

CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT





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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 is open until 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
Gleann an Ghairdin, Gorey	12 x 2-bed apt 12 x 3-bed apt	Delivered February 2025	24
Mangan, Hollyfort, Gorey	2 x 3-Bed	Q4 2025	2
Spring View, Gorey Hill, Gorey	6 x 3-bed apt 6 x 2-bed apt	Q2 2026	12
Grattan Court, Gorey	10 x 3-bed 4 x 2-bed apt	Q4 2025	14
		Total Turnkey Units	81

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Gorey/Kilmuckridge MD - cont'd

Project Address (Part V)	Unit Type	Est. Delivery	Total
Gleann an Ghairdin Phases 3 & 4	2 x 2-bed	Q1 2026	2
Tobar Muire, Creagh Demesne, Gorey	2 x 2-bed	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
Deerpark (Ballowen or Ramsfort Park) Gorey	1 x 3-bed 1 x 2-bed 2 x 3-bed	Q4 2025	4
Grattan Court Gorey	2 x 2 bed	Q4 2025	2
Pearsons Brook	2 x 3 bed	Delivered March 2025	2
Upton Meadows, Kilmuckridge	2 x 3 bed 1 x 2 bed	Delivered Q2 2025	3
Sunset Avenue, Riverchapel	1 X 2 bed hse	Q1 2026	1
Millquarter, Knockmullen	6 X 2 bed apt 6 X 3 bed apt	Q1 2026	12
Fermoyle Manor, Kilanerin	1 X 3 bed hse	Q1 2026	1
		Total Part V	37

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

Rosslare Municipal District

Project Address	Unit Type	Est. Delivery	Total
Carrig-on-Bannow (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

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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 Q3 2025	14
Forgelands, Old Forge Rd, Enniscorthy	7 x 3 bed	Delivering from Q3 2025	7
		Total Turnkey	26
Forgelands, Old Forge Rd, Enniscorthy (Part V)	4 x 2-bed	Q3 2025	4
Holly-Way, Clonhasten, Enniscorthy (Part V)	5 x 3-bed	Q3 2025	5
Holly-Way, Clonhasten, Enniscorthy (Part V)	2 X 2 bed hse 1 X 3 bed hse	Q4 2025	3
Orchard Way, Clonhasten (Part V)	4 x 2 bed 1 x 3 bed	Delivered Q2 2025	5
Orchard Way, Clonhasten (Part V)	2 x 2 bed 2 x 3 bed	Delivered Q2 2025	4
Cnoc na Greine, Enniscorthy (Part V)	16 x 3 bed hse 2 x 2 bed hse 16 x 1 bed apt	Delivering on a phased basis from Q3 2025	34
		Total Part V	55
Milehouse, Phase 1, Enniscorthy (AHB)	4 x 2 bed hse 16 x 3 bed	Delivered Q2 2025	20

New Ross Municipal District

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

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Borough District of Wexford

Project Address	Unit Type	Est. Delivery	Total
Ard na hAbhainn, Newtown Rd (PART V)	2 x 3-bed	Delivered May 2025	2
Ard Uisce, Wexford (PART V)	8 x 2-bed	Q3 2025 2 delivered May 2025	8
Radharc an Chuain, Castlebridge (PART V)	1 x 3 bed	Q3 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
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

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

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

SECOND HAND ACQUISITION PROGRAM

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

ENERGY EFFICIENCY RETROFITTING PROGRAMME

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

Year	No of Properties Allocated	Number Delivered & funding received
2021	54	0
2022	68	37
2023	51	146
2024	116	118"
Total	289	301
Status Update Octobe	r 2025	
Units completed to date	fi.	109**
Works in progress		16
Contract awarded		11
In tender process		
	Total	136 No.
	2025 allocation	120 No.

Notes

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.

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

^{**} includes 51 units completed in Q4 2024



AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Register your Interest 'Cnoc na Gréine' Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford.

In advance of scheduled launch of the new Local Authority Affordable Purchase Scheme at 'Cnoc na Gréine' in Enniscorthy, the Affordable Housing Team are encouraging eligible applicants to register their interest with Wexford County Council.

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

Applications

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

In advance of the portal launch, Wexford County Council will host in-person/online events to assist applicants through the application process.







Further details to follow, interested applicants are asked to register their interest in the scheme by emailing affordablehousing@wexfordcoco.ie or logging onto the Affordable Housing page on Wexford County Council's website.

CHOICE BASED LETTING

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

107 properties were advertised on the Choice Based Letting website from 01/01/2025 to 30/09/25.

As multiple properties were available in some cases, a total of 213 properties were available for allocation.

Municipal District	Properties Available for Allocation	No. of Properties Advertised	1-bed	2-bed	3-bed	4-bed
Enniscorthy	46	29	2	17	9	1
Gorey/Kilmuckridge	61	21	2	10	9	0
New Ross	48	23	6	9	8	0
Rosslare	25	14	1	5	8	
Wexford	33	20	1	11	8	
TOTAL	213	107	12	52	42	1

HOUSING ALLOCATIONS

From the 1st January to 27th September, 2025 Wexford County Council allocated 289 properties. There were also a further 64 Approved Housing Body tenancies.

