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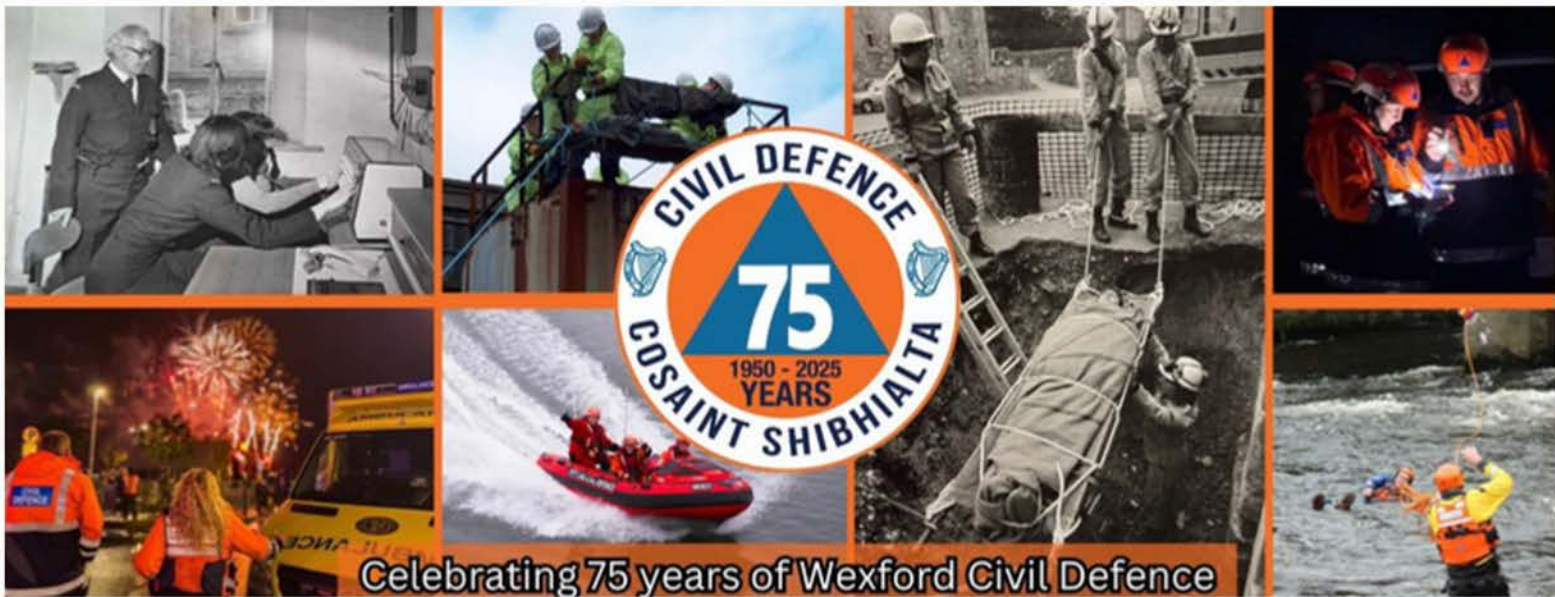
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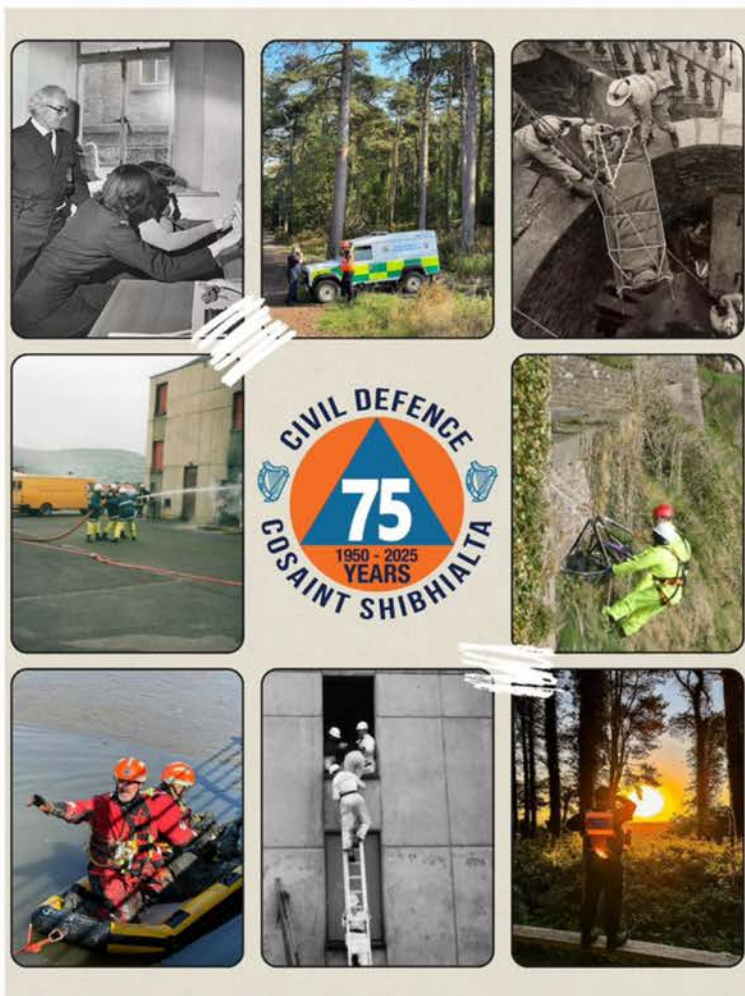


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HOUSING

Housing Strategy & Services

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

Housing For All 2022-2026						
1218 Target	- (970 Units Delivered	+	480 Units Projected	=	1450 Delivery Pipeline
) = 232 Shortfall /Over

It is the Councils intention to continue to deliver new housing, above the target provided under the programme, where demand exists and Department funding is available. The following tables outline the current delivery pipelines and status on projects. For LA Direct Build information, please refer to the Capital Development section of the Chief Executives Report.

Turnkey Delivery - The Housing Section periodically seek Expressions of Interest for the provision of social housing units via Turnkey Acquisition. The current Expression of Interest closed on the 13th November. All calls are seeking targeted delivery of smaller unit types (1 & 2 beds) in areas of need identified in the Housing Delivery Action Plan (HDAP). In addition, the process also seeks proposals for purchase of land in areas of need. All proposals received by Wexford County Council under the turnkey process are assessed by an Internal Assessment Committee.

Gorey/Kilmuckridge Municipal District

Project Address (TURNKEY)	Unit Type	Est. Delivery	Total
Tobar Muire, Creagh Demesne, Gorey	7 x 2-bed 22 x 3-bed	Q4 2025 15 delivered June 2025	29
Mangan, Hollyfort, Gorey	2 x 3-Bed	Q1 2027	2
Spring View, Gorey Hill, Gorey	6 x 3-bed apt 6 x 2-bed apt	Q4 2026	12
Grattan Court, Gorey	10 x 3-bed 4 x 2-bed apt	Q1 2026	14
		Total Turnkey Units	57
Project Address (Part V)	Unit Type	Est. Delivery	Total
Gleann an Ghairdin Phases 3 & 4	2 x 2-bed	Q1 2026	2
Tobar Muire, Creagh Demesne, Gorey	2 x 2-bed	Q4 2025 1 delivered June 2025	2
Spring View, Gorey Hill, Gorey	4 x 3-bed apt 4 x 2-bed apt	Q2 2026	8

Gorey/Kilmuckridge MD - cont'd

Project Address (Part V)	Unit Type	Est. Delivery	Total
Deerpark (Ballowen or Ramsfort Park) Gorey	1 x 3-bed 1 x 2-bed	Q1 2026	2
Deerpark (Ballowen or Ramsfort Park) Gorey	2 x 3 bed	Q4 2025	2
Grattan Court Gorey	2 x 2 bed	Q1 2026	2
Sunset Avenue, Riverchapel	1 X 2 bed hse	Q1 2027	1
Millquarter, Knockmullen	6 X 2 bed apt 6 X 3 bed apt	Q1 2026	12
Fermoyle Manor, Kilanerin	1 X 3 bed hse	Q1 2026	1
Ramsbrook, Ramstown Lower	10 X 3 bed hse	Delivering on a phased basis from Q3 2026	10
		Total Part V	42
Project Address (AHB)	Unit Type	Est. Delivery	Total
Ballytegan Rd, Gorey	3 x 1-bed 26 x 2-bed 52 x 3-bed 5 x 4-bed	Q3 2026	86
Riverchapel Road, Gorey	6 x 1-bed apt	Q3 2025	6
		Total AHB	92
Overall Total			191

Rosslare Municipal District

Project Address	Unit Type	Est. Delivery	Total
Carrig-on-Bannow (TURNKEY)	5 x 1 bed 5 x 2 bed	Q3 2025 Q1 2026	10
Carrig-on-Bannow (PART V)	2 x 3 bed	Q4 2025	2
Murrintown Upper (PART V)	3 x 2 bed hse	Q1 2027	3
Seaview, Rosslare Harbour (AHB)	20 x 2 bed apt 8 x 3 bed hse	Q1 2026	28
Overall Total			43

Enniscorthy Municipal District

Project Address (TURNKEY)	Unit Type	Est. Delivery	Total
Holly-Way, Clonhasten, Enniscorthy	5 x 2-bed	Q4 2025	5
Cnoc na Greine, Enniscorthy	3 x 2-bed 9 x 3-bed 2 x 4-bed	Phased from Q4 2025	14
Forgelands, Old Forge Rd, Enniscorthy	7 x 3 bed	Delivering from Q3 2025. 4 delivered Q4	7
		Total Turnkey	26
Forgelands, Old Forge Rd, Enniscorthy (Part V)	4 x 2-bed	Q3 2025. 2 delivered Q3 2025	4
Holly-Way, Clonhasten, Enniscorthy (Part V)	5 x 3-bed	Q4 2025	5
Holly-Close, Clonhasten, Enniscorthy (Part V)	2 X 2 bed hse 1 X 3 bed hse	Q1 2026	3
Cnoc na Greine, Enniscorthy (Part V)	16 x 3 bed hse 2 x 2 bed hse 16 x 1 bed apt	Delivering on a phased basis from Q4 2025	34
		Total Part V	46
Milehouse, Phase 2, Enniscorthy (AHB)	7 x 1 bed hse 26 x 2 bed hse	Q1 2026	33
Castle Street, Enniscorthy (AHB)	5 x 1 bed apts	Q1 2026	5
		Total AHB	38
Overall Total			110

New Ross Municipal District

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

Borough District of Wexford

Project Address	Unit Type	Est. Delivery	Total
Ard Uisce, Wexford (PART V)	8 x 2-bed	Q3 2025. 2 delivered Q2 2 delivered Q4	8
Radharc an Chuain, Castlebridge (PART V)	1 x 3 bed	Q4 2025	1
Radharc an Chuain, Castlebridge (PART V)	2 x 3 bed	Q1 2026	2
Turners Way, Coolcotts (PART V)	4 x 2 bed apt	Delivering from Q2 2026	4

Borough District of Wexford cont'd

Project Address	Unit Type	Est. Delivery	Total
Beechfield, Clonard (AHB)	25 x 1-bed 23 x 2-bed 1 x 3-bed 1 x 4-bed	Q1 2026	50
Whiterock Hill, Wexford (AHB)	6 x 2 bed 34 x 3 bed	40 Delivering on a phased basis 8 delivered April 2025 17 delivered August 2025 15 to deliver Q4 2025	15
Overall Total			80

Support has been offered to AHB's for other proposals amounting to 188 units across all districts. These proposals are subject to Planning and Departmental approval.

District	No. of Units	District	No. of Units
Enniscorthy	30	Rosslare	35
Gorey	45	Wexford	36
New Ross	18	Total	164

ENERGY EFFICIENCY RETROFITTING PROGRAMME

Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme **2025** is the **fifth** year of a new 10-year Energy Efficiency/Retrofit Programme to retrofit local authority housing stock. The new programme provides for a significant upscaling in the level of funding available and focuses on ensuring that the fabric of the home is upgraded, and an energy efficient heating system is provided. The table below outlines the targets & no of properties delivered and funded to date under this programme.

Department Targets for County Wexford		
Year	No of Properties Allocated	No Delivered & Claimed
2021	54	0
2022	68	37
2023	51	146
2024	116	118
2025	289	301

Status Update December 2025 - Units completed to date = 120 Works in progress = 16

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

'Cnoc na Gréine' - Application Portal Launching January 2026



Wexford County Council in association with Neville Homes are proud to announce the upcoming launch of homes available for sale under the Local Authority Affordable Purchase Scheme at Cnoc na Gréine - Super A-Rated, Smart Family Homes perfectly located in the heart of historical Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford. This scheme includes a limited range of 2, 3 & 4 bedroomed units – with Prices Starting From €199,000.

Project Scheme details are available on the Wexford County Council website.

Information Events - Register Now

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

- **Information Launch Event** – In Person Event, 16th December 2025, Enniscorthy Castle, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford,
- **Application Webinar** – Online Event, 08th January 2026
- **In Person Clinics** – Enniscorthy.

To register to attend any of these events or to receive affordable housing programme updates, simply log onto Affordable Housing | Wexford County Council to complete an 'Expression of Interest' or email rsvp@wexfordcoco.ie

Choice Based Letting - 193 properties were advertised on the Choice Based Letting website from 01/01/2025 to 26/11/25. As multiple properties were available in some cases, a total of 299 properties were available for allocation. Number of Views & Expressions of Interest are as per table below:-

Municipal District	Properties Available for Allocation	No. of Properties Advertised	1-bed	2-bed	3-bed	4/5-bed
Enniscorthy	80	63	8	43	11	1
Gorey/Kilmuckridge	63	23	2	11	9	1
New Ross	52	27	6	11	8	2
Rosslare	52	41	1	25	15	0
Wexford	52	36	1	16	22	0
TOTAL	299	193	18	106	65	4

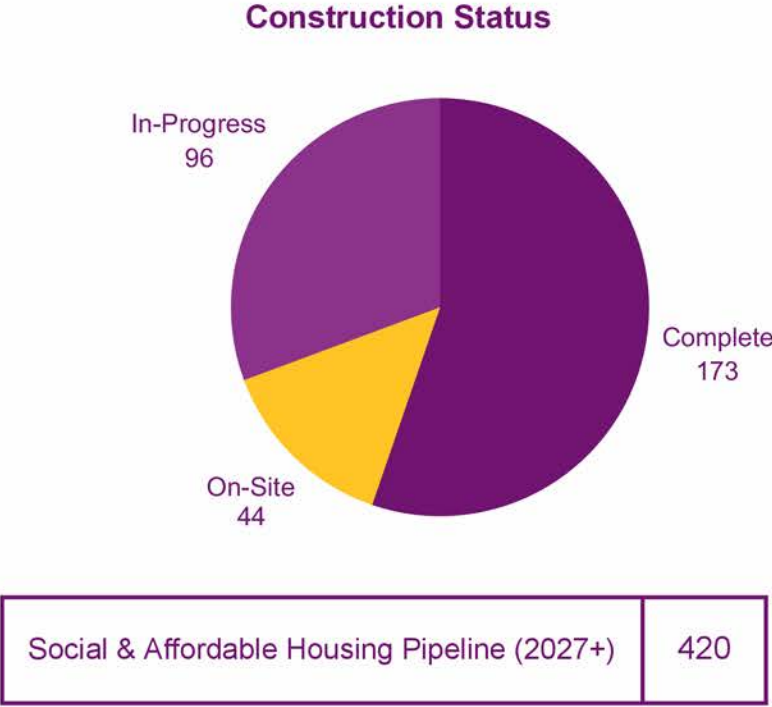
Housing Allocations - From the 1st January to 30th November, 2025 Wexford County Council allocated 336 properties with 297 tenancies created. There were also a further 105 Approved Housing Body tenancies created.

