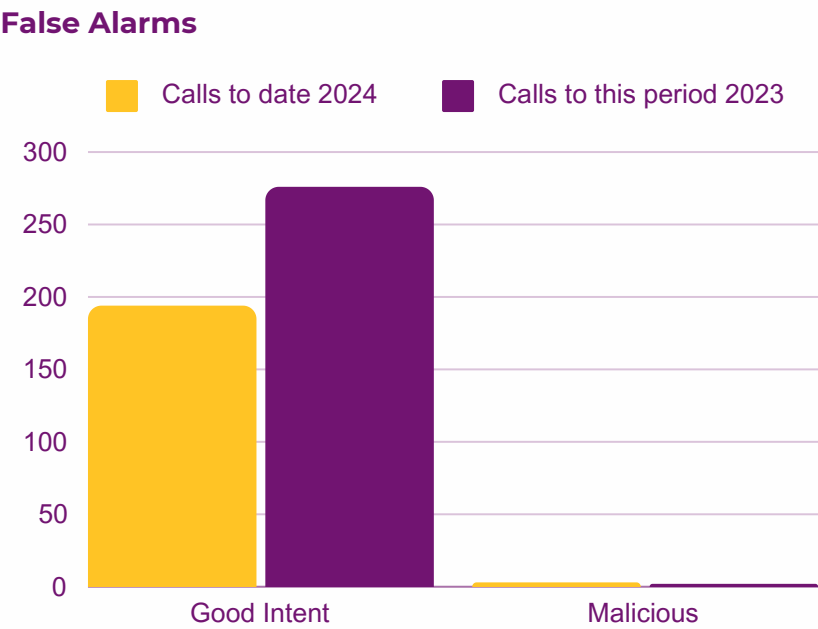
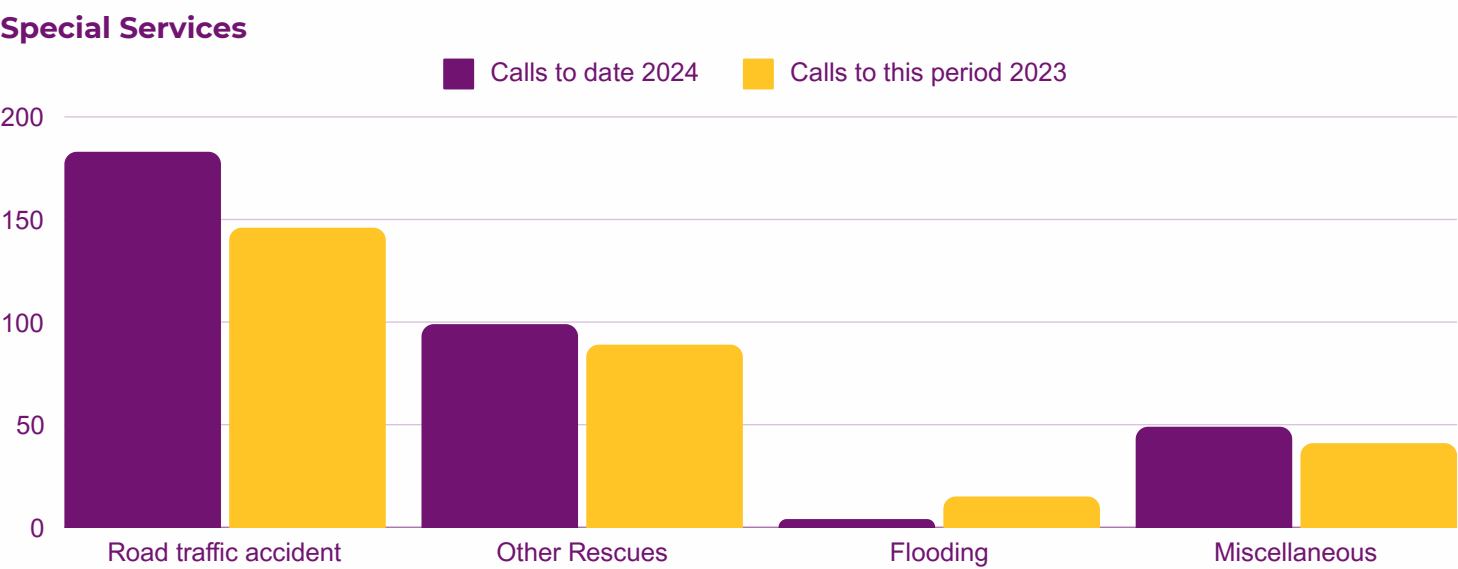
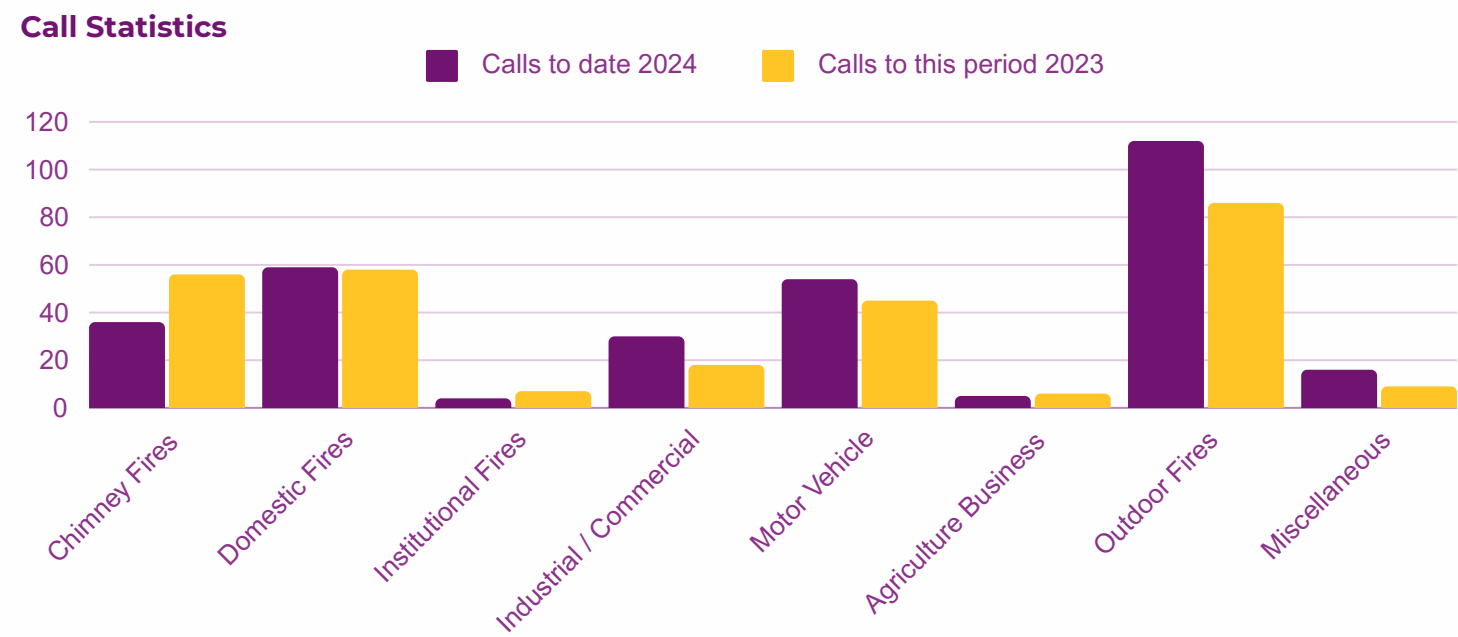