Area	Re-Lets (Incl. Bays)	Transfers	New Lets	AHBs	MTR	Total
Gorey/Kilmuckridge	11	4	78	17	1	111
New Ross	18	5	46	2	2	73
Enniscorthy	16	6	18	7	1	48
Wexford	25	5	28	21	1	80
Rosslare	9	0	15	17	0	41
TOTAL	79	20	185	64	5	353

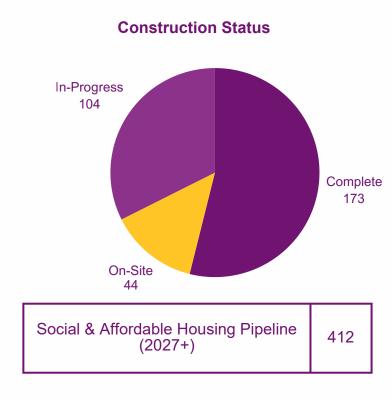
ESTATE MANAGEMENT CASES

The figures below are from 01/05/2025 - 30/09/2025					
Complaint	Enniscorthy	Gorey/Kilmuckridge	New Ross	Rosslare	Wexford
Abandonment	8	1	8	0	0
Breach of Tenancy	13	17	12	2	17
Damage to Property	0	7	4	0	4
Drugs	2	5	13	0	1
End of Tenancy	0	1	0	0	0
Estate Management	18	61	22	2	7
Unauthorised Occupants	1	4	7	0	1
Verbal Abuse/Harassment	9	14	13	3	2
Violence	1	0	0	3	0
TOTAL	52	110	66	10	32

OVERALL TOTAL 270

HOUSING CAPITAL - CAPITAL BUILD PROJECTS

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



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	Grogans Road, Wexford	4
Cluain Fada, New Ross, New Ross	22	Killeens, Wexford	60
Adamstown, New Ross	4	Lacken TAP	1

Total 104

Projects in Design / Pipeline Social and Affordable Subject to Funding Approval			
Clonard, Wexford	55	Castlemoyle, New Ross	82
Group TAP Housing	5	The Lyre, Enniscorthy	50
Rosbercon, New Ross	50	St Walerans, Gorey	40
Bride Street, Wexford	3	Park, Wexford	12
Kilmore Quay, Rosslare	14	Belvedere, Wexford	12
Creagh, Gorey	24	Bunclody, Enniscorthy	65
Total 412			9

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Local Enterprise Office

National Ploughing Championships 2025 - LEO Wexford proudly supported entrepreneur Keara Howard of The Hair Doctor at the Local Enterprise Village during the National Ploughing Championships in Screggan, Tullamore (16–18 September). With over 225,000 attendees, the event provided a high-profile platform for showcasing her flagship product—a water filter designed to mitigate the effects of hard water, a common issue affecting hair and skin health. The product was exceptionally well received, generating strong consumer sales and high-potential trade leads.

The Local Enterprise Village, an initiative of the national LEO Network, enables small businesses to access a major national event at a heavily subsidised rate—an opportunity that would be financially out of reach for many SMEs. This year all participants in the Local Enterprise Village were also featured on Ireland AM in advance of the event. This strategic exposure supports brand building, market validation, and direct-to-consumer engagement.





Blas na hÉireann – Irish Food Awards 2025 - Eighteen Wexford-based producers have been shortlisted for Ireland's most prestigious food awards, Blas na hÉireann, taking place in Dingle from 2–5 October. The event includes the Blas Village, Showcase, Eat Ireland in a Day market, and the awards ceremony on Friday 3 October. This year marks a major milestone for Blas na hÉireann as Local Enterprise Offices (LEOs) from across the country have come together as a network to support the coveted Best Artisan award as well as collectively supporting the best in County awards for each of the counties which they represent.

Now in its 18th year, the awards attracted over 3,000 entries, including a record number of new producers. Wexford's finalists represent a diverse and high-quality cross-section of the county's food and beverage sector:

ABP Irish Country Meats	Bean and Goose Ltd.	Elderberry Farm
Eurospar Bunclody	Kennedys Butchers Bunclody	Killiane Castle Honey
Killowen Farm	Mór Taste	Naturally Cordial Ltd.
O'Neills Dry Cure Bacon Co.	Ryans Bakery Wexford Ltd.	Saltrock Dairy
Sean Stafford Bakeries Ltd.	Stable Diet	Wexford Home Preserves
Wexford Sea Salt	Zaeire Artisan Chocolates	Zanna Cookhouse Ltd.

TOURISM



LEO Wexford continues to strategically support food and beverage enterprises through tailored training, lean and digital transformation, sustainability initiatives, and targeted grant aid in employment, capital investment, marketing, and R&D.

Announcing the partnership of the Local Enterprise Office with the Blas na hÉireann Artisan Producers Award are Artie Clifford (Blas na hÉireann), Dr Niall O'Keeffe, Head of the Local Enterprise Office Cork City, and Fallon Moore (Blas na hÉireann); and Orla Snook O'Carroll from Valentia Island Vermouth, winner of the 2024 Best Artisan Producer Award at the Blas na hÉireann / Irish Food Awards Photo: Joleen Cronin

National Women's Enterprise Day – 16 October 2025

LEO Wexford will host the county's NWED event at the Talbot Hotel, Wexford Town, celebrating the economic impact of female entrepreneurship. The programme includes keynote speaker Ruth Larkin—serial entrepreneur, executive coach, and investor—whose expertise spans foreign expansion, commercialisation, and strategic sales and marketing. Ruth also serves on multiple Irish company boards across luxury consumer goods, fintech, sportstech, and femcare sectors.

Participants will also hear from local entrepreneurs Deirdre Delaney (Delaney Concrete), Sharon Ginnetty (Optimise Marketing), and Niamh Byrne (Ruby Rouge), who will share their growth strategies and business journeys. The event will be hosted by Shonagh Lyons of Beat FM.



NWED is a strategic initiative to foster peer learning, build networks, and empower women-led enterprises to scale and succeed.

Strategic Capability Development Programmes - LEO Wexford is currently delivering several high-impact capability-building programmes:

Management Development Programme Led by Blaise Brosnan, this 15-week course supports 22
business owners with tailored consultancy and workshops which include topics such as finance,
planning, efficiency, negotiation, marketing, strategic positioning, and people management. The
programme is designed to meet individual business needs and will run again in January due to strong
demand.