Area	Re-Lets (Incl. Bays)	Transfers	New Lets	AHBs	MTR	Total
Gorey/Kilmuckridge	15	9	79	19	2	124
New Ross	24	5	46	3	2	80
Enniscorthy	22	8	21	25	2	78
Wexford	30	9	30	41	1	111
Rosslare	12	1	18	17	0	48
TOTAL	103	32	194	105	7	441

Estate Management Cases – 354 open cases as of December 2025					
Complaint	Enniscorthy	Gorey/Kilmuckridge	New Ross	Rosslare	Wexford
Abandonment	10	1	10	0	18
Breach of Tenancy	18	31	26	3	0
Damage to Property	2	8	7	0	4
Estate Management	28	69	25	2	7
Unauthorised Occupants	1	6	7	0	1
Verbal Abuse/ Violence/ Harassment/Drugs	17	25	18	6	3
TOTAL	76	140	94	11	33

HOUSING CAPITAL - CAPITAL BUILD PROJECTS

Housing for All 2022 - 2026 SUMMARY	
Dwellings Complete 2022	48
Dwellings Complete 2023	23
Dwellings Complete 2024	54
Dwellings to Complete 2025	48
Dwellings still to Complete in 2025	44
Dwellings to Complete 2026	96



Dwellings Under Construction to complete in 2025

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

Funded Projects for delivery 2025 – 2026			
Monomolin, Gorey	5	Ballygillane, Rosslare	5
Bullawn, New Ross	3	Killeens, Wexford	60
Cluain Fada, New Ross, New Ross	22	Lacken TAP	1
Total 96			

Projects in Design / Pipeline Social and Affordable Subject to Funding Approval			
Clonard, Wexford	55	Castlemoyle, New Ross	82
Group TAP Housing	5	The Lyre, Enniscorthy	50
Rosbercon, New Ross	50	St Walerans, Gorey	40
Bride Street, Wexford	3	Park, Wexford	12
Kilmore Quay, Rosslare	10 Units & 4 Serviced Sites	Belvedere, Wexford	12
Creagh, Gorey	24	Bunclody, Enniscorthy	65 (PPP on hold)
Grogans Road, Wexford	4	Adamstown, New Ross	4
Total 420			

Local Enterprise Office

Enterprise Ireland's New Frontiers



New Frontiers

LEO supported four Wexford businesses who were shortlisted for Phase 2 of the New Frontiers Programme, a competitive six-month intensive entrepreneurship initiative funded by Enterprise Ireland that provides structured training, expert mentoring, financial support, and access to innovation networks. Having four local companies progress to interview stage demonstrates the strong pipeline of innovative, high-potential enterprises emerging within the county.

Sully & Juno wins big at the Gradaim Gnó na hÉireann

Client achievements were further highlighted this month as Wexford-based fashion brand Sully & Juno triumphed at the Gradaim Gnó na hÉireann awards, clinching gold in all three categories they entered. Their journey reflects a deep commitment to integrating the Irish language into their business while creating inclusive, sensory-friendly fashion, branding and marketing, customer service, and signage—reflecting excellence and strong commitment to Irish-language business development.



Looking ahead to December, we are delighted to see five amazing Wexford businesses—Killowen Farm, Naturally Cordial, Mor Taste, All About Nectar, and Tara Hill Honey representing Wexford and showcasing their produce at Ireland's iconic Gifted Fair. Their presence offers significant visibility and sales opportunities at one of Ireland's largest craft, design, and artisan food showcases.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

IDA Advanced Technology Building – Enniscorthy Technology Park

Design process has been completed and agreed with IDA for 2,500 sq meter ATB:

- Purpose-designed for the scenic hillside location overlooking River Slaney
- Architecturally sensitive facade treatment on prominent elevations respects the environmental context
- Follows established ATB precedents (Waterford, Limerick) ensuring design consistency with client standards
- Designed for mixed-use operational requirements
- Flexible internal arrangements support evolving business needs
- Cost-effective expansion strategy incorporated

Planning permission application to be submitted in early December 2025.

Kilmore Quay Enterprise Park

In line with the current County Wexford Development Plan objective of promoting economic and enterprise development appropriate in scale within strategic settlements, the proposed Enterprise Park in Kilmore Quay is being developed under 2 key pillars:

1. Establishment of an Enterprise Hub
2. Commercial sites for sale.

Marketing collateral has been developed promoting the development of the Enterprise Park and signage has been erected promoting commercial sites for sale.



TOURISM



Wexford Tourism Seminar and Networking Event.

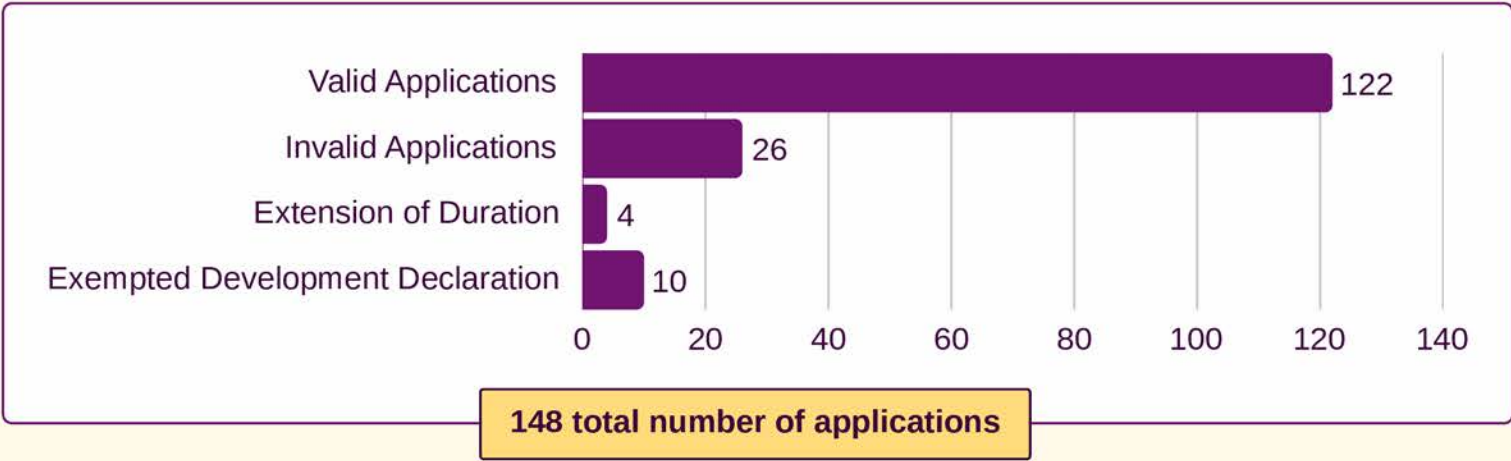
Fáilte Ireland in partnership with Visit Wexford held a Wexford Tourism Seminar & Networking event at Whites of Wexford. This event was attended by more than 80 tourism and hospitality businesses from County Wexford.

The purpose of the event was to create a platform for networking and cross-selling between tourism-relevant businesses, to share and align stakeholders around the Wexford Destination & Experience Development Plan DEDP 2025–2030, focusing on sustainability, season extension, and local economic spread and to encourage collaborative actions that increase visitor length of stay and spend.

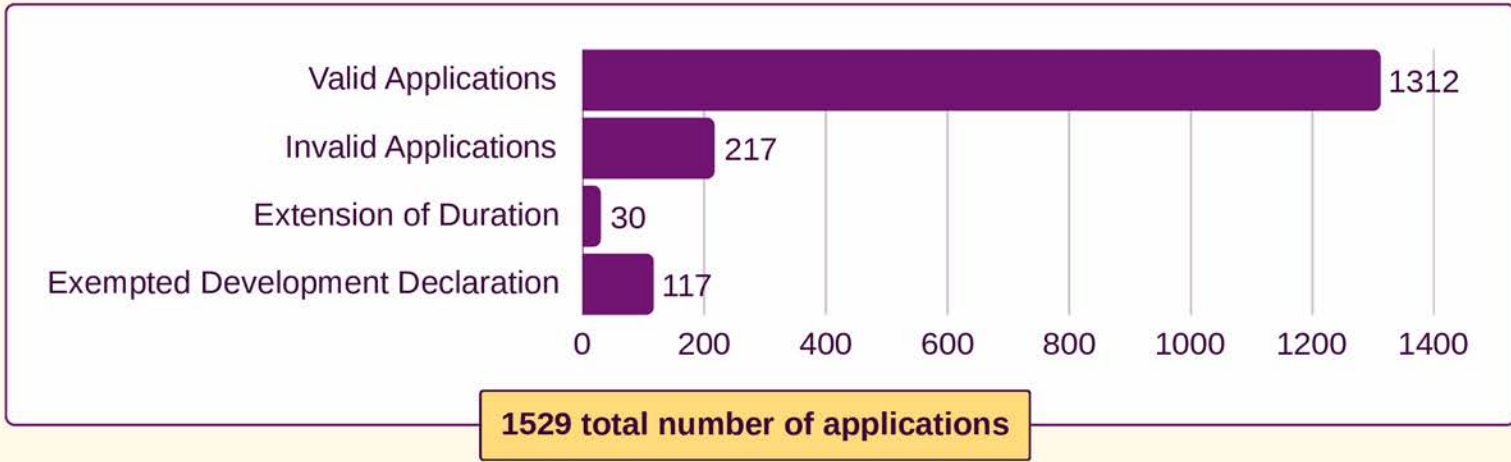
The Seminar had speakers from Fáilte Ireland, Visit Wexford and Tourism Ireland. The event also had a panel discussion, with Colm Neville, Director of Visit Wexford, co-chair of the Wexford DEDP implementation committee and owner of the Riverside Park Hotel, Newtown Park Hotel and Crown Quarter, Paul Halpenny, Head of Commercial & Operations at the Irish Heritage Trust and co-chair of the Wexford DEDP implementation committee and Orla Delaney Wexford Officer Ireland Ancient East Team with Failte Ireland. The panel discussion was moderated by representative from the Innovate Rooms Consultancy, who specialise in Tourism & hospitality.



Planning applications received 25th October 2025 to the 21st November 2025



Planning applications received 1st January to 21st November 2025

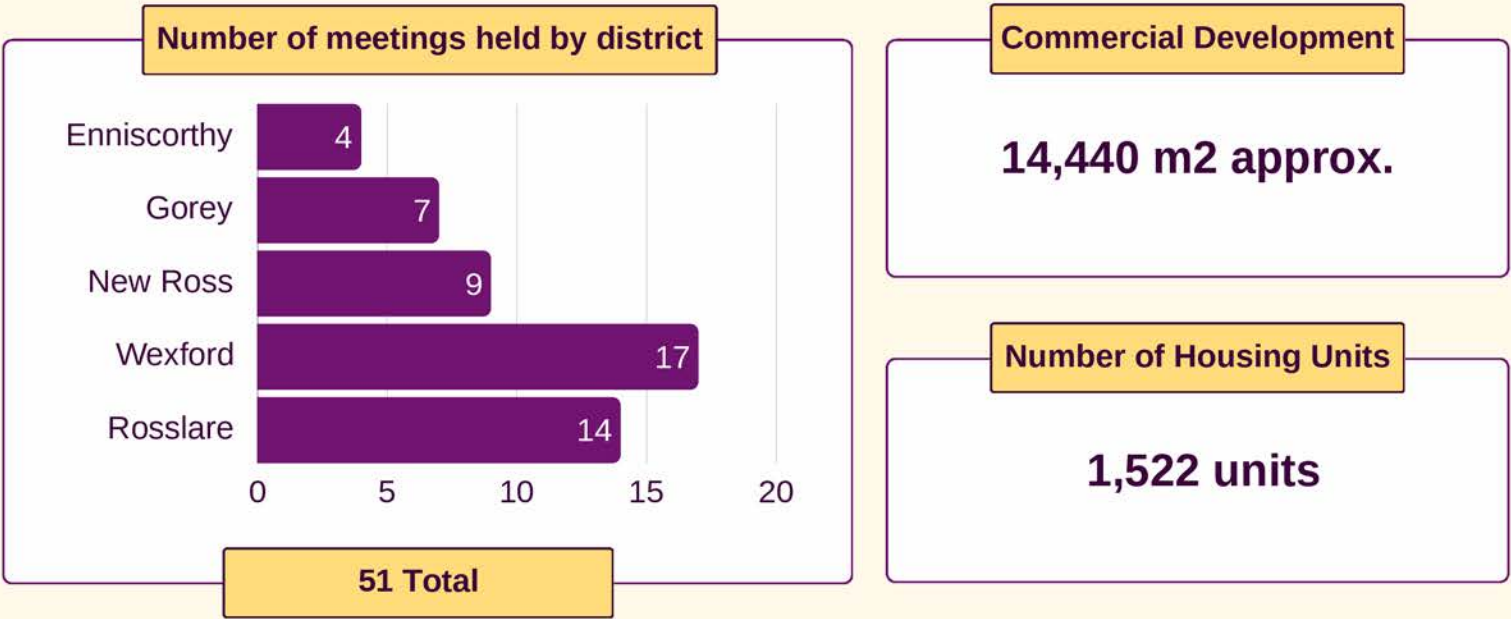


Pre-Planning - applications year to date up to the 21st November 2025

Pre-planning by District	Applications Received	Applications Closed	Open Pre-planning Applications
Enniscorthy MD	74	66	6
Gorey/Kilmuckridge MD	138	110	36
New Ross MD	76	76	6
Rosslare MD	98	84	3
Wexford BD	80	68	13
Total	466	404	64

Average days to pre-planning meeting is 31

Major Pre-Planning - Year to date to the 10th November 2025



Planning CSO Returns - year to date to the 31st October 2025



Built, Cultural and Natural Heritage

Conservation Works

In November the Heritage Department oversaw the completion of works on 12 historic buildings as part of the Built Heritage Investment Scheme and Historic Thatched Buildings Scheme. In total, €265,661.58 of grant funding was awarded to these projects and this facilitated a range of works to be carried out including repairs to roofs, windows, doors and walls as well as rethatching. These repairs provided employment to skilled and experienced conservation professionals, while also ensuring the long-term survival of these important heritage buildings.

Forward Planning

Housing Growth Requirements

The National Planning Framework – First Revision which issued in April identified a need to provide 50,000 housing units per annum in the state. The Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage subsequently issued Section 28 Guidelines to the implement this target. The Guidelines identify Housing Growth Requirements (HGR) for each County. County Wexford has been allocated the fifth highest percentage increase nationally under the new HGR with an increase from 1,072 units to 1,622 units per year in the period 2025-2034. The Guidelines also allow for additional flexibility in terms of headroom for land use zoning, increasing from 25% to 50%.

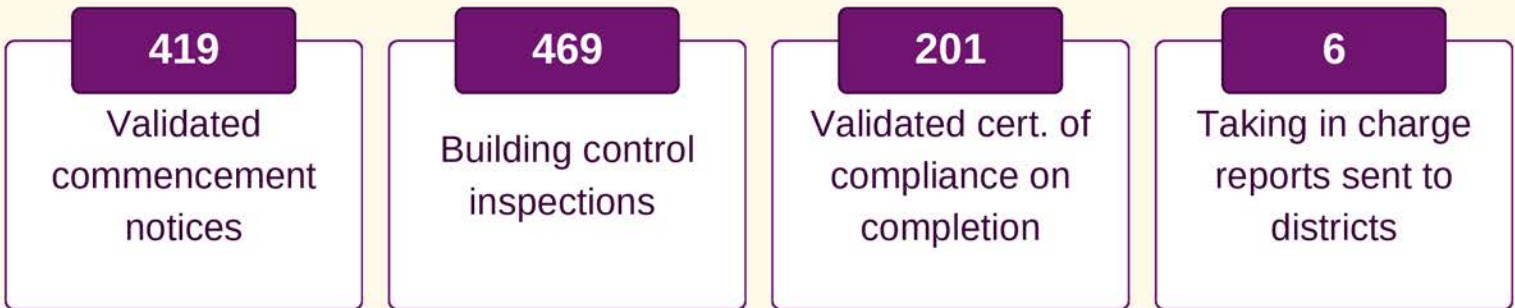
Local Authorities are required to review the Core Strategy in their existing County Development Plan and, if necessary, amend it to accommodate the revised housing targets. Local Authorities must also review zoned land in within their functional area and determine whether there is adequate zoned land available to serve the revised targets. This work will require variations to the Wexford County Development Plan 2022-2028.