### Hall for All

The Hall for All project explores the phenomenon of the Irish Village Hall as a physical, cultural and intergenerational space for people to come together to showcase and share their crafts and skills and hold events. Focusing on Saint Mary's Community Hall in the south-Wexford village of Fethard-on-Sea, this placemaking film project worked with the community to document the activities that take place in The Hall. It explored and demonstrated how essential the village hall is to socialising, enterprise and equity in rural Ireland. A public showing of the documentary took place in Fethard. The film can be viewed here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wySjUaNUrnQ>



# WEXFORD FIRE SERVICES

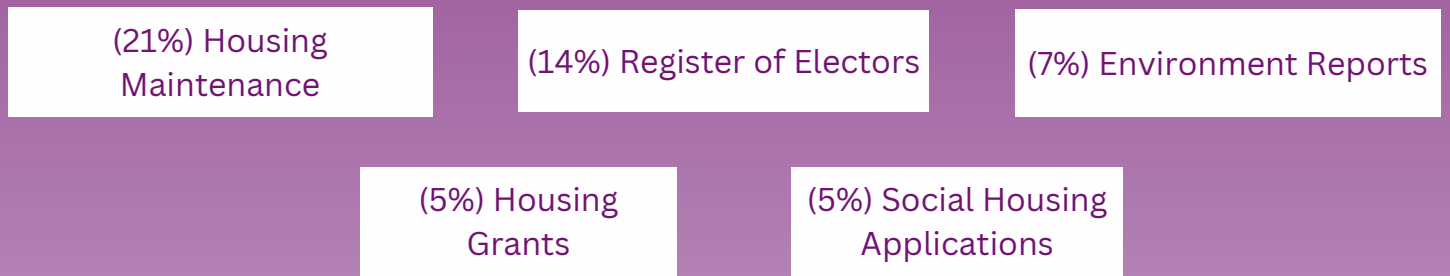


# CORPORATE SERVICES

## Customer Service Unit Statistics – November 2024

| Task                     | November 2024 |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| Phone Calls              | 4,297         |
| Emails (Received & Sent) | 2,644         |