- Export Accelerator Programme 8 Wexford businesses are participating in this six-month initiative led by Full Circle Business Consultants. The programme equips participants with the skills and confidence to enter international markets through group workshops and one-to-one mentoring. Each participant will develop a bespoke export plan focused on delivering measurable commercial impact.
- Strategic Retail Masterclass Held in Gorey on 19 September, this masterclass—facilitated by creative strategist Aisling Hurley—empowered retail leaders to blend individual brand strength with collective marketing power. The action-led sessions focused on collaboration, mastering social media, and leveraging data for growth, providing practical strategies tailored to the retail sector.



These programmes align with the LEO Policy Statement 2024–2030, which prioritises enterprise development, innovation, and market expansion for Wexford's SME sector.

TOURISM



Wexford Key Tourism Facts.

Fáilte Ireland have released their Key Tourism Facts in relation to domestic tourists to Wexford in 2024 which include the following:

- 962,000 domestic tourists visited Wexford in 2024.
- €211m generated in revenue.
- €220 Average spend per capita.
- 52% of tourists were between the ages of 18-44.
- 35% of tourists were 55+.
- 41% of those that visited were couples.
- 27% of those that visited were families with children under 13 years old.
- 77% of visitors had been to Wexford before while 22% noted that this was their first time to Visit County Wexford as a destination.

Some of the activities that domestic holiday makers engaged in included the following:

- Walking
- · Touring the county by car,
- Visiting historic houses, castles, heritage/ interpretative centres etc.,
- Exploring the outdoors including parks, gardens etc.
- Shopping and attending markets.
- Ø Other activities, including hiking, swimming & water sports, cycling, golf, fishing/angling

Source: Overseas – Fáilte Ireland estimates based on Survey of Overseas Travellers, Domestic – CSO Household Survey, Northern Ireland – NISRA.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Groundbreaking Ceremony Marks Redevelopment of Historic Adoration Convent into Student Facilities On September 30th, 2025, Wexford County Council and Georgia Southern University celebrated the official groundbreaking for the redevelopment of the historic Adoration Convent on Bride Street, Wexford. This was followed by an official Signing Ceremony in Wexford County Council. The document was signed by Dr. Kyle Marrero, President of Georgia Southern University and Cllr Joe Sullivan, Cathaoirleach of Wexford County Council.

The €6.5 million project, delivered in partnership between Wexford County Council and Georgia Southern University, will see the full refurbishment of the former Adoration Convent into modern student accommodation. When complete in early 2027, the building will provide housing for up to 56 students from Georgia Southern University, with study, recreation, cooking, and laundry facilities, creating a vibrant international student hub in the heart of Wexford Town.

Waterford-based Nevin Construction has been awarded the contract to deliver the project.

The convent was home to the Sisters of Perpetual Adoration for more than 130 years.

The redevelopment follows a 15-year lease agreement between Wexford County Council and Georgia Southern University. The project not only secures the future of a treasured heritage building but also expands Wexford's role as a centre for international education, cultural exchange, and opportunity.





HPBA hosts Delegation from Green Building Alliance, Pittsburgh - The High Performance Building Alliance (HPBA) hosted a delegation from fellow UN Centre of Excellence, the Green Building Alliance, Pittsburgh from the 20th - 28th September. The delegates were Local Government, Architects, Academics, HR Directors and CEOs from the sustainable construction sector.

The tour provided an opportunity to showcase the sustainable built environment sector in Ireland and involved many of the board members organisations, such as Wexford County Council, Irish Green Building Council and WWETB.

Visits included Kingspan's IKON innovation centre in Kingscourt, AMTCE in Dundalk, Mount Lucas Modern Methods of Construction in Offaly, Senan House and Presentation Arts Centre in Enniscorthy.

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Joe Sullivan welcomed the group to Wexford County Council on Thursday 25th September. Frank Burke, Climate Action, Therese Nolan, Housing Capital and Liz Hore, Director of Services, provided presentations demonstrating some sustainable building initiatives around the county.

Early impact includes an MOU signed between companies in Ireland and the US and a collaboration between SETU and University of Pittsburgh.

HPBA will continue to collaborate with the Green Building Alliance and there is an interest in further visits in the future.

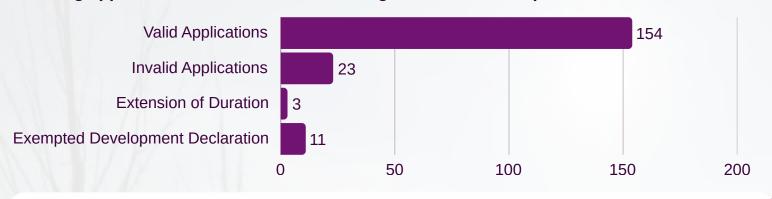






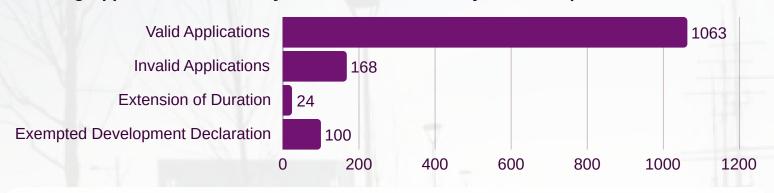
PLANNING

Planning applications received from 23rd August to the 26th September 2025



Total number of applications: 177

Planning Applications received year to date - 1st January to 26th September 2025



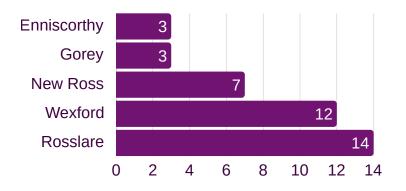
Total number of applications: 1192

Pre-Planning - applications year to date up to the 30th September

Pre-planning by District	Applications Received	Applications Closed	Open Pre-planning Applications
Enniscorthy MD	58	54	0
Gorey/Kilmuckridge MD	109	89	31
New Ross MD	63	57	6
Rosslare MD	81	67	3
Wexford BD	72	68	7
Total	383	335	47

Major Pre-Planning

Year to date up to the 30th September 2025 number of meetings held by district:



- Commercial development:
 11,417 m2 approx.
- Total number of housing units: 1,148

39 total

Planning CSO Returns

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

Housing Developments (total no. units)	Apartments incl. self contained dwelling units (total no. units)	One off Houses	LAC's Local Authority Development	Total no. permissions granted for new dwellings
219	80	173	92	564

Built, Cultural and Natural Heritage

Conservation Works







The Heritage Section is currently overseeing essential conservation works at Clonmines church, Killag church and Ballycogley castle. These repairs will ensure the survival of these important medieval buildings and will help build resilience in the face of climate change. The work is being funded by the National Monument's Service's Community Monuments Fund which has provided €400,959 in grant aid.