Work is well advanced and the Chief Executive will submit a report to the Members outlining his recommendations on the method by which to implement the revised Housing Growth Requirements. The first variation will deal with the revised allocations and the revisions required to the Core Strategy. It will also deal with land use zoning in Enniscorthy and New Ross. The proposed Variation will require assessment under the Strategic Environmental Assessment, Habitats and Floods Directives and work has commenced on these assessments. It is proposed to hold workshops with the Members of Enniscorthy and New Ross Municipal Districts in December.

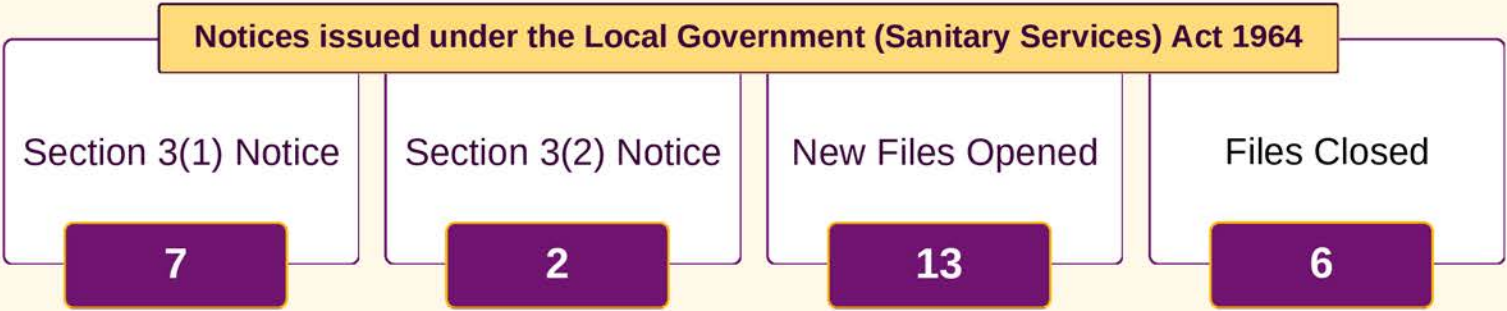
Planning Enforcement - Year to date up to the 21st November 2025



Building Control - Year to date up to the 21st November 2025

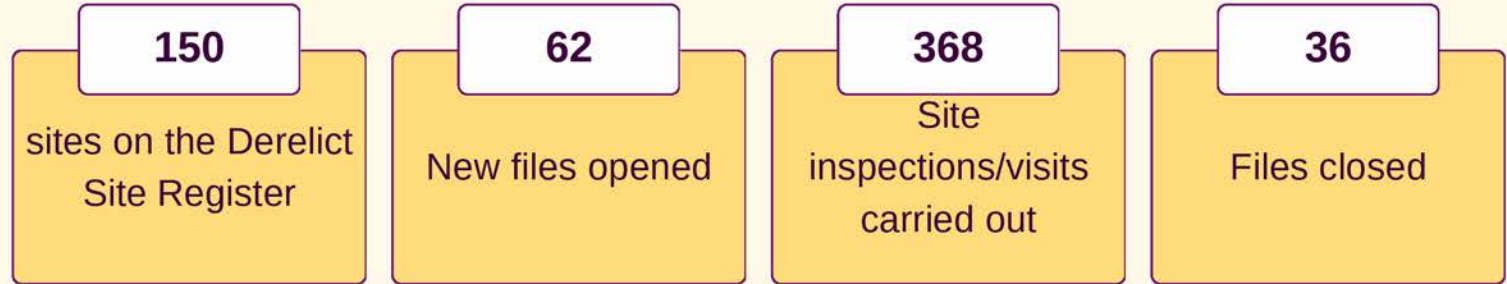
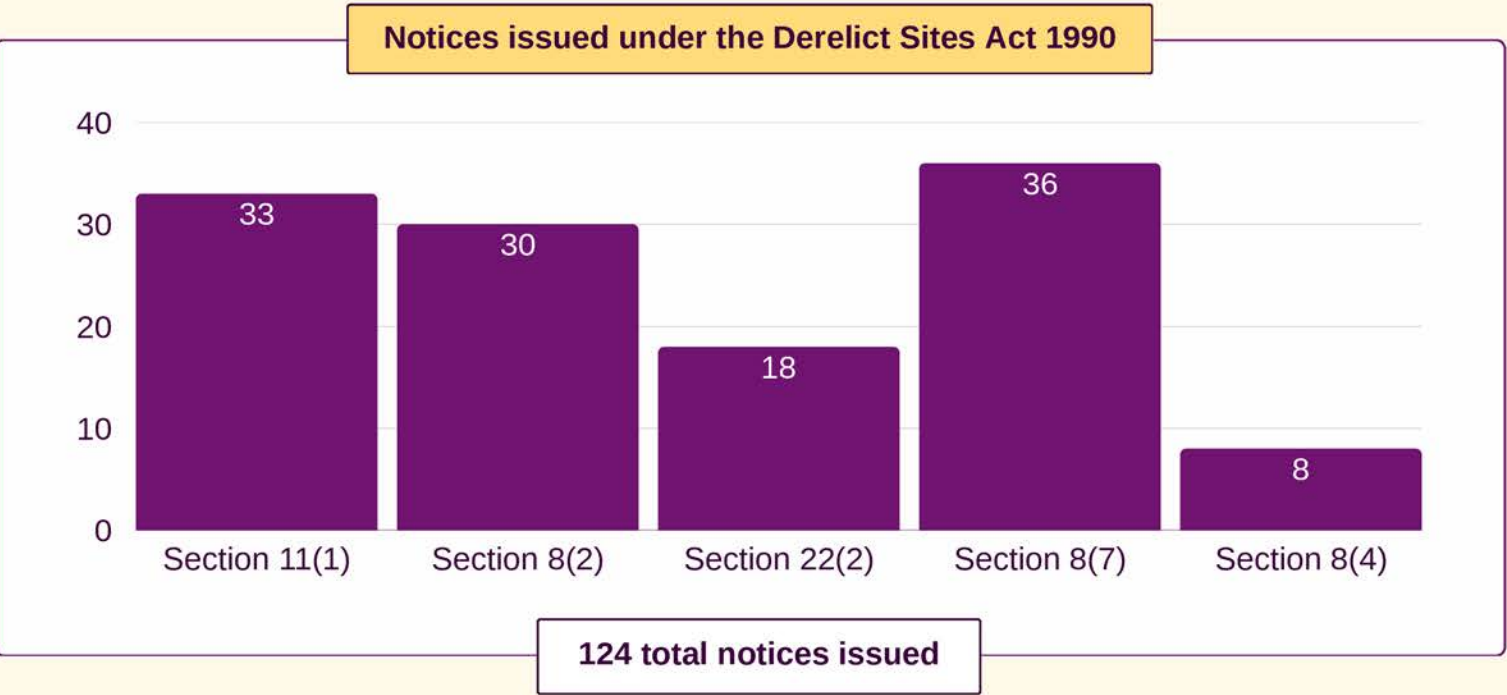


Dangerous Structures and Places - Year to date up to the 21st November 2025



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

Derelict Sites - year to date up to 21st November 2025



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

URDF Call 3 - Urban Regeneration Development Fund

174 sites approved on the programme as of the 21st November 2025

- 32 Engagement with Property Owner Commenced
- 2 Process to Purchase Commenced by CPO
- 1 Process to Purchase Commenced by Agreement
- 3 Property Acquired by LA
- 8 Advertised for sale - property owned by LA
- 75 Brought back into use by Original Owner (closed case)
- 40 Property no longer vacant/derelict following review (closed case)
- 7 Being Dealt with Under Different Programme
- 6 Sold by local authority



A proposal has been submitted to the Department of Housing for the inclusion of **21 additional properties** in the URDF Call 3 programme.

Disability Access Certificates (DACs) Year to date up to the 21st November 2025

Applications for Districts	Total for Districts	Awaiting Assessment	Further Information	Granted	Refused
Enniscorthy	9	0	1	7	1
Gorey	19	0	1	17	1
New Ross	13	0	2	10	1
Wexford	37	0	0	36	1
Rosslare	7	0	0	5	2
2025 Totals	85	0	4	75	6

85 total number of valid DAC applications

Disability proofing - year to date up to the 21st November 2025

126

LAC/PLAC/LRD and General Planning Applications

10

Major pre-planning event days

2

Appeals
1-Upheld ACP
1-Outstanding

REGENERATION UNIT

TOWN CENTRE FIRST

Projects funded under Measures 1,2 and 3 of the 2024 TCF Suite of Supports are now complete and funding drawn down from the DRCDG.

Under Measure 1 we have Town Teams established in Castlebridge, Taghmon and Bunclody which continue to meet with meetings planned for December. We anticipate further roll out of TCF initiatives with these Town Teams in 2026.

Under Measure 2 we have a Town Centre First Plan in Place for Courtown/Riverchapel and we continue to meet as a Town Team and we will continue to seek funding streams throughout 2026 that will enable us to make this ambitious plan a reality.

Under Measure 3 works are now complete on these project development measures for the St Michaels Theatre New Ross restoration project and Bridgetown water based facility.

There will also be meetings in December for the New Ross and Enniscorthy TCF Teams with meetings Planned for Wexford TCF Team in January.

Further announcements on Town Centre First are expected Nationally in early 2026.

Vacant Homes

Work is continuing on vacant homes with €1,277,319.4 was paid out in Grants in the last 4 weeks and €500,000 of initial approvals granted in this time period which is having a very positive impact on improving vacancy and dereliction throughout the County.

Croi Conaithe Applications Wexford County Council as at 30-09-25	
Applications Received	548
Inspections Required (First)	6
Inspections Required (Final)	13
Applications Info Requested	132
Applications Approved	398
Awaiting Approval	0
Applications Rejected	7
Applications Approved In Principle	2
Application on Hold	0
Withdrawn By Applicant	12
Funding Issued	132
Total Funding Paid to Date	€8,164,972.90
Total Funding Approved To Date	€22,657,852.00

WATER SERVICES

Multi Annual Rural Water Programme	
Measure 3 – Enhancement of Existing Schemes including Water Conservation	Blackstairs GWS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caim Tank – Works complete. Road Reinstatement to take place in Q4 2025. • Reservoir Bypass - Drawdown complete for stage 1 payment. Recouped from Dept. • Majority of funding expected to be claimed and recouped by Q2 2026.
MARWP 2024-2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding approval – €1.2 million for the upgrade of 3.9km Watermain for Blackstairs GWS. • Topographical Survey Carried • Detail design ongoing • Site Investigations contract preparation underway
Measure 8 – Individual wells (private or household wells)	Individual Well Grants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of 32 new well grant applications were registered in November 2025. • 46 Well Grants have been paid in this period, totaling €93,769.59. • 72 inspections to date carried out to date in November 2025.
Group Water Scheme Subsidies	Subsidies Paid to GWS to date 2025 Total €725,522.28 This consists of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subsidy A (payable towards the general operational and management costs of all types of GWS's: €347,388.21). • Subsidy B (payable (in addition to Subsidy A) towards O&M costs associated with "bona fide" DBO contracts for GWS's €378,134.07
Measure A8 – Wastewater Collection & Treatment Needs for Villages & Settlements without access to Public Wastewater Service	New Advance Phase of MARWP 2022-2024 Ramsgrange - Uisce Eireann project lead resolution.
Lead Remediation Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 applications received to date on revised grant, 8 paid, 2 approved but have yet to submit claim for works complete.
Compliance monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 168 private supplies on register for compliance monitoring. End of year shortfall reports will be processed in December.

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

Cois Cuan, Farrin Carraig & Beach View – Planning process complete, tender package ready to be circulated to contractors. Critical Path - Awaiting substantial engagement from Uisce Eireann regarding DPI Resolution and connection agreements.

ROADS & TRANSPORTATION

MAJOR NATIONAL ROADS PROJECTS

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

Project design is progressing, with additional work underway to address Service Area requirements, Active Travel provisions, and Biodiversity considerations.

Engagement with Iarnród Éireann is ongoing regarding the Railway Protection Structure (RPS) at the River Slaney bridge crossing. Iarnród Éireann has indicated that they have no objection in principle to the RPS and have been very supportive of the concept. This is a significant breakthrough, enabling progress on both the preliminary design of the RPS and the River Slaney Bridge, which is currently advancing.

Updates to the traffic modelling are nearing completion, and environmental surveys remain ongoing.

The Phase 3 Targeted Archaeological Test Excavation tender process will defer to next year.

Preparation of the Maritime Usage Licence (MUL) and Maritime Area Consent (MAC) applications is ongoing.

Consultation with directly affected landowners is continuing.

A Real Estate Valuation of the currently proposed alignment is underway.

Work on the Environmental, Planning, Design, and other supporting reports is also progressing.

Funding announcement of €250 - €500 m as part of Transport Investment Plan.

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

The draft Bridge Agreement for Structure B1 (Railway Overbridge) has been reviewed by Wexford County Council, and comments have been issued to Iarnród Éireann.

Negotiations between real estate valuers and landowners regarding Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) compensation are ongoing.

The procurement documents for the appointment of Technical Advisors for Phases 6 and 7 are expected to be submitted to TII for formal approval in early December 2025.

The formal tender process for the construction works is expected to be advertised before year-end, subject to TII approval.

On-site works under the Archaeological Services (Stages I–IV) contract are expected to commence in early December.

NATIONAL ROAD PAVEMENT SCHEMES

SAFETY SCHEMES

National Road	Progress update
N25 Tagoat	Detailed design ongoing.
N30 Leeches Bend West of Clonroch	Priority Construction on site and works progressing well. Works are due to be completed by end of November.
N25 Larkins Cross	Tender documents currently under preparation. Safety Audits on the design are underway.

2025 PAVEMENT SCHEMES

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

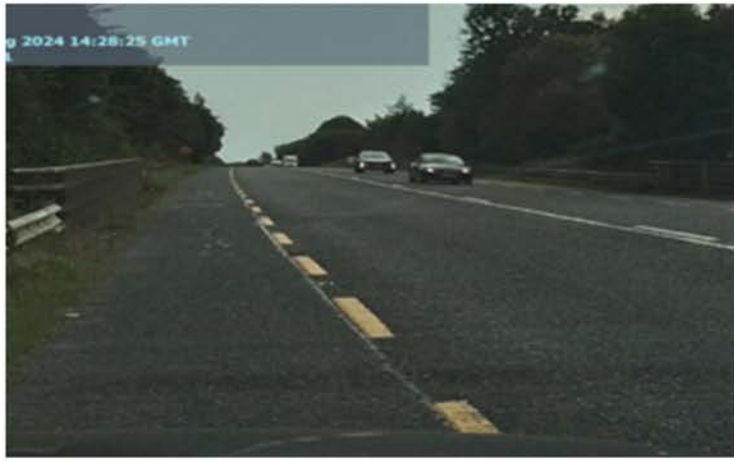
HD28 Pavement Improvements 2025 €2,750,000

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

- N11 Oylegate to Scurlocks bush Roundabout. 1.7km – Civil works are underway. Pavement works are subject to weather conditions.
- N30 Ballymackessy 1.0km - Tender documents have been received; tender evaluation is under way.
- N30 Leeches Bend includes a HD28 allocation – included in the safety scheme
- N11 Oylegate Village Repair Works complete
- Retexturing of Traffic Lanes for 2.35km on the N11 and N30 – contractor appointed and works expected to commence shortly.