### Top 5 CSU phone queries



## FOI OFFICE REQUESTS November 2024

| Type                                     | Number |
|--|--------|
| Freedom of Information                   | 18     |
| Customer Complaint                       | 23     |
| Ombudsman Complaint                      | 3      |
| Access to Information on the Environment | 1      |
| Data Access Request                      | 0      |
| Total                                    | 45     |

# THE LOCAL INTEGRATION TEAM



The LAIT held 7 clinics in the community this month.

**Interagency Work** - The final Community Integration Forum of 2024 took place in December. This forum continues to provide a vital platform for collaboration, focusing on the integration of individuals who have moved to Co. Wexford under Temporary Protections Orders and International Protection. The International Refugee Protection Programme welcomed its first two families to the county. Both families are settling well into their new communities, thanks to the coordinated efforts of local agencies and support networks.

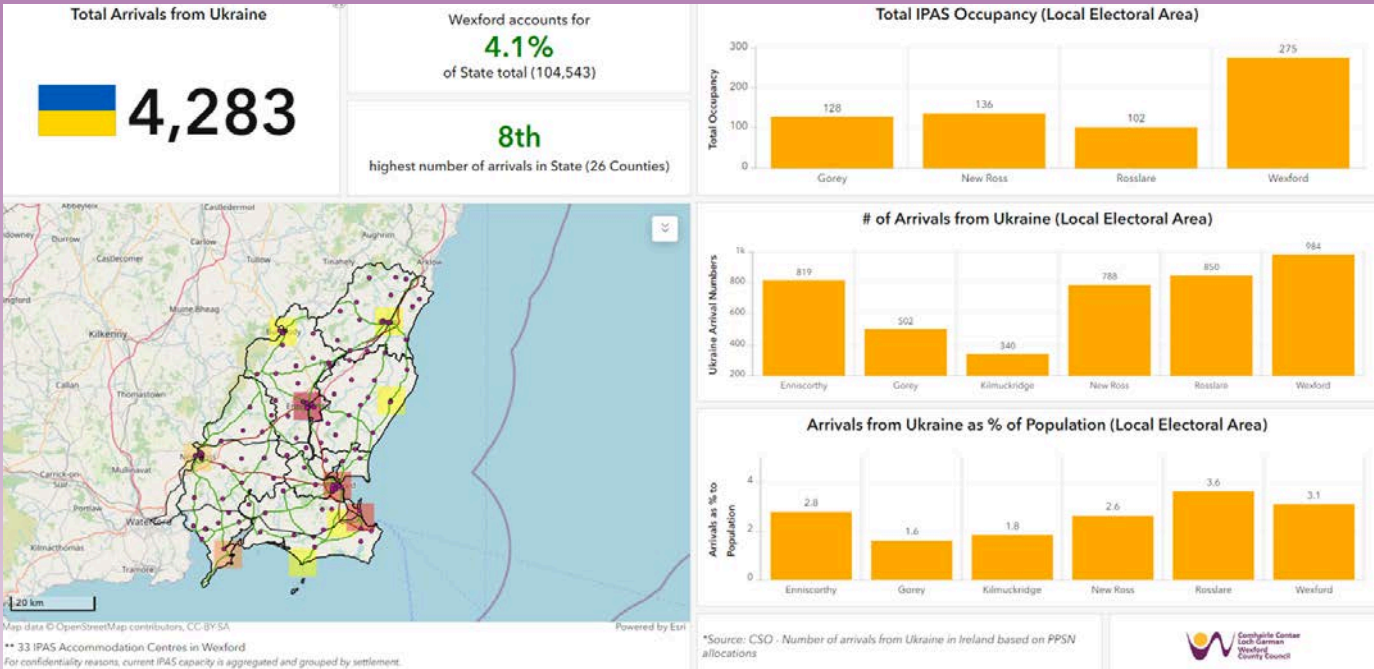
A Migrant Survey Working Group convened to advance the development of a comprehensive needs assessment for individuals living under International Protection in Co. Wexford. This assessment will help identify key areas for support and inform future service provision.