Forward Planning

Housing Growth Targets

Following the approval of the National Planning Framework – First Revision, the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage has issued new Section 28 Guidelines with regard to the implementation of the new Housing Growth Requirements. The NPF has identified the need to plan for an additional 50,000 households nationally. Wexford has been allocated the fifth highest percentage increase nationally per year under the new housing growth requirement from 2025 to 2034 which will see an increase from 1,072 units to 1,622 units per year.

In addition, additional flexibility has been allocated to planning authorities with an increase threshold from 25% on additional provision of up 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 a Variation to the Wexford County Development Plan 2022-2028. The Chief Executive will prepare and submit a report to the Members outlining his recommendations on the method by which to implement the revised Housing Growth Targets.





The planning team are currently working on the revised Core Strategy and reviewing a number of settlements to identify appropriate lands to zone. A tiered approach to zoning is being used to identify:

- 1. lands that are serviced
- 2. land that is serviceable within the life of the plan.

This will ensure that the lands which are proposed for zoning are capable rapid activation and housing delivery.

The proposed Variation will require assessment under the Strategic Environmental Assessment, Habitats and Floods Directives.

Wexford Town Urban Area Plan

Work has progressed on the Neighbourhood Framework Plans for the town and a further workshop was held with the consultants. Work is ongoing on the development of the Town Centre First Strategy which will form part of the plan. The draft Core Strategy and associated land use zoning maps are being revised to align with the revised Housing Growth Targets received following the review of the NPF.

Building Control - From 1st January 2025 to the 26th September 2025

Validated Commencement Notices

322

Building Control Inspections

303

Validated Cert. of Compliance on Completion

130

Planning Enforcement - Year to date up to the 26th September 2025

Live Cases

470

Cases Opened (YTD)

232

Cases Closed (YTD)

177

Dangerous Structures and Places - Year to date up to the 26th September 2025

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

Section 3.1 Notice

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Section 3.2 Notice

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New Files Opened

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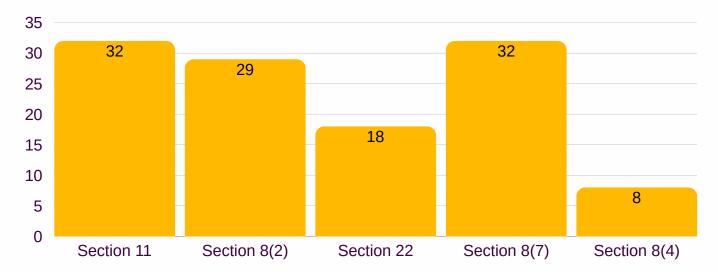


- Section 3.1 Notice instructs the owner to carry out works to make the site safe within a timeframe
- **3.2 Notice** the Local Authority carries out the works to make the site safe. The owner is charged the cost of works.

Derelict Sites

Derelict Site Notices issued under the Derelict Sites Act 1990

Year to date up to 26th September 2025:



Total number of Notices issued: **119**

147

sites on the Derelict Site Register 51

new files opened

318

site inspection/visits carried out

34

files closed

- 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



Derelict property in Saint Aidan's Villas, Wexford was issued Derelict site notices, then sold and the new owners availed of the Vacant Homes Refurbishment Grant.





URDF Call 3 - Urban Regeneration Development Fund

174 sites approved on the programme as of the 26th September 2025

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



Access - Disability Access Certificates (DACs):

Number of valid DAC applications for the year to date up to 26th September 2025 **Total 83**

Applications for Districts	Total for Districts	Awaiting Assessment	Further Information	Granted	Refused
Enniscorthy	8	0	0	7	1
Gorey	18	1	1	16	0
New Ross	13	2	3	7	1
Wexford	37	2	5	29	1
Rosslare	7	1	1	3	2
2025 Totals	83	6	10	62	5

Access cont'd

Disability proofing - carried out as part of WCC Access activity 1st January 2025 - 26th September 2025

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LAC/PLAC/LRD and General Planning Applications

7 Major pre-planning event days

Appeals

1-Upheld ACP

1-Outstanding

Access Items

The JAM (Just a Minute) Card

Training on meta-compliance to date shows an increase of participation with 64% of WCC staff having completed the training.

Additionally, 61% of the Civil Defence Volunteers have now also completed the training.



Changing Places Initiative

With the opening and launch of the Water Sports facility in Curracloe, this now brings a total of 5 changing places facilities located within Wexford. The Heritage Park, Min Ryan Park, Gorey Town Park, Curracloe and the High Meadows Community Hub in Clonard supported by WCC. Future provision for changing places facilities include the Sports Hub Enniscorthy, the Heritage Event Building New Ross, and the Market House Gorey.

Make Way Day – 26th September 2025



The New Ross Municipal District delivered a successful Make Way Day 2025, the production of a video distributed via social media channels highlighted recent works resulting in improved accessibility. In collaboration with the Access Section a dedicated outdoor meet and greet was hosted in Brennan's Lane, designed to raise awareness and promote accessibility and inclusion. The Library Service, the Access Section, the Age Friendly Officer, and representatives from New Ross MD were all on hand for the event. This joint effort underscored the importance of community engagement and accessibility for Make Way Day 2025.