ADDITIONAL MAINTENANCE ALLOCATION

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



N25 Clonard overbridge - Works complete.



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



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



Minor pavement repair at N25 Cushinstown. Works to be completed in December, weather permitting.



Minor pavement repair at N80 Moyeady. Works to be completed in December, weather permitting



N11 Oilgate Village Pavement Repair. Works Completed

REGIONAL AND LOCAL ROADS

Wexford's allocation through the Regional and Local Road Grant 2025 is €24,243,148

Restoration Improvement Programme

Wexford's allocation is €12,440,500.

97 projects have been added to our countywide programme and all projects are completed.

Surface Dressing Programme

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

Community Involvement Schemes - All 7 schemes completed

Local Involvement Schemes (LIS) - €619,894 funding allocated in early 2025. A further €560,298.00 was announced by DoT. All schemes completed.

Bridge Rehabilitation - 17 projects included on the programme. 13 bridges completed under this programme.

Safety Improvement Works - 12 Projects, 4 completed. Works on remaining 8 are underway

Specific Improvement Grant

Wexford's allocation is €651,500.

- This scheme includes €170,000 for 3 bridges – Wexford, Edermine and Kildavin (Murntown) Bridge Remediation Project.
Roughan O'Donovan Consulting Engineers are now appointed to progress this scheme. The works involve bridge inspections, overseeing site investigations and undertaking necessary designs for remediation works.
Preliminary inspections were carried out on 25th November.
- R733 Duncannon New Line Road Safety Improvements:
 - Junction improvements at Mountain Bar, Racks Cross, Redshire.
 - 7 new vehicle activated signs to be installed.
 - Extensive linemarking to be carried out.

Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience Works - 23 projects on the programme, 12 completed to date and 6 projects are underway.

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

Storm Claudia – 14th November 2025 - Localised flooding occurred at a number of locations around the county following Storm Claudia rainfall event. Follow up investigations are being carried out to determine if any mitigation measures are required to alleviate future flooding.

ACTIVE TRAVEL UPDATE

Pathfinder projects	
Project & Location	Project Update
Newtown Road Phases 2 & 3	NTA to approve to go to construction, issue successful unsuccessful letters. David Walsh Civil Eng Ltd, lump sum ex VAT €1,825,835.11. When we have NTA approval can issue letter of intent and have 10-day standstill period. Will seek approval for P2 and P3 and can always go back to NTA with value engineering exercise of combining HJ with P2 and P3 and the savings and run this with P2 and P3 into 2027.
Hospital Junction Newtown Road	Hospital Junction currently in detail design stage. Yet to be tendered. Land transfer agreed and underway with HSE. Advance works to be completed at boundary to SW involving removal of leylandii trees followed by wall construction.
Beechlawn/Clonard Cycle Scheme	Latest preliminary design altered based on outputs from Public Information meeting held on 6th November 2025 in County Hall where 200 participants attended. A preplanning meeting was completed, and a Pre-planning Report is awaited.
Roxborough Cycle Scheme	CCTV surveys of Sinnottstown Lane to be completed at night. Remaining areas to be undertaken in off peak times as part of SI.

Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA)

Enniscorthy Town - Requested meeting with NTA ABTA team Robert Parkinson /David Clements of NTA to review Final Plan.

Wexford Town - Completion of this study review in December 2025 pending internal review from Planning department and NTA ABTA team.

Safe Routes to School Schemes (SRS)

The following sites were approved by NTA for funding in 2025:



Ballaghkeene NS
Construction works ongoing



Kiltealy NS Construction works ongoing



Enniscorthy Vocational College – Construction works commenced 22nd October. Works are ongoing with installation of new footpath, upgraded street lighting and pedestrian crossings.



Ballyroe buck NS - was approved for €170,000 funding as part of additional school on high-speed roads. Road resurfacing strengthening and SD's completed and funded by NTA.

St Leonard's National School



Construction of intervention measures at St. Leonards National School at final stages. Re-surfacing works initiated on 25th November to be followed by line marking. Secured 50% of cost of resurfacing from NTA. Completion scheduled for end November 2025.

Public e-bike and e-Scooter Sharing Scheme

Expressions of Interest received from 4 suppliers for an e-bike and e-scooter scheme. Propose to request a detailed submission from companies to establish most suitable once the National Shared Micromobility Services contract is completed.

Bus Stop Enhancement Scheme

Schedule of bus shelter locations reviewed by Active Travel, DOS and Local Link. Schedule submitted to NTA for follow up meeting on Monday 1st December.

Fethard footpath extension – works ongoing with expected completion end November 2025. The project has been expanded to include speed cushions, new footpath and junction tightening into Castle Park Estate.



Old Dublin Rd. - Footpaths complete and funding allocation utilised.



Pedestrian crossings completed in addition to previous report:

- Roxborough – Kerlogue Manor to Lidl
- Clonard Road x2



Completed crossings – St. Edans NS Ferns & Castledockrell



Ballycarney – includes 3 ramps in total and pedestrian crossing upgrade



Greenville Lane, Enniscorthy –
Junction tightening intervention
scheme underway

Ballymurn - pedestrian crossing and footpath extension works complete.

Weafer Street, Enniscorthy – Junction tightening and safety measures at 3 junctions. Construction works completed at Parnell Rd / Weafer Street junction. Works paused to accommodate busy trading period.



Beechlawn & Clonard Avenue Pedestrian & Cycling Scheme

The Active Travel Team held a public information session on the proposed Beechlawn & Clonard Avenue Scheme on the 6th November in County Hall.

The drop-in information session, held between 3pm and 7pm, was the first opportunity for residents and businesses along the proposed route to view the drawings prior to a Part VIII planning application being lodged. Over 100 people attended across the four hours. The main feature of this information session was a 3D fly-through animation which provided a clear insight into the proposed design.

The 3-minute animation was played on a continuous loop. The 3D animation, provided by G-Net 3D Ltd, is available to view on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V3iwluXEEsE>



PUBLIC LIGHTING

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

Scheme	Current Position	Detail to Progress
Saltmills Village	ESB connection applied	Contractor appointed, installation to commence in November
Ballycullane Village	Out for design and quotation	Contractor appointed, installation to commence in January
Auburn Avenue, New Ross	Awaiting ESB connection	Installation completed by contractor, awaiting ESB connection
Maudlins to Millhouse Care Centre, New Ross	Survey & cleaning work completed	ESB Application submitted & pricing document under preparation
Kilhile Arthurstown	Design returned, awaiting pricing	Out for pricing from contractors
Glentire Heights to the Ballagh Village	Works Ongoing	Contractors appointed & works progressing
Kiltealy Village	Works Ongoing	Contractors appointed & works progressing
Kilrane Manor, Kilrane	All lights replaced with LED lanterns.	All operational
Sean O Byrne Park, Gorey	Installation complete, awaiting ESB connection.	Connection from ESB and post connection works by contractor
Clonattin Road, Gorey	Installation completed, ESB connected	Lights operational
South Quay, New Ross	Out for design and pricing	Assess tenders for replacement of old decorative lighting

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Adoration Convent Wexford - A formal ground-breaking ceremony was held on September 30th, attended by elected members, the Adoration nuns and officials from Georgia Southern University and Wexford County Council. Works are progressing well onsite & completion is scheduled for January 2027.

Ballast Office - (A) Essential Repair Work - Award of contract is now imminent and works are expected to start in the coming weeks.

(B) Refurbishment - Initial investigations are being carried out into the potential suitability of the building for use as the Borough District of Wexford Offices.

Ballynagee Link Road - Design works have commenced in September 2025 and fencing to secure the site is due to be completed in Q4 2025. Site investigations will commence in tandem with the fencing. Ground investigation works are anticipated to commence in Q1 2026.

Carrigfoyle Activity Centre Building - Initial enabling works to level the site and make accessible for use are complete. We await further instruction from the WWETB before commencing the next phase of works. No update

Courtown Coastal Protection & Beach Nourishment Scheme - An application for RRDF funding was submitted in April 2025. RRDF funding was refused in October 2025. Other options for funding will now be assessed.

Curracloe Water Sports Activity Facility - A system to manage payments from members of the public, using facilities is scheduled to be installed in November 2025.

Dunbrody Famine Ship Experience Upgrade and Extension - Site investigations (site survey, trial holes, bore holes etc.) are underway and hope to be concluded in Q4 2025. The design proposal is being enhanced as this supporting information becomes available.

Enniscorthy Flood Relief Scheme - no updates

Phase 1 - New River Slaney Bridge Project - A public consultation on the emerging preferred option for Phase 1, was held from 13 May to the 10 June 2025. A second public consultation is to take place in Q4 2025. The planning application for Phase 1 is to be submitted in Q3 2026. No Update

Enniscorthy Technical Park Access Road Phase 2 - It is anticipated the tender for construction works will be published in October. No Update

Enniscorthy Technical Park IDA Tech Building - It is now expected to lodge a planning application in January 2026.

Enniscorthy

(A) Town Centre & Tourism Project - It is expected to commence the Part 8 process for the Castle quarter project in November 2025. It is now expected to lodge a planning application in January 2026. Ground Investigation works are currently ongoing to inform archaeological and structural engineering considerations.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

(B) Templeshannon Regeneration Project - Our new Senior Executive Architect will be managing the Templeshannon Public Realm project from now on. The procurement process for a design team to bring this project forward will now commence. We expect to advertise tenders for this in Q4 2025.

Archaeological, ground investigation and ecological surveys are expected to commence shortly.

Officials from the UDRF section of the DHLGH visited Enniscorthy on 17th September to view the three Enniscorthy TC project sites

Enniscorthy Sports Hub - Works are progressing and currently on programme. No update

Esmonde Street, Gorey - Construction works on-site are expected to commence in Q4 2025. No update

Gorey Market House - Surveys to inform the detailed design are currently underway. Stage 1 (prequalification) of main works tender was published in September 2025, it is anticipated that evaluation and shortlisting of submissions will be completed in Q4 2025 and tenders invited prior to the end of 2025. No update

Gorey Relief Road, Ballytegan Avenue (St Waleran's Link Road) - Design work has commenced, site investigation works are nearly complete. The Part 8 process for Phase 1 is targeted to commence in January 2026.

Phase 2, which may require an application to An Bord Pleanála, will be submitted for planning in mid-2026.

John Street Grain Store, New Ross - Submission to An Coimisiun Pleanála is expected in early November 2025

Mechanics Institute Refurbishment - The contract for refurbishment works has been awarded to Kilcaven Property Developments. Works have commenced in October 2025.

Riverchapel Community Centre - An integrated design team has been appointed to progress the project through the tendering and construction stages to completion. An initial Order of Magnitude for the project has been prepared and the design proposal is being reviewed for suitability ahead of progressing to tender. Our new Senior Executive Architect, Emma Hickey is now managing this project.

Wexford Town to Rosslare Greenway - The Options Selection Report is currently undergoing TII's Peer review process. We anticipate completion and publication of the preferred route corridors by end of 2025. No update

WEXFORDIA

Irish National Heritage Park - It is planned to submit a planning application for the entire project to An Coimisiun Pleanála in Q3 2026, subject to the receipt of a Marine Area Consent process completion. Preliminary Design of the new visitor centre is nearing completion.

Hook Lighthouse - It is planned to present the current design to the Board of Hook Heritage Ltd in the coming month, followed by a public consultation event to be held on site. No update.

New Ross Tourism Project - The Part 8 process which commenced in June 2025, was ratified by the Council at the September 2025 plenary meeting. Architectural preliminary design is complete with detailed design now progressing well.

PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Ferndale Gymnasium - Works are currently expected to be complete in November 2025. The completion of the Project is contingent on the ESB and Uisce Eireann connection.

South East Greenway - Rosbercon Trailhead - Part 8 process on Rosbercon Trailhead is due to commence in Q4 2025

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

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

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

Trinity Wharf - IGSL commenced offshore site investigations in early October. Irish Rail works are ongoing to construct a new automated level crossing. The Stage 1 (pre-qualification) advert for the next site development works contract (Phase 1A) was published on Etenders in September.

Wexford Town and Environs Flood, Relief Scheme - A bank survey has been carried out along the Horse River.

FUNDING & DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES

Town & Village Renewal Scheme (TVRS) 2025 - It is anticipated that successful TVRS projects will be announced by DRCDG before year end.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) - €310K allocated to Wexford projects under recent announcement. DRCDG Funding Approval for 7 of the Projects was announced on 14/8/25.

Rural Regeneration Development Fund (RRDF) - RRDF (Cat 2) funding approval for Europe's Gateway to Ireland - Rosslare's Sustainable Tourism Experience was announced by Dara Calleary, T.D., Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht on 10th Oct 2025.

Coastal Destination Courtown Project was not successful in this round of funding

COMMUNITY

PRIDE OF PLACE

The IPB Pride of Place 2025 in association with Co-Operation Ireland Gala Awards Ceremony was held in the Stand Hotel in Co. Limerick on Friday 7th November. The entries for Wexford were Tomhaggard Clean Coasts and Courtown Tourism Promotions and Tidy Towns. Both won run runner-up in their categories Climate Action & Biodiversity and population 300 -1000. These awards acknowledge the achievements and invaluable work undertaken by the volunteers and those involved in local community development.



Burial Grounds

To date 64 maintenance grants have been processed and approved as part of ongoing support to community groups who offer their time for free to look after our older built heritage in our Council vested closed cemeteries. A total budget spend of €38,400 so far this year. Future plans include further development of Enniscorthy Lawn Cemetery with the construction of new pathways and plinths and the installation of a Columbarium Wall in partnership with the Enniscorthy District Engineer. An extension for Oylegate and a digitised burial ground database.



Social Inclusion & Community Activation Programme (SICAP) 2024-2028

The Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) continued the successful management and oversight of the SICAP programme through 2025.

The end of year review and the adoption of the Annual Plan for 2027 are the next items on the agenda for the SICAP sub-committee to review and recommend to the LCDC for approval.



HEALTHY WEXFORD

Some examples of H.I. funded project work in November:

Teenage girl **Healthy Choices Programme** Courses in New Ross, Taghmon and Wexford.

Let's Get Moving Age Friendly activities took place in nursing homes and community centres in each Municipal District.

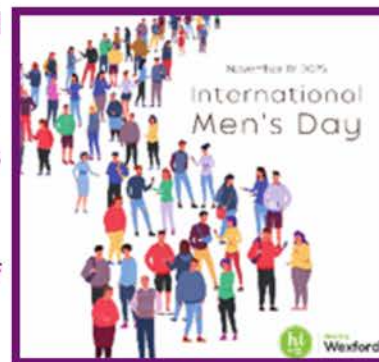
Social Farming placement for Reach Ability clients progressed in November through Social Farming Ireland – and will complete in December. It is hoped to continue to fund placements into 2026 subject to funding approval.



Outside of Healthy Ireland funded activity the following events were promoted by H.I. Wexford:

International Mens Day on the 19th of November was marked by H.I. Wexford social media highlighting a range of health and wellbeing supports for men both from Wexford County Council and partner organisations.

H.I. Coordinator arranged **Neuro-Affirming Access Training** for members of the Community Section.



November saw a focus on promoting Christmas outdoor activities as 'Not Around Us' Supporting Events to make them smoke and Vape Free for the children and young people attending. Supported by Wexford County Council , radio advertising was undertaken while the Healthy Wexford Team promoted on Social Media. Municipal Districts also had their supporting event materials re-stocked.



Healthy Wexford has also been working on a video project to highlight the personal health and wellbeing benefits of volunteering , as highlighted by the feedback from 2025 Fleadh Volunteers. The project will release on International Volunteer Day on 5th December across Wexford County Council and Healthy Wexford social media.