**Other Activities** - Three initiatives have been successfully awarded funding through the Integration Team Small Grant Integration Fund. We look forward to supporting these projects and observing their positive impact over the coming months. Applications for the Migrant Strategy have been received, and we remain optimistic about progressing this important body of work in early 2025.

**Training** - The Team Hosted a training from NBK training (Niall ‘Basil’ Kennedy) on mental health & resilience which was well received by the men in the IPAS Centre in Courtown.

The LAIT hosted representatives from the UNHCR (United Nations Refugee Agency) and the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS). These experts delivered an informative presentation for professionals, focusing on the Irish experience of International Protection. A tailored session for women residing in an IPAS Centre was held at Wexford Library, highlighting their rights and entitlements.

Ruhama delivered a two-day certified training on human trafficking, hosted by the LAIT. Thirty five participants engaged in this impactful program, which emphasised trauma-informed practices in supporting victims of trafficking. Feedback from attendees was overwhelmingly positive, underscoring the training's importance and effectiveness.



## UKRAINIAN RESPONSE TEAM

| Pledge Type     | Number of Properties | Number of People Placed |
|-----------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Offer a Home    | 270                  | 827                     |
| Irish Red Cross | 34                   | 110                     |

### Accommodation

The team continue to place displaced Ukrainian families who are Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection Orders (BOTP's) in properties across Wexford, in both rural and urban areas.

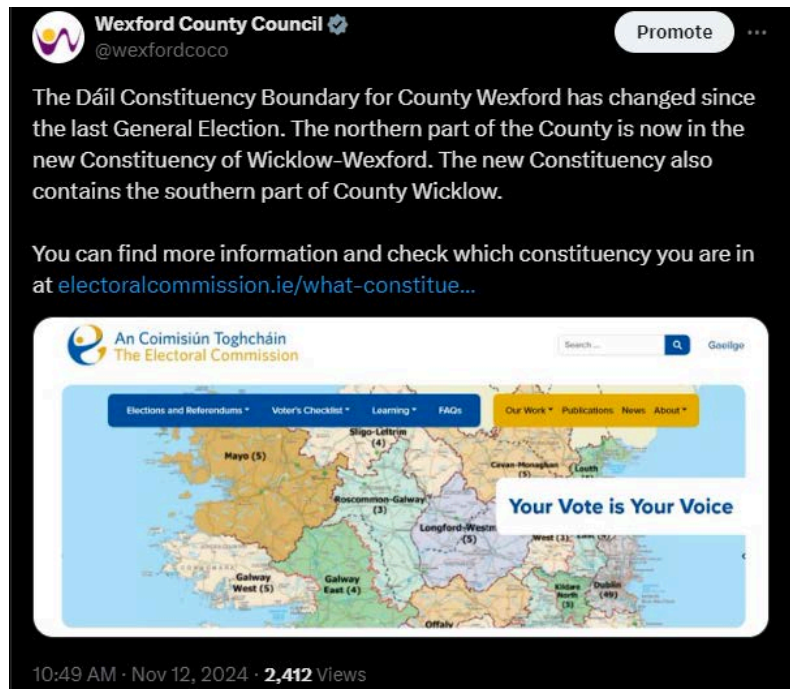
### Ukraine Refurbishment Programme

Four properties are open and operational. Two further properties are open and awaiting the arrival of residents.