Access Items Cont'd

Wexford County Councils Disability Inclusion Strategy (NDIS Reporting App)

The Access Section, continues to actively engage with nominated staff across all sections, fostering collaboration and shared responsibility in the advancement of universal access. The focus now is to bring this programme to completion in preparation for transition and a focus towards preparing WCC for actions under the New Human Rights Strategy for Disabled People 2025-2030.

The National Human Rights Strategy for Disabled People 2025-2030

This new strategy was launched 3rd September as a whole of government approach, to be delivered under five pillars. It is envisaged that WCC will replicate this format in the development of our strategy going forward

The Five Pillars

Pillar 1 – Inclusive Learning and Education

The focus for WCC in this area will be to provide across all Departments, training opportunities and specific training and awareness around Disability and Inclusion.

Pillar 2 – Employment

The focus for WCC in this area will be to demonstrate achieving the requirement for employment of persons with a Disability, engage with the employment support programmes to achieve and maintain the 6% employment and recruitment of disabled people in the workforce.

Pillar 3 – Independent Living and Active Participation in Society,

The focus under this pillar is to create collaborative mechanisms whereby relevant Departments of WCC can combine and cooperative on common programmes to achieve maximum output and results to support independent and active participation for disabled people.

Pillar 4 – Health and Wellbeing

The focus under this pillar will be the services through sports, recreation, and outdoor facilities, our Environment our Community Department and Wexford Sports Active and Healthy Wexford are significant for this Pillar.

Pillar 5 – Transport and Mobility

The focus under this pillar will be to demonstrate that our public realm and infrastructure are designed and built with universal access at the core.

Work is now underway to develop a new strategy for WCC that will build on the successes and achievements to date in line with the 5 Pillars to deliver accessible services consistent with the requirements of the Disability Act 2005, the UNCRPD, and the Newly published Human Rights Strategy for Disabled People 2025-2030.

REGENERATION UNIT

TOWN CENTRE FIRST

Measure 2. The Courtown/Riverchapel TCF Plan was approved by the Courtown/Riverchapel TCF Town Team and was also brought to the Gorey/Kilmuckridge Municipal District Meeting.

This Plan is the culmination of 14 months working with the Town Team in Courtown/Riverchapel in a process that involved understanding the place, defining the place and Enabling the Place. Town Centre first is about engaging with the community and placemaking.

A big thank you to the Courtown/Riverchapel Town Centre First Team who are a voluntary group representing business and community groups throughout Courtown/Riverchapel area and who have given of their time and energy into ensuring that this process was a success.

A pipeline of projects has been identified that can make Courtown/Riverchapel a better place to live, work, visit and do business. We now look forward to the next phase in trying to secure funding to bring these projects to fruition and once approved by the Department will officially launch the plan.

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

- 1.St Michaels Theatre, New Ross. Architect has been appointed to design improvements works and bring to detailed design stage. We have met with the architect on a number of occasions along with the management team in St Michaels Theatre and designs are at an advanced stage.
- 2. Kilmore Scope/ Bridgetown hub for Water based activities/walking cycling tourism. We have appointed Neville Conroy architects for stage 2 of this programme who will design the hub, and we have further public consultation on the 16th Oct. Feedback to date has been very positive within the community for this project.

Measure1: Under this measure Town Teams were established in Taghmon, Castlebridge and Bunclody with investment in capacity building helping to get these teams engaged. Meeting have taken place in Sept with other Town Teams to meet in Oct/Nov.

Meetings of the New Ross and Enniscorthy Town Centre First Teams took place in September.

Vacant Homes - Work is continuing on vacant homes with €777,626 paid out in Grants in the last 4 weeks and nearly €1m 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	524
Inspections Required (First)	3
Inspections Required (Final)	4
Applications Info Requested	123
Applications Approved	382
Awaiting Approval	0
Applications Rejected	7
Application on Hold	0
Withdrawn By Applicant	12

Funding Issued	117
Total Funding Paid to Date	€6,448,555.60
Total Funding Approved To Date	€21,707,852.00

WATER SERVICES

Multi Annual Rural Water	Multi Annual Rural Water Programme		
Measure 3 – Enhancement of Existing Schemes including Water Conservation	Blackstairs GWS Caim Tank – Works complete. Road Reinstatement to take place in Q3 2025. Reservoir Bypass - Drawdown complete for stage 1 payment. Recouped from Dept. Majority of funding expected to be claimed and recouped by Q4 2025.		
MARWP 2024-2026	Funding approval – €1.2 million for the upgrade of 3.9km Watermain for Blackstairs GWS.		
Measure 8 – Individual wells (private or household wells)	 Individual Well Grants A total of 30 new well grant applications were registered in September 2025. 23 Well Grants have been paid in this period, totaling €60,440.12. 70 inspections to date carried out to date in September 2025. 		
Group Water Scheme Subsidies	 Subsidies Paid to GWS to date 2025 Total €536,213.84 This consists of 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 €283,897.99 		
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	9 applications received to date on revised grant, 7 paid, 2 approved but have yet to submit claim for works complete.		
Compliance monitoring	EPA report on "Drinking Water Quality in Private Group Schemes and Small Private Supplies 2024" released on 23rd July -Wexford had no E.coli or THM failures during this period.		

DPI Resolution Project							
DPI Resolution Programme 2019-2021	Name	Towland	Expecting Costings	75% Funding Provided	Project Completion/ Programme		
	Cois Cuan	Arthurstown	€152,475	€114,356	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		

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 tasks underway to address Service Area requirements, Active Travel provisions, and Biodiversity considerations.