SPORTS ACTIVE

New 2 Tri, Wexford Town	This was a 6-week beginner friendly introduction to triathlon programme. 10 adults registered for the New2Tri Programme that was organised in collaboration with Sports Active and Wexford Triathlon Club.
Playground Leaders Workshop	5 Schools took part in playground leader workshops in November. Rathnure Ns Kilmore Ns; Tara Hill Ns; Monaseed Ns; Castletown Ns
Strong and Steady Coolcotts	12-week falls prevention programme for older adults finished in Coolcotts. 9 older adults with a history and/or a risk of falls took part.
Strength and Balance Enniscorthy	7-week strength and balance for adults aged 55+ finished in the Presentation Arts Centre, Enniscorthy.10 participants.
Aqua Programme for Chronic Pain and Arthritis	7-week Aqua Aerobics programme for adults living with chronic pain or arthritis finished in Active Tribe, Courtown.16 participants.
Breathe Well: Sing and Move for Respiratory Conditions	8-week singing and movement programme for adults living with respiratory conditions finished in Clonard, Wexford. 10 participants.
Gym for Cardiac and Metabolic Conditions	8-week gym programme for adults living with a cardiac or metabolic condition finished in Medi-fit New Ross. 6 participants.
Inclusive Self Defence	A 4-week self-defence programme targeting adults in disability services took place in Clonard Community Centre. 10 adults participated
ESF+ Customer Discovery Workshop	9 participants from the Cornmarket Project took part in a customer discovery workshop as part of the Sport 4 empowerment programme.
Farmers Water-based Exercise programme	16 people participated in this year's 6-week Farmer's Water based Strength and Mobility Exercise Programme in the Waterfront Pool, Enniscorthy.

WEXFORD SLÁINTECARE HEALTHY COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME (SHCP)

“Taghmon Grow It, Cook It, Eat It” Programme

Work commenced this month on the “Taghmon Grow It, Cook It, Eat It” food education and horticulture initiative with Taghmon National School. Weekly cookery and food nutrition classes began with 5th and 6th class pupils as well as students from the Autism Unit. A large greenhouse has now been erected on the school grounds, and preparatory work with students will begin shortly, including filling beds with soil and compost and preparing for seed sowing and planting activities.



Greening Whitemills Project Meeting

The Sláintecare Healthy Communities LDO met with several businesses and services located in Whitemills Industrial Estate on 5th November to explore opportunities to enhance health and wellbeing in the area. The group discussed ideas involving nature-based improvements, public art, and environmental enhancements. A follow-up meeting will take place in January, during which all residents of the estate will be invited to take part in a walk-and-audit of the site to help co-design future improvements.

Enniscorthy Community Inter Agency Team Meeting

- This Meeting on the 19th November was well attended, with representation from WCC, State and Voluntary Agencies, Approved Housing Bodies, and a range of local community organisations. The meeting facilitated valuable information sharing, collaboration, and networking, demonstrating the high level of community activity underway in Enniscorthy.
- Maura Bell and Frank Corcoran joined the Communications Working Group. Planning has begun for the development of a town newsletter to improve community awareness and engagement.

Community Outreach Work

The SHCP LDO continues to provide community outreach and engagement in a number of areas experiencing anti-social behaviour, including: Taghmon, Wolfe Tone Villas, Wexford Town, Ferndale, Wexford Town and Forgelands, Enniscorthy.

A coordinated response to issues raised at traveller accommodation at The Tiggins (Drumgoold Villas) in Enniscorthy recently took place involving Wexford County Council's Community (SHCP & Community Safety), Housing, and Environment Sections, along with FDYS. This joint approach ensures prompt and effective follow-up on community concerns.

Members of Wexford Local Community Safety Partnership met with the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration Mr. Jim O' Callaghan T.D. at Whites Hotel, Wexford on the 17th November 2025. Partnership members discussed community safety issues with the Minister, and the development of the community safety plan for County Wexford. The following week Partnership members participated in a consultation process with the National Office for Community Safety on the development of their National Strategy, in Whites Hotel Wexford. The Safety Coordinator submitted submissions to the National Office to assist with their National Strategy, on behalf of Partnership members and the Director of Services, Wexford County Council.

Wexford LCSP Steering Group was invited to meet with the Policing and Community Safety Authority (PCSA) in the Talbot Hotel on the 26th November where a discussion was held with board members on the work of the Partnership to date. The Chair Mary Farrell gave a briefing on the establishment of the Partnership, the work of the Steering Committee, and the process in developing a communications and consultation strategy. The next meeting of the Steering Group is scheduled for the 10th December to recommend to the Partnership a draft communication and consultation strategy. The next Partnership meeting is on the 29th January 2026.

The Community Safety Coordinator continued with Pop-up surveys on community safety issues at Kilanerin Age Friendly Expo, Rosslare Networking Event, The Rock/Ramsfort Park Text Alert EGM, and the PPN Plenary in Enniscorthy. This totals 7 Pop-up surveys to date with more to come. The Councils webpage will be updated in the new year with space for the LCSP where its work including minutes of meetings will be published.

The Chair and Coordinator were interviewed on South East Radio on the 2nd December promoting the Wexford LCSP to the people of Wexford.



AGE FRIENDLY

Living Well Ageing Smart Exposition.

On November the 5th Age Friendly Wexford Wexford PPN and Healthy Age Friendly Homes held a Living Well Ageing Smart Expo in Killinierin Community Centre.

There were 20 exhibitions including SEAI, An Garda Síochána, Fire Brigade. It was great success with feedback from attendees saying it was a one stop shop for information.



Social Dancing



Social Dancing organised by Age Friendly but funded by Healthy Wexford is continuing around the County for the next two weeks.



Wexford PPN



Community Growers

Wexford PPN in collaboration with Healthy Wexford ran another very successful Community Growers event in Kilcannon Garden Enniscorthy in November.

Kilcannon Head Gardener, Eoin, talked about what to do in the garden in November, maintaining garden equipment, winter vegetables – how and what to plant. Eoin also demonstrated how to plant a Lasagna pot for some Spring colour.



County Plenary Meeting

PPN held its County Plenary meeting in the Riverside Hotel, Enniscorthy on Wednesday 26th November 2025. The night also celebrated Wexford PPN's 10th anniversary.

A number of our member groups provided information stands and gave a presentation on their group's activities and achievements. These included, Enniscorthy Allotments, Tomhaggard Clean Coasts, St. Aidan's Advocacy Group, Rathgarogue Community Co-Operative, Enniscorthy Tidy Towns. Wexford Local Community Safety Partnership Co-Ordinator, Liam O'Donovan, gave an update on the new partnership.

Musical entertainment was provided by the Lagoon Junior Choir from Rosslare, a member group of Wexford PPN. Their beautiful singing was thoroughly enjoyed by all in attendance.

Eddie Taaffe, CEO Wexford County Council addressed the meeting and congratulated the members group on their dedication and commitment to their communities and acknowledged the wonderful voluntary work that they carry out on a daily basis across County Wexford.

The night ended with a celebratory cake and refreshments.





During November, the LAIT continued to deliver their information clinics throughout County Wexford while also focusing on year-end reflections, gathering feedback, reviewing work, wrapping up programmes, and planning both Christmas activities and next year's work.

Library Focus Group & Information Sessions

The LAIT supported the organisation of library focus groups within two centres, one IPAS and one BOTP to input into their development plan. This also provided further in depth information for residents about the library and their services.

IPAS Centre Residents Meetings

The LAIT co-ordinated focus groups in IPAS centres reviewing and gathering information about the work of the service last year, what was needed and where the support needs to enable planning for the year going forward in 2026.

Health Initiative

The LAIT welcomed the HSE Migrant Health Team and WLD Intercultural Health Worker to County Hall to engage in a collaborative meeting focusing on working together in the community in Wexford to meet the needs of those living under International Protection.

Doulab Circus & Dance

Doulab Circus and Dance continued their weekly workshops with children and teenagers in the local IPAS Centre, supporting them to develop circus skills while building confidence, self-esteem, and resilience through a trauma-informed, empathetic approach. They have also delivered a number of workshops in another IPAS centre introducing their work to new groups.

End Of Year Family Movie Night

LAIT is facilitating a number of centres to run a Christmas movie night for the children in their centres. Collaboration with centre managers allowed for each centre to have all the children gather together one the same night to watch a festive movie while the LAIT workers deliver goodie bags for the children and engage in the fun. The LAIT is also providing developmental and sensory gifts that will be used in the children's communal play spaces.

The LAIT would like to thank everyone they have worked with over the past year—from the individuals living under international protection, to the wider community, accommodation providers, centre managers, collaborators, partners, and all others who have contributed to supporting integration in Co. Wexford. Without their support, none of this important work would be possible.

ENVIRONMENT

COASTAL MATTERS

Seaview Coastal Protection project is in its final stage with beach access to commence shortly. Precast concrete segments for the beach access are now half complete.

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

Kilpatrick temporary beach access completed in April, meeting with NPWS is planned for 03rd November which is now progress to AA Screening Report, Hydraulic & Survey reports.

Killmannock Drainage works: Hedge cutting, surveys have been carried out, Wayleave application is being progressed to access drainage works area.

Ballyhack & Passage East Car Ferry Infrastructure: AYESA consultant has been appointed and kick off meeting will take place on 10th December.

Ballyconniger & Clone bridges now removed.

Rosslare CRFRS: Ongoing, no date fixed for 2nd Public Participation Day yet, likely to be Q1 2026.

Cahore North Beach Rock Armour Enhancement: Preliminary drawing and ecology reports being prepared, Public Information evening planned Monday 15th December 5pm to 7pm Ballygarrett GAA club. Works due to be carried out Q1 – Q2 2026.

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

- Courtown repair to wall pier works – 100% Completed
- Slade Handrailing - 100% completed
- Slade Power point works – Awaiting ESB to make temporary disconnection prior to completing works.
- Duncannon Old Pier – Truir construction Ltd now appointed and work has now commenced.

Operations -

Pre-planning meeting held with MARA for the reconciliation application for New Ross Marina and debris boom. Application almost complete rechecking possibility of any initial planning circa 2002/ 2003 with Municipal office. Hopefully submit application before Christmas.

MWP have asked for an update on status of Marine Usage License (MUL) application for the Barrow pre dredging surveys. No definitive timeline from MARA. No further update.

Removed 38 tonnes of retired and damaged fishing nets containing plastics and 8 tonnes of steel from the Rockwell area at Duncannon harbour last month.

Explosive bye laws have received responses from Dept of Defence, KK COCO and should have written response from AN GS this week. No issues to report and will submit along with the responses to public consultation to Dept of Justice later this week.

Marine Services Contract (4 Year) is awarded for county in October. LCF Marine, Bere Island, Co. Cork appointed on October 17th.

Hydrographic Services contract open on tenders at moment. Closing Dec 12th and decision before Christmas.

Ongoing meetings with potential new stakeholders / business for New Ross Port.

Public Conveniences

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

Septic Tank Inspections

NIP Grants 2025	January-October 2025 - 38 applications received	27 Grants paid/sent for payment, total paid €300,803.21	11 outstanding for review/documents
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No of Verification Inspections

2024 - Verification Inspections = 58	2025 - Verification Inspections = 88
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Court cases

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

Ongoing Inspections

- 67 cases closed in year up till the end of October 2025. There are currently 118 open cases.
- All files for 2018 & 2020 are now closed.
- 82 new inspections have been carried out for 2025. 29 passed and 53 failed.
- There were 13 direct discharges to water and 7 discharges onto the surface of the ground noted.
- NIP inspections will continue November in Piercetown/Murrintown area & Lady’s Island area. 13 still outstanding.
- A stand giving out information on septic tank maintenance was at the Bannow Rathangan Show and Climate Action nights in Clonroche and Kilanerin.

Discharge Licences - Currently there are 88 active Section 4 Discharge Licences with scheduled annual, biannual, quarterly, bi-monthly and monthly returns in respect of each individual Licence. The monitoring returns on receipt are assessed by Environmental Technical Staff and actively pursued to address any ongoing issues arising from exceedances in chemical/microbiological and flow parameters as laid down in the Discharge Licence for the site.

No. of Monitoring Submission Returns 1st January to 31st October 2025	100
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Low Smoke Fuel Areas - The 5 stations in Bunclody, New Ross, Wexford, Enniscorthy & Gorey have now had their monitors updated to measure air quality and noise levels. A new station has been installed in Bunclody and is fully operational. The 18 low-cost sensors installed in Enniscorthy monitoring PM10 & PM2.5 have been removed to be calibrated. The TownAir Project to monitor gases NOx, SO2, CO has now been completed. This will be compared with 2016 levels taking during the SAFFIRE project. The project team will give an update once the work has been completed. There has been 15 inspections of premises / forecourts / shops who are all selling compliant product.

Air -Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC's)

DECO Paints: Auto-Refinishers Q4 Website Compliance Register will be updated in December. Site inspections are ongoing, 8 re-Certified since September. 3 Sites identified for enforcement in Q4 report that they have ceased operating, WCC will continue to monitor status. 1 un-registered site to be inspected in December.

Dry Cleaners: 5 Dry-Cleaners currently registered, 5 of whom are Certified. 2 non-registered premises identified 1 has been Inspected and is now undertaking assessment for certification. 1 to be inspected in December.

Petrol Stations -PVE emissions: Stage 1 testing & compliance: 9 Inspections since September; 2 Stations have ceased trading. 5 re-certified. 2 Stations awaiting final assessment reports. Q4 Register will be updated in December.

Agriculture - Wexford County Council continue to undertake a significant number of farm inspections under the National Agricultural Inspection Programme. Wexford County Council 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 are served upon farms where major non compliances are observed and are open to cross reporting to DAFM.

Under the National Agricultural Inspection Programme, Wexford County Council carried out a total of 167 farm inspections in 2024 and the target has risen to 271 inspections in 2025 concentrating in areas where water quality was most at risk of not meeting its objectives under the WFD. A total of 245 of these 271 initial GAP inspections have been carried out to date. A team of 4 Assistant Scientists take on this role lead by the Agricultural Scientist in the Environment Section. A total of 379 farm inspections have taken place altogether up to the end of October under GAP regulations, Sludge use in Agriculture, complaints made by the public, initial and follow up. The team continue to work in Aughboy, Mangan, Boro, Owenduff, Heathpark & Begerin catchments for 2025.

A total of 110 Agricultural related Planning Permission Applications have been assessed in 2025 highlighting the continued investment in Wexford Agriculture and maintaining compliance with Good Agricultural Practice Regulations.