## Top Performing Posts

## COMMUNICATIONS

### Electoral Constituencies



2.4 K impressions

### Christmas Car Parking

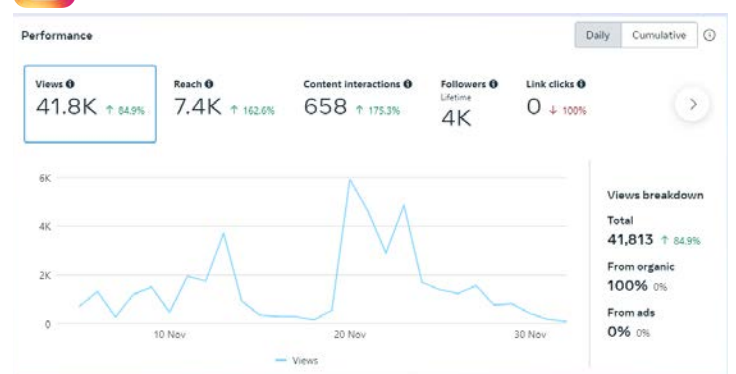
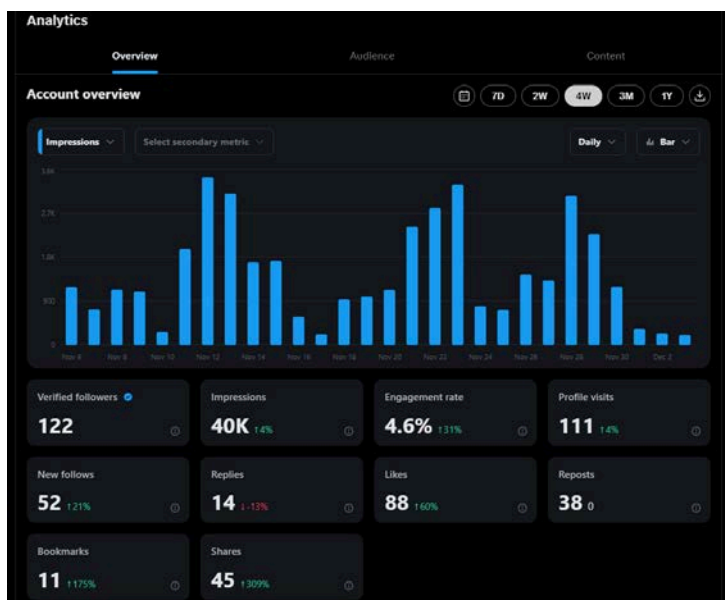


2.6k views



2.4k impressions

## Monthly Stats





## Monthly Social Media Content

- Christmas Car Parking Arrangements
- Christmas Winter Wonderland Parade
- Christmas Opening Hours Recycling Centres
- Energy Advice Clinic
- Public Participation Day Rosslare Coastal Erosion Scheme
- Inside Wexford County Council Podcasts
- Be Winter Ready
- Firefighter recruitment
- Carrigfoyle Boathouse enabling works
- Yellow Weather Warning
- Cultural Companions Re Launch
- 10 Years of LEO
- Science Week at Wexford Libraries

- Affordable Housing Launch
- BCMS Christmas Deadlines
- Trinity Wharf Investor Opportunity
- Community Calendar
- Register of Electors
- Road Safety
- Rosslare Exhibition
- Energy Advice Clinic
- General Election Notice
- South East Greenway Notice
- Age Friendly Afternoon Tea Dance
- Community Networking Evening
- Bold Bike and E Scooter



## Press Releases Nov 2024

**Pride of Place Awards**  
**National Women's Enterprise Day**  
**East Coast Sport Hub**  
**Environment Award Winners**  
**Emigrant Park New Ross wins at Excellence in Local Government Awards**

<https://www.wexfordcoco.ie/wexford-county-council-press-releases-2024>

## 5 Press Queries received:

- Dog Fouling
- Residential Zoned Land Tax
- Historic Landfills
- Social Housing

**5 responses issued.**

# FINANCE

## Finance Report Q3

The Q3 Finance Report is included on the agenda for the December meeting and the report has been circulated to members. The Q3 position is being reported at a €13.8k in surplus in the Revenue Account for the period to 30th September. This position assumes full recoupment of all costs incurred by the Council dealing with the costs incurred by the Council's Ukrainian response team. Also included under Division D is the ICOB and ICOB2 grant which was an unbudgeted item however it is 100% funded. The total ICOB expenditure and income included up to Q3 is €8.9m. The Q3 report also confirms a spend of €93.1m on capital development projects to the end of September, the majority of which has been incurred delivering the housing capital programme, projects in the Economic & Community Development Programme and Roads.

## Cash Flow/Overdraft

Ministerial Sanction remains in place for borrowing by way of overdraft in the amount of €20m to 31st December 2024. Ministerial Sanction has also now been received confirming borrowing by way of overdraft for 2024 in the amount of €15m, as approved by Members at the October meeting.

## Audit Committee/Audit

The next Audit Committee is scheduled for Wednesday 11th December and the committee will be meeting with the Local Government Auditor to discuss the 2023 Annual Financial Statement and the associated Statutory Auditors report. The annual reports from the Audit Committee prepared in accordance with Section 60 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 are expected to be submitted to the Council early in the new year.





“AS 2024 DRAWS TO A  
CLOSE WE WISH YOU AND  
YOUR LOVED ONES A  
PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS AND  
HAPPY NEW YEAR IN 2025”

Eddie Taaffe  
Chief Executive