Engagement with larnród Éireann is ongoing in relation to the railway protection structure at the River Slaney bridge crossing. The preliminary design of the preferred bridge type over the River Slaney is in progress.

Updates to the traffic modelling are ongoing, along with the repeat of certain environmental surveys. Preparation of the Maritime Usage License (MUL) and Maritime Area Consent (MAC) applications is underway.

Consultation with directly affected landowners is continuing, and the Technical Advisors are advancing design updates to address landowner concerns as far as possible.

A Real Estate Valuation of the currently proposed alignment is in progress. The preparation of Environmental, Planning, Design, and other supporting reports is ongoing.

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

The Technical Advisors have provided responses to the comments raised during the due diligence check. These are now under review by the Management Group.

Technical and safety approval for Structure B1 (Railway Overbridge) has been received from larnród Éireann, with the associated Bridge Agreement pending.

Real estate valuators have commenced negotiations with landowners regarding Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) compensation.

The preparation of procurement documents for the appointment of Technical Advisors for Phases 6 and 7 is ongoing.

The tender assessment of submissions for the Archaeological Services (Stages I–IV) contract has been completed. Archaeological Management Solutions Ltd. (AMS) has been appointed to carry out the services, with on-site works expected to commence in the coming weeks.

NATIONAL ROAD PAVEMENT SCHEMES

SAFETY SCHEMES

National Road	Progress update		
N25 Tagoat	Works are continuing the detailed design for the scheme. Utility Surveys are underway to complete the detailed design.		
N30 Leeches Bend West of Clonroche	Tenderers appointed and works expected to commence within the next week.		
N25 Larkins Cross	The preliminary design for the scheme has been completed. Trial pits and utility surveys are underway to complete the detailed design.		
	Tender documents should be completed by the fourth quarter of the year.		

2025 PAVEMENT SCHEMES

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

HD28 Pavement Improvements 2025 €2,750,000

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

- N11 Oilgate to Scurlocksbush Roundabout. 1.7km currently out for tender
- N30 Ballymackessy 1.0km expected to go to tender within the week
- 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 tenders under assessment

ADDITIONAL MAINTENANCE ALLOCATION

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



N25 Clonard overbridge between Repair adjacent to the bridge deck - 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 September/October



Minor pavement repair at N80 Moyeady.

Works to be completed in October



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. This includes a further €372,500 funding under RI approved by the DoT in August 2025 and this was used to extend the works at Kellystown, Adamstown in New Ross MD.

96 projects have been added to our countywide programme – total of 80 projects completed to date. The remaining projects will be completed over the coming weeks.

Surface Dressing Programme

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

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

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

Bridge Rehabilitation - 17 projects included on the programme. 5 bridges completed and works have started on a further 8 bridges.

Safety Improvement Works - 12 Projects



Recent RI Strengthening Works at Kellystown Road, New Ross MD

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

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

ACTIVE TRAVEL UPDATE

PATHFINDER PROJECTS				
Project & Location	Project Update			
Newtown Road Phases 2 & 3	Tendering process currently underway on ETenders entitled "Wexford Cycle Schemes: Newtown Road Phase 2 (Racecourse to Hospital Junction & Phase 3 (Hospital Junction to Bayview)", with a closing date 13th of October.			
Hospital Junction Newtown Road	Hospital Junction currently in detail design stage. Topo survey currently underway to assist in design. RPS to tender 7 th Nov until 9 th Dec with tender report issued 12 th Dec for approval. Appoint contractor Jan 2026.			
Beechlawn/Clonard Cycle Scheme	NTA has reviewed preliminary design and design consultants are making the revisions sought. Propose to run a public information meeting for stakeholders in County Hall in the coming weeks prior to Part 8 commencement. Regarding Planning, a preplanning meeting was completed and awaiting Pre planning report.			
Roxborough Cycle Scheme	Preliminary design underway with NTA, with potential budget spend of €270K in 2025. Design will leave Sinnottstown Lane junction as a mini roundabout. GPR surveys will be procured and Slit trenches undertaken as part of SI contract. Infiltration tests primarily to see where opportunities for SUDS along route. Pavement cores shall be taken at 500m intervals. CCTV and jetting of existing storm drainage to be completed in 2025.			
Oaklands to Kents Cross Cycle Scheme	The NTA has requested that Oaklands preliminary design to be placed on temporary hold in order for Active Travel to concentrate their resources on larger urban areas for now. Because the Greenway and modifications to bridge will not be finalised before 2027 the NTA were less inclined to allow the scheme to progress to Part 8.			

Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA)

<u>Wexford Town</u> - Completion of this study is expected in October/ November 2025 pending internal review from Planning department.

<u>Enniscorthy Town</u> - Draft Enniscorthy Local Transport Plan in for review–Study shall move to next phase of ABTA process, finalisation of Final Plan.

Safe Routes to School Schemes (SRS)

Ramsgrange SRTS works are completed.

The following sites are approved for works in 2025:

- 1. **Ballaghkeene NS** Construction works commenced Thursday 25th September.
- 2. Kiltealy NS Mobilised to site for construction Wednesday 24th September.
- 3. **Enniscorthy Vocational College -** Section 38 Statutory process and detailed design now completed. Construction and implementation to commence Monday 6th Oct.
- 4. **Ballyroebuck NS** has been approved for €170,000 funding as part of additional scheme for schools on high-speed roads. Road resurfacing strengthening and SD completed and funded by NTA.

St Leonard's National School Construction of intervention measures at Leonards National School underway, consisting of new pedestrian linkage from car park to school and defining of bus and accessibility parking locations. Footpath on opposite side of carriageway completed. Works on school side consists of new ramp, landscaped area, pencil bollards and build outs.



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 - Draft Bus Stop Guidance have been issued by NTA. Going forward it was agreed to proceed with hardstandings, poles and seating where required, until such time as Clear Channels contract is formalised in Q2 2026 for bus shelters.