Waste/Litter Management

YEAR	Dumping Incidents Reported	% Increase/Decrease	Community Clean Ups	% Increase/Decrease
2024	2389	Down 7%	1021	Down 3%
Jan-Sept 2025	2109		895	

All environmental complaints are loggedby the Customer Service Unit on the DASH CRM system. The total figures for complaints from 1/1/2025 – 31/10/2025 are as follows:

Section D

Bring Bank job by Status	
Status	Bring Banks
closed	60
Total	60

Work Requests by Waste Area

Waste Area	Closed	Open	Total
Other	0	0	
Waste Area North	41	5	46
Waste Area South	54	2	56
Total	95	7	102

Fines Statistics

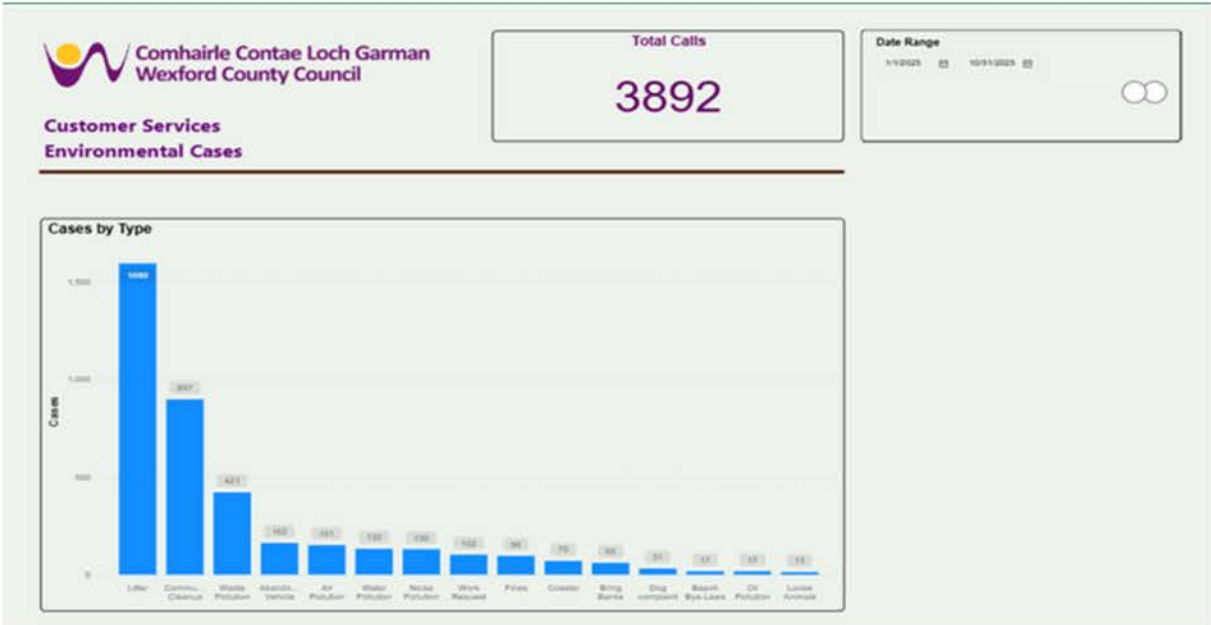
Waste Area	Fines	Fines Paid	Fines Cancelled
Other	22	6	17
Waste Area North	771	114	291
Waste Area South	697	62	188
Total	1490	182	496

Section F

Community Cleanups				
NSC	Logged	Litter Pickers	Gloves	Refuse Bags
No	6437	1277	4293	18619
Yes	418	313	993	2093
Total	6855	1590	5286	20712

Issue/Report Type	closed	open	Total
Abandoned Vehicle	155	7	162
Air Pollution	104	47	151
Beach Bye Laws	15	2	17
Bring Banks	60		60
Coastal	68	2	70
Community Cleanup	778	119	897
Dog complaint	23	8	31
Fines	76	20	96
Litter	1527	66	1593
Loose Animals	8	5	13
Noise Pollution	105	25	130
Oil Pollution	16	1	17
Waste Pollution	342	79	421
Water Pollution	82	50	132
Work Request	95	7	102
Total	3454	438	3892

Total Calls logged January- October 2025



Court Overview - no court cases are heard in September

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

Litter Overview

	Jan- September 2025
Fixed payment Notices issued	7
Litter fines issued	103
Fines paid litter	52
FPN paid	5
Successful prosecutions	13
Legal proceedings in progress	21
Amount collected in fines	€7829.50 litter €800 FPN €1200 dogs, Total €9829.50
Dog fines issued	6

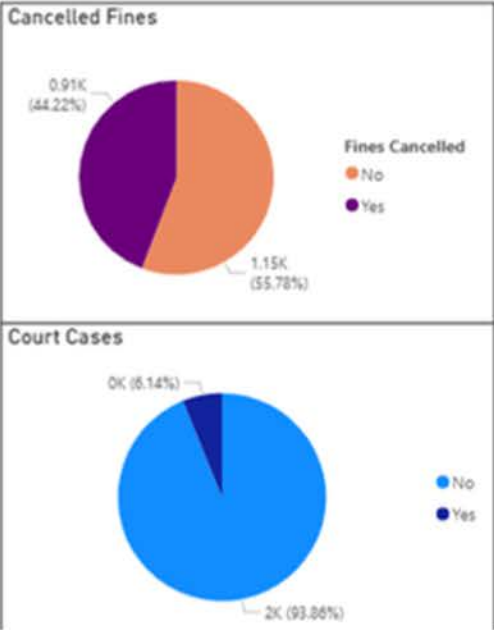


Environment
Fines Report

Date Range

1/1/2015

9/30/2025



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

Control of dogs	2022	2023	2024	Jan - Oct 2025
Dogs collected	546	575	564	459
Dogs reclaimed	117	128	147	121
Dogs re-homed/transferred	370	404	442	328
Dogs put to sleep	51	38	31	10
Dog Fines	21	14	11	6

Recycling Services:

Bring Bank Network WASTE CATEGORY	No. of Sites Sept 2025	Recycling out Oct 2024 (t)	Recycling out Oct 2025 (t)
Glass bottles		297.02	279.36
Aluminium Cans		2.43	2.22
Total	108	299.45	281.58

Household Recycling Centres - Summary of Activities								
WASTE CATEGORY	Enniscorthy		New Ross		Holmestown		Gorey	
	Recycling out Oct 2024 (t)	Recycling out Oct 2025 (t)	Recycling out Oct 2024 (t)	Recycling out Oct 2025 (t)	Recycling out Oct 2024	Recycling out Oct 2025 (t)	Recycling out Oct 2024 (t)	Recycling out Oct 2025 (t)
Total Recycling out	65	53	65	54	74	85	41	41
Total Domestic Waste in	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	322	333	N/A	N/A
Daily Average Customers Jan-Sep	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
	71	66	102	102	138	147	70	75

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	Oct 2024	Oct 2025
Total Illegal Dumping/ Clean Ups	169	212
<i>Gorey *</i>		44
<i>Enniscorthy *</i>		64
<i>Wexford *</i>		59
<i>New Ross*</i>		29
<i>Rosslare</i>		16
Total Bring Site Inspections	821	937

ENVIRONMENT EDUCATION AND AWARENESS

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

Green Schools: Contact with green schools is ongoing closing date for applications for the first green flag Litter & Waste is early December.

School Workshops: SEEA engineers facilitated an energy talk to 5th & 6th class students in Rathangan National School and Kilmore National School on Friday 17th October as part of Green Schools Climate Action Week.

The ARC Remote Classroom: The Aquaculture remote classroom visited 6 schools. It is designed to help younger audiences learn about aquaculture using immersive technologies including VR headsets so pupils can plunge to the depths of the sea to learn about how salmon, oysters and mussels are farmed in Ireland.

School name	Eircode	Date (October 2025)
St. Garvans NS	Y35E773	7th
Scoil Realta Na Mara - Kilmore NS	Y35 YX20	8th, 9th, 10th
Scoil Mhuire / Our Lady's Island	Y35DE42	14th
Kilrane NS	Y35RT21	15th, 16th, 17th
Piercestown N.S Wexford	Y35F663	21st, 22nd
Bree NS	Y21TW82	23rd, 24th



Lets Fix Fashion: 3 secondary schools have registered to participate in 'Lets Fix Fashion' programme. The programme is all about empowering students to think twice about the clothes we wear and the impact they have on our world. Through fun activities like social media takeovers, upcycling and circular economy webinars, and running swap shops, students explore how fashion can be both stylish and sustainable!

Relove Fashion: The Environment Section is supporting the National Relove Fashion competition which is open to young people aged 12 – 19. details have been circulated to all schools and youth groups. 14 registrations have been received, and promotion of the competition is ongoing.

It is a sustainable fashion competition where entrants are challenged to explore their creative design skills to create a sustainable and wearable outfit using clothing from the treasure troves of charity shops, swap shops, or reused textiles already available at home.

The Toy Library Swap & Play Event: 134 families attended The Toy Library Swap & Play event on Saturday 4th October. 330 toys were successfully swapped which amounted to 191.52kg of plastic saved from landfill.



Halloween Costume / Clothing Swaps: Swaps took place in October to mark Circular Living Month.

9 Oct: St Senan's Primary School 67 costumes swapped
 17 Oct: Catherine McCauley Jnr School 66 costumes swapped
 27 & 28 Oct: Enniscorthy Community Pop Up Clothes swap in partnership with Sustainable Enniscorthy, The Upcycle movement and Bee Graceful Upcycles 300 items swapped.
 #LetsGetCircular #CircularLiving

Annual Christmas Decoration Competition: Details of the competition have been circulated to all schools. Closing date for receipt of entries is Monday 1st December.



Planting Grant: 101 applications were approved for a planting grant of 250euros, 3 community groups did not take up the grant so these will be reallocated. 12 garden centre / garden providers signed up to the planting grant scheme 2025.

Environment Awards: On Monday 10th November the Wexford County Council Annual Environment Awards were held at the Ferrycarrig Hotel. There were presentations and awards to 13 schools, 57 community groups and 3 individuals. Councillor Joe Sullivan, Cathaoirleach of Wexford County Council, warmly welcomed and congratulated all the participants. There were many notable highlights. The overall winners of the Keep Wexford Beautiful Competition were Tomhaggard Clean Coasts Group. Enniscorthy Tidy Towns were presented with a plaque for winning the Community Group Snap Into Action competition. Gorey Tidy Towns, Knockrobin – Clologue and Hollyfort Development Group, were also presented with awards for their participation in the North Wexford 2K. The schools were well represented with thirteen schools receiving presentations from Councillor Joe Sullivan, Cathaoirleach of Wexford County Council. Meánscoil Gharman, Inis Córthaidh was recognised for receiving their first green flag and presented with a nest box sponsored by The Wexford Naturalists' Field Club. Coláiste Abbáin, Adamstown, Coláiste an Atha, Kilmuckridge, Gorey Community School, Loreto Secondary School, Wexford, Meánscoil Gharman, Inis Córthaidh, Presentation Secondary School, Wexford, Selskar College St Mary's Secondary School, New Ross, St Peter's College Wexford and Wexford CBS were awarded certificates for their participation in the Rubbish Film Festival Programme. The winning film entitled 'One Foot in the Grave' by St Mary's Secondary School, New Ross, the Runner up film entitled 'Earth Alert' by St Peter's College, Wexford and the winning poster by Coláiste an Atha, Kilmuckridge were all shown on the night. Harry Siggins, St. Kevin's National School, Tara Hill was awarded a Plaque as the overall primary school winner in the Christmas Decoration Competition 2024 in conjunction with South-East Radio for his decoration entitled 'Christmas Wreath'. Certificates were presented to Alice Buki Nemeth, Glynn National School who was the Overall Primary School Winner in the Environment Artwork Competition and Leon Carthy, Selskar College, Wexford who was the overall secondary school winner of the Environment Artwork Competition. Danescastle 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 Alice Dunne, Mai Kelly and Phil Millar.



KEEP WEXFORD BEAUTIFUL COMPETITION

Full list of winners

BEST OVERALL ENTRY

Overall Winner Tomhaggard Clean Coasts Group

BEST ENVIRONMENTALLY AWARE AND PRESENTED HOUSING ESTATE

1st Westwinds Residents Association, Kilrane

Joint 2nd Ounavarra Park Residents Association, Ballycanew

Joint 2nd Bridgemeanow Residents Association, Enniscorthy

Joint 3rd Watch House Village Residents Group, Clonegal

Joint 3rd Talbot Greenfingers, Wexford

Highly Commended Cois Abhainn Residents Association, Blackwater

Highly Commended St Brendan's Residents Association, Rosslare Harbour

BEST ENVIRONMENTALLY AWARE AND PRESENTED TOWN/VILLAGE

1st Blackwater Tidy Towns

Joint 2nd Gorey Tidy Towns

Joint 2nd Kiltealy Tidy Towns

3rd Ferns Tidy Towns

Highly Commended Ballyduff Development Group

Highly Commended Wellingtonbridge Tidy Towns

BEST COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT INITIATIVE

1st Kilmuckridge Tidy Towns

2nd Rosslare Harbour / Kilrane Environment Group

3rd Bunclody Tidy Towns

Highly Commended Bridgetown Community Development

Highly Commended Croghan Barrack Community Project

BEST HERITAGE PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION PROJECT

1st Hollyfort Development Group

2nd Kilrane Tidy Village Group

Joint 3rd Tomhaggard Pastoral Council

Joint 3rd Ballindaggin Development Group and Tidy Town

Highly Commended Killanne Development Heritage Group

Highly Commended Clonroche Development Association

BEST COMMUNITY COASTAL MANAGEMENT INITIATIVE

1st Ballygarrett Tidy Towns

2nd Rosslare Tidy Towns

Joint 3rd Rosslare Harbour / Kilrane Environment Group

Joint 3rd Courtown Community Council

BEST NEW ENTRY

1st Wexford Creative Laneways

Joint 2nd Ard na gCuan Residents Association, Wexford

Joint 2nd Grange Lough Residents Association, Rosslare

3rd Enniscorthy Community Alliance

Highly Commended Ballykeroogue Cemetery Committee, Campile

BEST COMMUNITY PROJECT TO IMPROVE ACCESSIBILITY TO INFRASTRUCTURE

- 1st Enniscorthy Community Allotments
- 2nd Ballygarrett Tidy Towns
- 3rd Killealy Tidy Towns

BEST COMMUNITY PROJECT TO IMPROVE ACCESSIBILITY IN GARDENS/PARKS

- 1st Gorey Tidy Towns
- 2nd Monageer Parish Grotto Group

BEST COMMUNITY PROJECT THAT TACKLES AND REDUCES THE IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE

- 1st Ferns Tidy Towns
- 2nd Courtown Community Council
- 3rd Killanne Development Group

BEST COMMUNITY BIODIVERSITY PROJECT

- 1st Enniscorthy Tidy Towns
- 2nd Campile Area Development Group
- 3rd Ramsgrange Tidy Towns
- Highly Commended Ballycanew Tidy Towns

BEST COMMUNITY WASTE PREVENTION/RE-USE PROJECT

- 1st Carrig-on-Bannow Tidy Towns
- 2nd Sustainable Enniscorthy
- 3rd Foulksmills Tidy Towns

Clean Coasts Ocean Heroes Awards 2025: County Wexford is proudly represented in the 2025 Ocean Hero Awards with seven local groups nominated across eight different categories. The awards hosted by An Taisce's Clean Coasts Programme recognize exceptional contributions to coastal care and environmental protection. The nominees are as follows:

Ballygarrett Tidy Towns – shortlisted in Nature Guardian and Group of the Year categories
The Surf Shack Ireland – shortlisted in the Community Champion category
Courtown Community Council – shortlisted in the Nature Guardian category
Tomhaggard Clean Coasts Connection Festival at Kilmore Quay – shortlisted for the Community Action Award
Aodhán Power – shortlisted for the Leadership Award
Campile Area Development Group – shortlisted for the Emerging Group Award
Duncannon Village Renewal – shortlisted for the Emerging Group Award
The winners will be announced on 5th December.

Trees For Wexford Scheme: The Trees for Wexford Scheme received 147 applications. Quotations have been sought for the supply and delivery of trees and saplings.



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

Date	No. of community Clean Ups
01/10/2025 – 31/10/2025	63
01/01/2025 – 31/10/2025	896

CLIMATE ACTION

WCC is behind on our glide path for Thermal and Transport emissions. If HVO is not used for our fleet, in a significant way, Wexford County Council will not meet our CO2 target of 51% reduction by 2030. Currently we are above CO2 emissions from the baseline years of 2016-2018, so we now require over 51% reduction by 2030. The Machinery Yard now is obtaining HVO rates from Inver. There are number of tenders for wholesale bulk HVO advertised by other LAs through eTenders.

There were a number of Climate Action/Energy events recently

1. The Energy Information Event for the SMEs in Gorey initiated further interest in the Courtown area where a similar event was held on Monday 24th November. Speakers from the South east energy Agency and LEO provided information on grants and audits available .
2. Promotion of the Over 55s Climate Course continues through Parish newsletters and Age friendly newsletter and the leaflet produced is being distributed through various voluntary organisations.
3. The Climate Action Team is currently organising
 - EV On-Boarding video and User guide on EV driving for Staff
 - Eco Driving for drivers of Fleet vehicles. Phase 1 of this training is scheduled to start on 1st December with both Theory and Practical modules included for drivers
4. Application for the recoupment of the staffing costs associated with the Climate Action Team were submitted to the DCEE.
5. The Climate Team was invited to take part in TRACE - a local authority climate action research study being carried out by TCD. The aim of the study is to gather stakeholder perspectives on the role of local authorities in supporting climate action in rural Ireland through their Climate Action Plans, and to investigate the complementary role of water resource protection and the provision of essential private water services in rural communities.
6. The Climate Team presented to Maynooth University students in Gorey on Climate Action and Coastal Erosion and took part in a fieldtrip in Kilpatrick.
7. Climate Connected project- WCC provided comprehensive information on 18 projects/initiatives and events in Enniscorthy DZ for this online platform. The platform is being designed to promote national DZs by assisting cross-collaboration between DZs and providing guidance and inspiration for both established and emerging zones.

COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION PROGRAMME (CCAP)

The application window for Phase 2 of the CCAP is currently open and accepting applications until 5pm on Tuesday 16th December. Wexford County Council has been allocated a further €669,000 under Phase 2, any not-for-profit organisation that is interested in Phase 2 of CCAP are encouraged to contact the CCCO for further information and to discuss their proposed project.

The CCCAP Phase 1 projects are progressing well, there are eight of the 16 Phase 1 projects fully completed.

Biodiversity

Following on from the actions being adopted by the Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environment SPC, they are currently being incorporated into the Local Biodiversity Action Plan 2026–2031. The draft actions are being screened for Appropriate Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment to assess the impact of the proposals on the environment. A six week period of public consultation will commence in early 2026.

Local Biodiversity Action funding amounting to €88,000 has been claimed from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. This fund included projects such as the Wetlands Survey of Wexford (phase 3), Mayfly and Nightjar Surveys of the County, Cherry Laurel Control at Tintern Abbey, Biodiversity events and awareness raising and the Return to Nature project which supported community groups to increase their knowledge of biodiversity in church grounds and graveyards and to implement actions for enhanced biodiversity.

A Rare Plant Map viewer is being created, with a view to increasing staff awareness on the sensitivity of ground disturbance in certain areas where rare and protected plants grow. This will incorporate rare plant data gathered by Paul Green, Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland, Vice County Recorder.

Birdwatch Ireland are finalising a video on their Nightjar survey which was carried out in Wexford, Waterford and Tipperary. Nightjars are a nocturnal bird and are very elusive and also very scarce in Ireland. A pair was identified in Wexford and successfully breeding two chicks. Only one other nightjar was identified, in Co. Waterford. The bird requires an open heathland type habitat on a forest edge or in recently cleared forestry. Nightjar populations in Ireland have undergone severe historical declines, mirroring trends elsewhere in Europe. This study presents the most extensive Nightjar survey conducted in Ireland to date, and the first to employ passive acoustic monitoring (PAM) across multiple counties.

In addition to Nightjar, acoustic recorders recorded 91 bird species, including 17 Red-listed and 23 Amber-listed Birds of Conservation Concern in Ireland. Woodcock were detected at 38 sites (76%) and were among the most frequently recorded Red-listed species. Cuckoo were detected at the majority of sites (80%) with Barn Owl, Kestrel and occasional Quail detections.



Image of the male Nightjar in County Wexford in June 2025. Nightjars sing from prominent perches. Hearing their 'churring' is one of the best ways of confirming their presence in any area

COMMUNITY AND CULTURE

Library Development Plan – Public Consultation

As part of the preparation of our new Library Development Plan, public consultation sessions took place in Wexford Library branches throughout November. Members of the public shared their thoughts on the services they would like the library service to provide over the next five years. A focus group with primary school children took place also.

LEARNING AND INFORMATION

Science Week 9th - 16th November

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

Family Friendly Events

Bubbly Science with Caroline Ainslie: Participants were taught how to make the perfect bubble, Caroline explained how and why they pop!

Nutty Scientists Chemical Reactions Party: The Nutty Scientists delivered an exciting and interactive science show exploring the wonders of chemical reactions.

CSI workshop: Participating children got the opportunity to sleuth & investigate clues & use a microscope to find their answers.

Dr Ken Science: It's all done with Mirrors: Dr Ken blended magic, illusions, and stunts with the wonders of science and engineering.

Chemistry of the Celts with Scientific Sue: Sue blended history, storytelling, and chemistry to show us how the Celts harnessed the elements to forge iron, make medicines, dye cloth, and create soap.

Limitless with Mark the Science Guy: A workshop that took participants on a scientific expedition with climate scientist and broadcaster Mark Langtry aka, 'the Science Guy', exploring the extremes of our planet.

Adult Events

There, Then, Tomorrow; Art Workshop with Joanne Donohoe: In this workshop, participants explored how the brain's memory works.

The Fascinating World of Gemstones with Tina Keating: Tina provided an intriguing insight into the world of gems and our infatuation with gemstones throughout the ages.

Dr. Cas Kramer Exploring DNA, Genes & Genetics: Dr. Cas Kramer explored DNA, genes and genetic aspects related to recent media releases.

Wexford Science Café Panel Discussion: Why Science Communication Matters



Climate Scientist Mark Langtry during Science Week in Wexford Library

Ambassador Visit

Staff in Gorey Library were delighted to welcome the Canadian Ambassador, Dennis King, at the beginning of November. The ambassador was welcomed by a book display of Canadian authors and guide books - a reminder of the voices and stories that come from Canada's rich literary landscape.

Canadian Ambassador Dennis King, Malcolm Byrne TD and staff member Jan Doran in Gorey Library



Book Launches

Gorey Library hosted local author and historian Brian Ó Cléirigh for the launch of his new book "Enchanted to a Stone". The book offers an exploration of the De Lacy family of Oulart and their role during the Revolutionary Period, 1900–1923.

Wexford Library hosted the book launch of Pat Hackett and Liam Turner's 'Faith, Hope & Calamity, Book 2'. Pat and Liam discussed the men and women from Wexford, who for various reasons, signed up, served and in many cases died during World War 1.

Local author and retired Detective Garda Dan O'Sullivan launched two crime novels, 'A Mysterious Kill' and 'The Sleeper' in Wexford Library during the month also.

Ivan's Travels Through Dog-Friendly Ireland

Based on his recently published book, Anthony Walsh gave a talk in Bunclody Library which included tips, stories and recommendations for dog-friendly activities from his travels through Ireland with his dog Ivan.

SETU

An information stand & Q&A session was made available to members of the public who were considering going to university or returning to education in Wexford Libraries branches during the month.

Katie Murphy (Education Liaison Officer SETU) spoke about course options, the CAO process, and helped with any other queries.

Katie and Liz from South East Technological University in Enniscorthy Library



Volunteering Information Session

John Bird, the development and placement officer with the Wexford Volunteer Centre, held an information session in Enniscorthy Library for members of the public who were interested in volunteering in their communities.

St. Nikolas Day: Ukrainian Christmas Celebration - held in Gorey Library in late November.

Age Friendly - Staff led 1:1 appointments in Enniscorthy Library with members of the public who wished to learn about the range of online resources accessible through Wexford Libraries, and also helped them become more confident using their devices. Gorey Library hosted a "Happy To Chat" coffee morning and a retro Movie Matinee.

Integration Services - The 'Home is Where the Heart Is' project focusing on helping parents, guardians and carers with English as a second language improve their literacy skills, continued in Bunclody Library. Artist Fernanda Ferari and author Caroline Busher provided art and writing workshops throughout the month.

Skills for Life - Digital support classes were held in several Wexford Libraries branches led by a WWETB tutor. Alan Maher of Maher Consulting delivered talks in Enniscorthy & Gorey Libraries guiding participants through the interview process and giving tips and views on how to present the best and most authentic version of oneself at interviews. He also held a workshop in Wexford Library focusing on recognising your employability and personal skills.

Staff from Wexford Library showcased library services and the new Skills for Life programme at a Financial Literacy Community Event in Whites Hotel.

HERITAGE

Burning the Barracks: The Destruction of Wexford's RIC Barracks during the War of Independence

In this talk, held in Bunclody Library, archaeologist Barry Lacey of Slaneyside Heritage explored the motive behind the destruction of Wexford's RIC Barracks during the War of Independence.

German Architecture – Bauhaus - John Power is an artist from Bunclody who lived in eastern Germany for seventeen years. Bauhaus holds a very important place in the culture and history of Germany, and John in this talk unpacked the subject from its origins to its current place in the modern world.

Rebel Priests or Social Clerics? - John Cooney, historian and writer gave a talk in Enniscorthy Library in collaboration with Ui Cinsealaigh Historical Society. He outlined the role of Catholic clerics in Tenant Rights during the Nineteenth Century highlighting Fr Thomas Furlong, Killegney, Fr Thomas Staples, Poulpeasty and Canon Thomas Doyle, Ramsgrange .

HEALTH AND WELL BEING

Healthy Living for Everyday Life - A series of health and wellbeing talks delivered by trusted professionals continued during November in all Wexford Libraries' branches. The topics covered were food literacy, cancer risk reduction, mental health and wellbeing, and understanding smoking and vaping.

Wellness with Katie: Meditation Morning - Katie Duggan held a morning of mindfulness, gentle breathing, and relaxation in New Ross Library. The session offered attendees the opportunity to slow down, unwind, and reconnect with their inner calm.

Healthy Ireland at Your Library - There were two talks in Wexford Library during the month of November on Arthritis and other chronic conditions and also a Diabetes Awareness Month Talk, both given by a CORÚ registered dietitian Therese Hogan.

ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE ACTION

Wild Bird Seed Talk - Simon Ryan gave tips on how to attract wild birds to your garden in New Ross Library. He also emphasised the importance of providing the right food and gave information on which foods are best for each species and what to avoid.

LOCAL HISTORY

Nineteen local studies enquiries were responded to, together with a total of seventeen genealogy enquiries completed in Wexford Town Library in November.

Kynochs of Arklow: A chemical & Munitions Factory of the 1st World War - North Wexford Historical Society held their monthly talk in Gorey Library.

READING AND LITERACY: RIGHT TO READ AT YOUR LIBRARY

Wexford Local Development - The Elevate Programme continued in November in Enniscorthy Library. This programme focuses on creative writing with the Elevate book club participants, the programme is sponsored by Wexford Local Development to promote & support educational achievement in County Wexford. The programme is facilitated by author Caroline Busher.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

VR and Micro:Bits Pop-Up Session - Participants in Bunclochy Library learned about Micro:Bits and how to create a simple game programme. They were also introduced to the VR Headsets where they got to explore the ocean and get up close to wild animals.

Family Friendly Puppet Show - The day of puppetry in New Ross Library with Julie-Rose started with a sensory friendly session. These two puppet shows were part of the Little Library Book Bag initiative as school starters were encouraged to collect their Little Library Bag. It continued into the afternoon with a family friendly puppet show that showcased Punch & Judy.

Mermaids, Vampires and Lighthouses: Creative Writing Workshop - Caroline Busher gave a creative writing workshop in Gorey Library during November.

All Wexford Libraries branches provided craft sessions and storytimes throughout the month. Sensory Friendly Hour continued also.

Schools - Gorey Library was represented at Gorey Community School with a lunchtime information stand to mark their Study Skills Week. Wexford Libraries' branches continue to liaise with local schools and Early Learning Centres and cater for weekly class visits for story-times, general book borrowing, and library activities. Outreach visits continue regularly also.

COMMEMORATION 2025

Local Studies - Wexford Libraries uploaded their fourth collection to the Digital Repository of Ireland: Memories of World War 1 - County Wexford Oral History Project. Nine oral recordings are included in this collection.

Commemoration 2025 - Wexford Library Service Historian-in-Residence for Commemoration 2025, Paul Byrne, held several talks in November in both Gorey and New Ross Libraries including The Ballad of 1925, The Harry Furniss Centenary, The Civil War in Wexford Aftermath and The 1925 Local Elections.

ARCHIVES

Collections management - In addition to 35 research enquiries via email, telephone and post, a total of six researchers visited the Archive during November. Research topics included information on Selskar Iron Works c. 1900; family history research through two large rentals of the Boyse estate, Bannow; research on coastguard stations across County Wexford during the period, 1922-27; viewing of the Peter Paul (PP) Galligan archive (1914-21) by his descendants (PP was responsible for mobilising the Enniscorthy battalion in Enniscorthy in 1916).

Outreach - The Archive researched and produced an exhibition, "Plucky Ladies – Female representation in local elections in County Wexford 1899-2024", to mark the 125th anniversary of local government in Ireland in 2024. The exhibition, comprising nine panels, identifies and commemorates those women from all walks of life in County Wexford who were elected or co-opted to the boards of guardians and rural district councils initially, and subsequently, to the county council, corporation and urban councils. The launch which took place in Wexford County Council, Carricklawn on 25 November, was performed by Dr Aodh Quinlivan, senior lecturer in the Dept. of Government & Politics in University College Cork following a lecture by him titled "Barriers and Breakthroughs: Women's Political Leadership in Irish Local Government". Four female former elected members – Avril Doyle, Helen Corish Wylde, Kathleen Codd Nolan and Niamh Fitzgibbon – spoke briefly on their experiences as women in local politics at the event.

ARTS

Sidelong Glances: An Oblique Look at the Sea - The Arts Office of Wexford County Council, in partnership with Wexford Arts Centre, opened the group exhibition Sidelong Glances: An Oblique Look at the Sea. The exhibition features work from IMMA's National Collection and invited Irish and international artists, Orla Barry, Herman Braun-Vega, Gary Coyle, Ann Hamilton, Ailbhe Ní Bhriain, Kathy Prendergast, and Marisa Rappard. The exhibition was opened on the 13th of October by Christina Kennedy, Senior Curator, Head of Collections, IMMA and finished on the 21st November 2025.

Small Arts Festival and Failte Ireland Festival Open Call 2026 - Wexford County Council Arts Office have announced two strands to the Festival Grant Scheme for the Small Arts Festival grant and the Failte Ireland Small Festival Grant to take place in 2026. Deadline for receipt of applications has passed. This scheme supports on average 20 festivals across the county with grants ranging from €1,500 - €3,000.

Artist in the Community Artist Panel Open call for 2026 – 2027 - Wexford County Council Arts' Office held an open call seeking professional artists across all art forms to design and facilitate Art Projects with communities throughout County Wexford in 2026 through the Artist in the Community Scheme. Fifty six applications were received.

Artist in the Community –Women's Collective Ireland and Josephine Whitmore Exhibition at Westgate Heritage Centre - held an exhibition at Westgate Heritage Centre to complete their Artist in the Community project for 2025 with artist Josephine Whitmore. This was a textile based project and fifteen women took part.

Small Arts Festival – Askamore Arts Festival. There was an art exhibition, weaving workshops, ceramics workshops, writing workshops and cultural walks as gaelige throughout the weekend. The opening of the festival coincided with the 7th annual open exhibition in the community hall in Askamore village. This festival was awarded funding through the Arts Office Small Arts Festival Fund 2025.

Cultural Companions - attended a guided tour of SIRENS By Ursula Burke at Wexford Art Centre.

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.

Circus Unites - A youth-led contemporary circus project started in November. This brings together young members of diverse communities that make up Enniscorthy. The project will culminate in youth led interventions as part of the RiRá festival of Children's Arts in Gimont Green – July 2026. Fourteen young people are taking part.

Sounds of Our Town 2025 - Forty two aspiring and working musicians started the Enniscorthy based project in November to create up to eight new music pieces. This is the second year of this project and will conclude at the end of 2025.

Voices in Harmony - Enniscorthy based male choir have been taking part in a 10-week song writing project. The choir continue to meet together weekly facilitated by local singer / songwriter Paul O'Reilly, Twenty three men from Enniscorthy took part in November.