Bus Shelters installed in 2025:

- Clonard Rd
- · Townparks, Wexford
- Marshalstown
- Murrintown
- Taghmon
- Fethard
- Bellefield, Enniscorthy
- · Carrig on Bannow

Other works

- Oulart footpath and wall construction underway after agreement with OPW.
- Fethard footpath extension started 25th Aug to create linkage to Ashgrove estate.
- Old Dublin Rd Urban Area footpaths underway.
- Pedestrian crossings completed and underway

Taghmon Apex, New Ross **Clonard Road** Rosslare Fort Rd, Gorey Distillary Road, Wexford x 2 Piercestown Greenville Lane, Enniscorthy Davitt Road, Wexford x 2 Murrintown Seamus Wrafter Bridge, Enniscorthy Fairways, Wexford Camolin

 Rosslare village Munster Hill, Enniscorthy

 Castledockerall St. Ednas, Ferns

- Ballycanew section 38 completed. Includes 3 ramps in total
- Greenville Lane, Enniscorthy Junction tightening intervention scheme underway.
- Ballymurn pedestrian crossing and footpath extension commenced 25th Aug. Ramps and lining still outstanding.
- Weafer Street, Enniscorthy Junction tightening and safety measures at 3 junctions. Proceed to construction in Q4 2025 following property survey. 30

Experiential Cycle – 26th September:

The Active Travel Team teamed up with Wexford Bicycle User Group (WexBUG) to host an "experiential cycle" with Wexford Borough District Elected Members.

The cycle took in elements of the completed Newtown Active Travel Scheme, the soon to be upgraded Hospital Junction and the proposed Beechlawn & Clonard Avenue Scheme. Feedback was very positive, with some Councillors enjoying the experience of using Bolt bikes and even scooters!



National Walking Week - Walking Buses to School:

To celebrate National Walking Week, two schools in New Ross and Gorey held "walking buses" to school. Approx. 200 students walked to Catherine McCauley Junior School in New Ross, with similar numbers walking from Gorey Town Park to St Josephs Primary School. The reduced vehicle congestion outside both schools was notable and the schools intend to promote walking as a beneficial alternative as part of their Green Schools Programme.





PUBLIC LIGHTING

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

Scheme	Current Position	Detail to Progress
Churchtown Road, Kilrane	Completed	Awaiting ESB connection
Ballycogley Village	ESB connection will be applied for once the design has been confirmed	
Old Garden City, Gorey	Completed	Awaiting ESB connection
Kilanerin Village	Full design required for village to pinpoint deficiencies. Survey completed.	Design and quotations have been sought from 3 contractors
Sean O Byrne Park, Gorey	Garden City Gorey. Public lighting installation works completed	Awaiting ESB connection
Coolgreaney Village by the School	Survey completed	Design and quotations have been sought from 3 contractors
Saltmills Village	ESB connection applied	
Ballycullane Village	Out for design and quotation	
Auburn Avenue, New Ross	ESB connection to be applied for	
Maudlins to Millhouse Care Centre, New Ross	Survey & cleaning work completed	ESB Application to be completed after site review
Kilhile Arthurstown	Survey completed. Design & quotations sought from 3 contactors	Awaiting designs & quotations
Mary's Lane, Wexford Town	Pots and ducts installed	Works completed
Screen Village	Additional lights required from the village centre to St. Cyrian's Villas	Survey completed, 2 additional lights required
Glentire Heights to the Ballagh Village	ESB connections applied for	In conjunction with Active Travel - Safe Routes to School have designs, awaiting final consultation
Kiltealy Village	ESB connections applied for	Designs and quotations sought. Works in conjunction with SRTS/AT

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.

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

Ballynagee Link Road - The Technical Consultancy Services Contract has been awarded for Stage (i) to (v) design services to Atkins. They are due to commence in September. No update

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. A decision is anticipated within the next week.

Dunbrody Famine Ship Experience Upgrade and Extension - Conroy Architects has been appointed to design, procure and supervise construction of the works. Site investigations are due to commence in Q3/4 2025. Our new Senior Executive Architect, Emma Hickey is now managing this project. No update

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.

Enniscorthy Technical Park Access Road Phase 2 - It is anticipated the tender for construction works will be published in October.

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

Enniscorthy Town Centre & Tourism Project - It is now expected to lodge a planning application in January 2026.

Enniscorthy Sports Hub - Works are progressing and currently on programme.

Esmonde Street, Gorey - Construction works on-site are expected to commence in Q4 2025.

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.

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 October 2025

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

Riverchapel Community Centre - Wexford County Council in conjunction with the Riverchapel Community Complex CLG is developing a new build multi-functional Community Centre in Riverchapel. The site is a green field site located on unused space in the grounds of the existing well-used community amenity area which includes community playground, walking track, BMX track & playing fields with only a temporary portacabin structure on the site.

Funding in the sum of €1.8m has been approved by DRCDG under the Community Centre Investment Fund (CCIF).

An integrated design team led by Conroy Architects has been appointed to progress the project through the tendering and construction stages to completion.

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 - 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 Stage 1 (prequalification) advert for the main works contract is due to be published in October. Site investigation and opening up works are 80% complete.

PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Ferndale Gymnasium - Works are currently expected to be complete in November 2025.

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

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.



Fleadh Cheoil FLEADH CHEOIL NA HÉIREANN 2025

The Fleadh Cheoil Na hÉireann 2025 Volunteer Civic Reception took place on 13th September in White's of Wexford. The event was an opportunity to celebrate and acknowledge the invaluable contribution of 1000 volunteers who dedicated their time and effort to ensure Fleadh Cheoil Na hÉireann ran smoothly and to the highest standard. Each volunteer was presented with a certificate as a token of appreciation along with a photograph of the iconic harp.



The reception had a fantastic atmosphere filled with 'Cheoil agus Damhsa' which was a fitting conclusion to Fleadh 2025.