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

New Music Programme in Kennedy College New Ross - Music Generation Wexford initiated a music programme in Kennedy College supported by Creative Ireland. Emily Furlong and Steven Cullen have developed a programme to teach music skills through keyboard, guitar, percussion and singing to over 35 young people in Kennedy College, New Ross. The school and young people plan to have a concert in May 2026.

Instrument Bank at Kennedy College - The instrument bank has expanded to include many more acoustic and electric guitars, basses, amps and keyboards due to the growth in the music hubs and the new music programme at Kennedy College. There are new brass and wind students joining the Wexford Windjammers HFC Youth Band at the Selskar Sounds Music Hub.

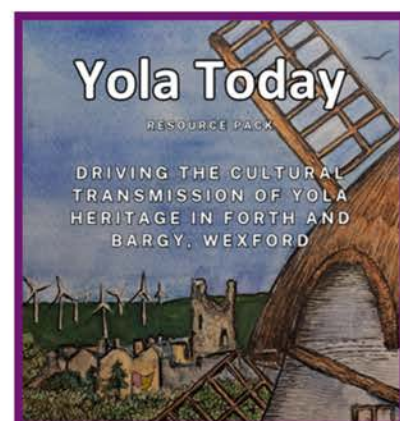
Screen Wexford - An Arts office, Economic Development Department initiative to support the development of the film / screen industry in Wexford.

Screen South East Inaugural Networking for Film & TV crew - Took place in November: Screen South East Inaugural Networking for Film & TV crew from Wexford, Waterford and Kilkenny. A day of expert panel discussions and networking. 100 people attended this event.

CREATIVE IRELAND

Yola Today Project Resource Pack now live

Using the medium of drama and theatre, the Yola Today project has driven the cultural transmission of the Yola language and its heritage in the Forth and Bargo baronies of the Rosslare Municipal District. This project is one of Wexford County Council's Culture Team projects for 2025. A collaboration between Rosslare Municipal District, the Heritage Office and Libraries, it encourages cross-departmental working through community focused projects.



Project lead Chris Moran has developed a resource pack that describes his journey through the project and contains directions for some of the exercises he used with the local community to develop further understanding of Yola. Chris also commissioned Rosslare-based musician and song writer Liam Bates to set an old Yola poem entitled Dhree Yola Mythens (Three Old Maids) to music. The song was shared with the public for the first time at Our Lady's Island Community Centre on Culture Night 2025, performed by Liam Bates and Gráinne Bates.

The Resource Pack and song are available on the Wexford County Council Website.

Connecting Creatively – Courtown and Riverchapel - A new Creative Ireland project for 2026 will see a socially engaged artist and creative aim to create a sense of cohesion between the Courtown and Riverchapel communities. Running from February-October 2026, the community art project will build on already established links between the two villages, working with a range of local community groups including the Town First Team. The project will support the consolidation of the town centres, helping the communities to find ways to meaningfully connect through creative activity. Taking a community-focused approach, the project will celebrate relationships and togetherness and reimagine the identities of the once separated villages as one. An open call for the artist/creative has issued with a deadline of 4^h January 2026.

Eadan Glens Housing Estate Artist in Residence, Ferns - The Creative Ireland Programme and the Housing Office at Wexford County Council in collaboration with the Enniscorthy Municipal District announced an open call for proposals from collaborative and socially engaged artists to complete a residency at Eadan's Glen, Ferns between February and October 2026. The residency will support the development of the Residents' Association and build upon the sense of community already established there. Taking a community-focused approach that values diversity and belonging, it will celebrate the residents of Eadan's Glen, how they can welcome incoming residents, and shape a sense of place and community pride in the estate. It is intended that this creative residency will meaningfully connect the residents of Eadan's Glen not only to each other, but also to the wider community of Ferns. Applications close 18th December at 5.00 pm.

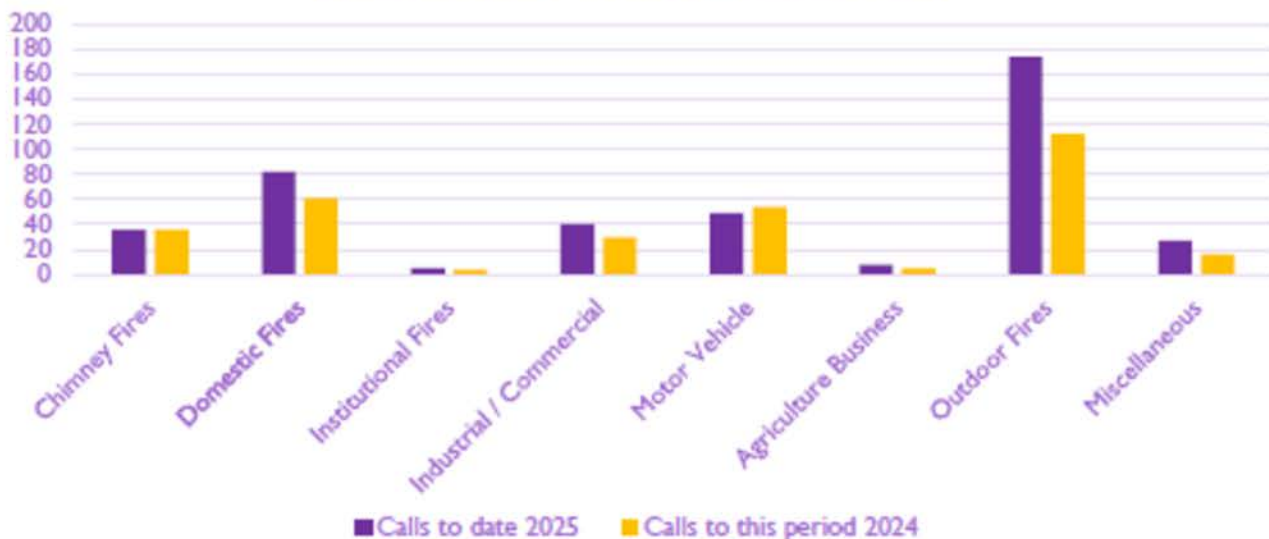
Good Grief Project - Funded by Wexford County Council through the Creative Ireland Programme, the Good Grief project promotes a healthy exploration of grief and provides participants with new skills for coping and wellbeing as their journeys through grief continue. Land artist Mayumi Nakabayashi led workshops for the Good Grief project at the Storyteller's House in Oulart in November.

Celebrate Bunclody's Past, Present and Future Project - Community-led Placemaking Vision for Bunclody. Over the last few months Creative Ireland Wexford has been conducting research and creative engagement activities to help uncover Bunclody's history and built heritage and co-create a shared vision for the future of the town, to guide future investment and development based on community-centred ideas.

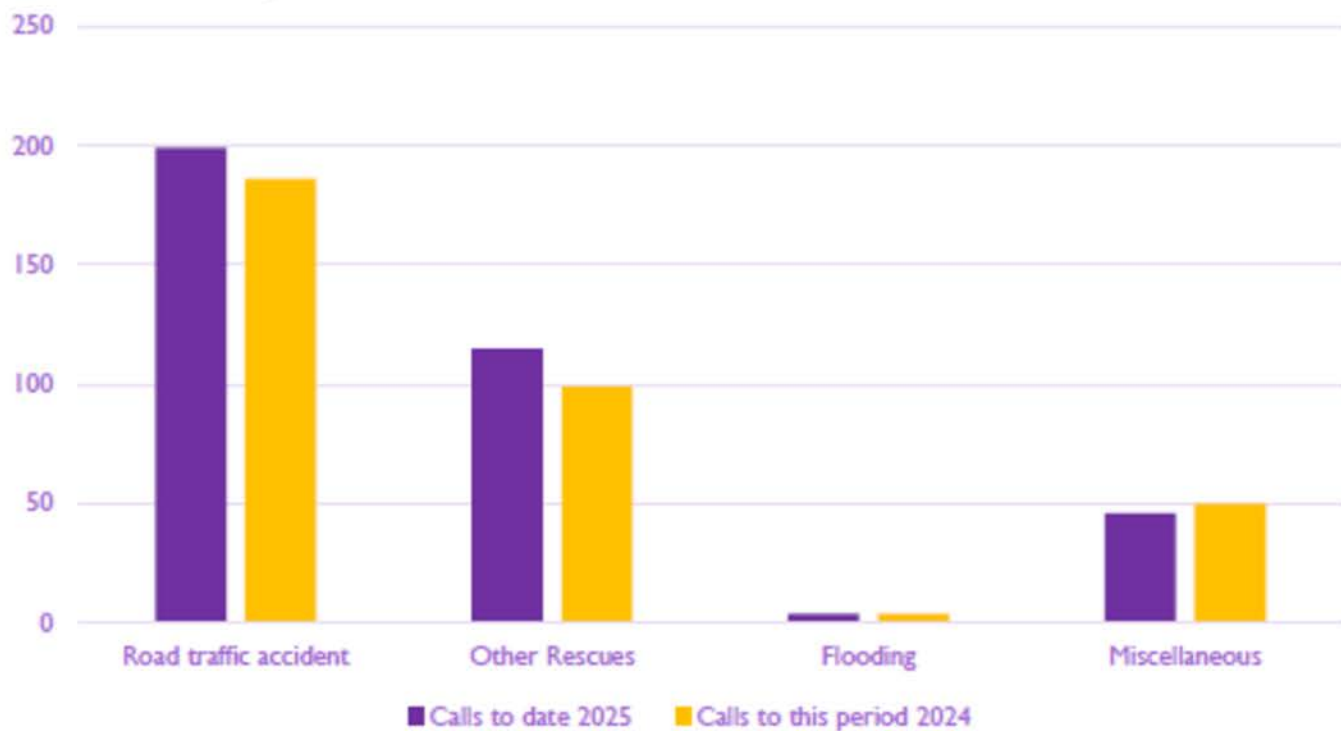
There was a public meeting with the project team at St Aidan's Hall to get the public's feedback.

WEXFORD FIRE SERVICES OCTOBER 2025

Call Statistics - Wexford Fire Service



Special Services - Wexford Fire Service



False Alarms



Fire Safety Certificates



CORPORATE SERVICES

CUSTOMER SERVICE UNIT STATISTICS – NOVEMBER 2025

Task	November 2025
Phone Calls	3,161
Emails (Received & Sent)	2,985

TOP 5 CSU PHONE QUERIES



FOI OFFICE REQUESTS NOVEMBER 2025

Type	Number
Freedom of Information	14
Customer Complaint	52
Ombudsman Complaint	3
Access to Information on the Environment	2
Data Access Request	2
Total	73

FINANCE

Finance Report Q3

The Q3 Finance Report has been submitted to the Department and a copy was circulated to Members. The Q3 position is being reported at a €10,943 in surplus in the Revenue Account for the period to 30th September. This position assumes full recoupment of budgeted grant income due at the end of Q3. The Q3 report also confirms a spend of €86.1m 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 €15m to 31st December 2025. Ministerial Sanction has also now been received confirming borrowing by way of overdraft for 2026 in the amount of €15m, as approved by Members at the October meeting.

Audit Committee/Audit

The next Audit Committee is scheduled for Monday 8th December and the committee will be meeting with the Local Government Auditor to discuss the 2024 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.

Weather Warnings

224k+
Views



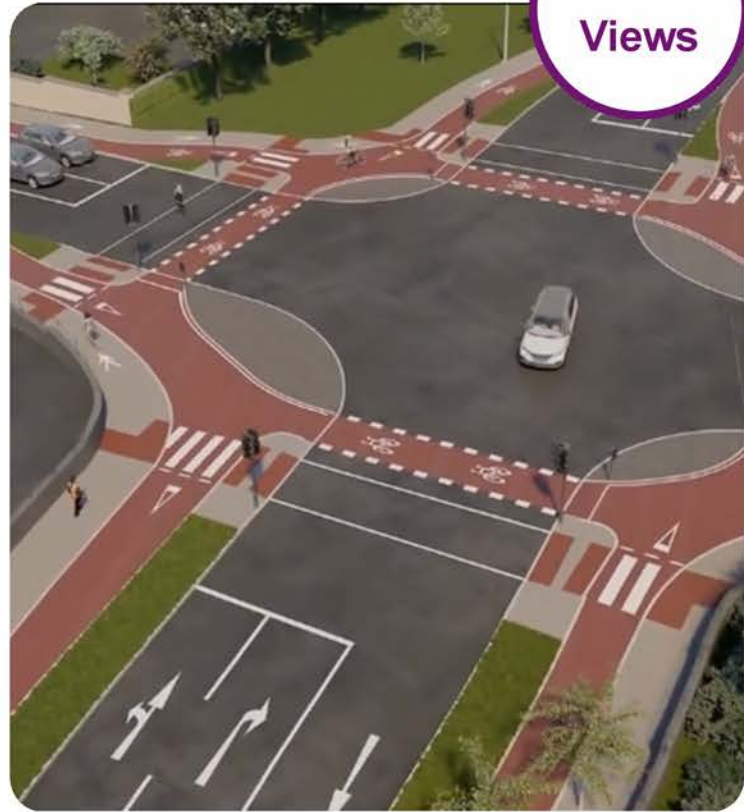
Orange Weather Warning

Friday 14th 14:00 – Saturday 15th 11:00

County Wexford has been issued with an orange
weather warning alert

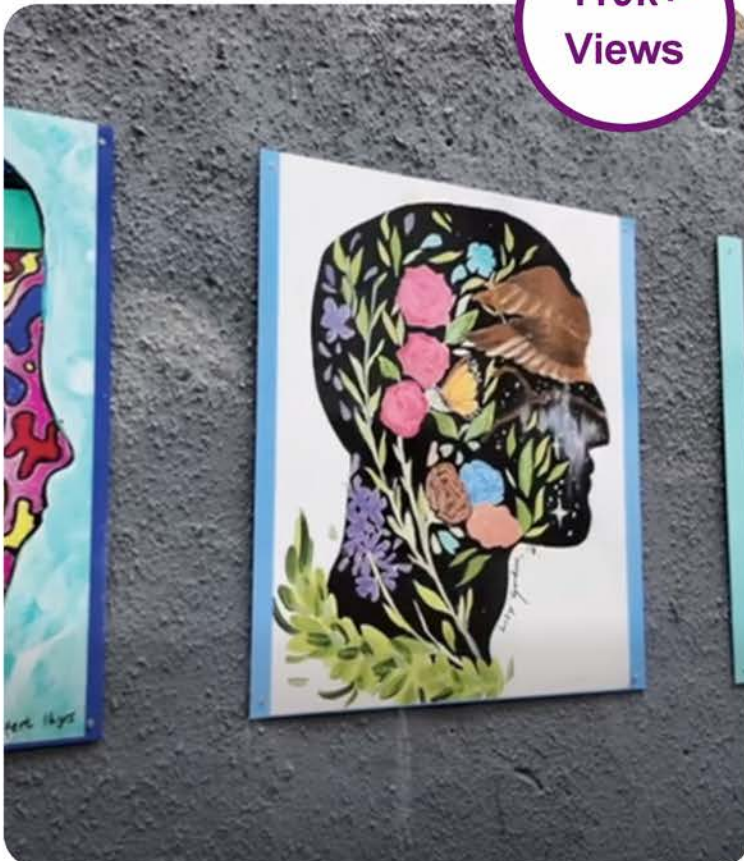
Pedestrian & Cycling Scheme

30k+
Views



Environment Awards

119k+
Views



XMAS Free Parking

35k+
Views

Christmas Free Parking in Public Car Parks Only

PARKING IN ALL PUBLIC CAR PARKS BEGINS AT 11:00 EACH DAY ON THE FOLLOWING DATES

SATURDAYS: 29TH NOVEMBER, 6TH, 13TH AND 20TH DECEMBER

MONDAY: 22ND DECEMBER TO WEDNESDAY THE 24TH OF DECEMBER INCLUSIVE

WEXFORD – GOREY – ENNISCORTHY – NEW ROSS



Wishing everyone a
wonderful Christmas

Eddie Taaffe
Chief Executive