Activities funded under the **Healthy Ireland Round 4 Fund** are ongoing to the end of 2025. A one year extension to the programme for 2026 has been announced, with requirement to maintain activity under the current outcome areas. The Healthy County Committee have reviewed activity and prepared a proposal for funding to Pobal subject to approval at the next LCDC meeting.

Healthy Ireland funded project work undertaken in September included three new Teenage Girls programmes under the Healthy Choices Programmes with programmes at Youth New Ross, FDYS Coolcotts and with a Traveller Girls Group in Taghmon.

Evaluation research on this programme is currently being undertaken by UCC to provide a process review of the Programme which has been developed and refined through Healthy Wexford since 2022.





The Maudlintown Playful Spaces project which includes a new intergenerational games area in the playground was completed in July and promoted with a press release and photo to highlight the project released in September. The aim of the project was to increase the playfulness of the Maudlintown Playground Area and to encourage greater social connection & physical activity, through intergenerational play and play for all.

The final Strong Not Tough Resilience course for Community Leaders of 2025 is currently in planning and will be hosted in October. Due to the success of the courses, further courses are planned for 2026, subject to funding.

Outside of the Healthy Ireland Funding, Healthy Wexford continues to progress with Social Connection activities, in a bid to reduce loneliness and isolation across our county. In September an Expression of Interest call was issued for Q4 Meet Your Neighbour events. In addition the Community Cuppa pilot initiative continues in Campile and Bunclody for Q4. Ongoing social connection activities of Cultural Companion and Country Connects continue during June and will run for the summer months also.

With our Period Dignity project we continue to provide and highlight free period product locations across the county. Promotion includes flyers, social media, newspaper and radio advertising. The Period Dignity project is also now supporting product provision on a pilot basis at Youth New Ross, with outreach from this group to Cois Barry Community House in Rosslare, thus extending the number of locations where product is available.

Our Healthy County Coordinator sits on the Steering Group for the Healthy Living for Everyday Life series which is rolling out across all five libraries through September to November. A series of FREE health information seminars at your local library, delivered by trusted professionals, to help you live well every day.





The Healthy Wexford Team highlighted activity and support available during World Suicide Prevention Day on 9th September. Support links and materials were provided via social media as well as encouragement to complete the complete 'Let's Talk About Suicide' - 60 minute online course from HSE -available here https://traininghub.nosp.ie/



During October – Mental Health Month - Healthy Wexford will also have Mental Wellbeing information and support signposts available at County Hall.





Our Healthy County Coordinator attended both the Healthy Ireland Local Government and the Institute of Public Health Conferences in September. These learning opportunities provide an opportunity to keep up with national and international activity.

Locally our Healthy County
Coordinator attended the Wexford
Local Development SICAP workshop
at Wexford County Council and their
event in collaboration with Foodcloud
- Strengthening Food Sharing in
Wexford.





COMMUNITY RECOGNITION FUND 2023 - Progress to date						
Total Fund	€1,509, 869.00					
Total fund expenditure to date (79%)	€1,190,860.09 (Incl. WCC Admin)					
Works Complete (23 no. Projects)	85%					
Works in Progress (0 number projects)	0%					
Projects to be started (3 no. projects- DRCDG granted extensions)	11%					
Project Cancelled (1 no. project: Fethard Community Development Association- Community Garden)	4%					
Total of fund claimed to Q2 2025 from Dept.	€1,099,751.90 (73%) ₃₆					

COMMUNITY RECOGNITION FUND 2024 - Progress to date					
Total Fund	€1,703,377.00				
Total fund expenditure to date (48%)	€826,577.06				
Works in progress (9no. of 22no.projects)	41%				
Works Complete (5no. projects)	23%				
Projects to be started (8no. projects)	36%				
Total of fund claimed to Q2 2025 from Dept.	€346,991.77 (20%)				

Glynn
Barntown
GAA
Community
Complex –
walking
track
upgrade









Kilrane
Rosslare
Harbour
Community
Centre roof repairs





Templeshannon Community and Childcare Centre Ltd. – various community centre upgrades



WEXFORD SLÁINTECARE HEALTHY COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME (SHCP)

Enniscorthy Inter Agency Team met on 10th September, with two of its working groups meeting on 4th September. One group is focused on plans for the care and maintenance of residential green areas, while the other is planning a promotion of sports, creative and community activities in the town to raise awareness with residents in a newsletter. The application for a new Family Resource Centre (FRC) in Enniscorthy was not successful; however Tulsa have advised the proposal will remain under consideration should further funding be allocated for expansion of the national FRC programme in 2026.

Clúid Approved Housing Body, a member of Enniscorthy Community Inter Agency Team's Annual Report includes a section on its collaboration with the Team. The report highlights the benefits of this partnership, including the delivery of a sports programme in Páirc na gCon estate, supported by the GAA and other local partners, which is contributing to increased community engagement: https://www.cluid.ie/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/Cluid-2024-Annual-Report.pdf

FoodCloud hosted an event in Wexford Arts Centre on 23rd September focusing on surplus food distribution and the role it plays in developing healthy, resilient and localised food systems. Sláintecare has been invited to join a panel discussion and will present findings from the pilot Food Bank project in Taghmon, which tested new approaches to community food support.





A Sláintecare-funded community gym has opened at **FDYS** Island Road, Enniscorthy. The facility which is free to use is already in use by young people through FDYS programmes, including young Travellers, ROMA, and the Garda Youth Diversion Programme. It is providing a valuable local resource to support physical activity and wellbeing.



A meeting was also held with the **FDYS Community Based Drugs Team** in Enniscorthy to learn more about the range of supports they provide to those experiencing Substance Misuse. John Paul O'Neill and Kelley Hyland also welcome concerned family members to contact them for support https://fdys.ie/social-inclusion/community-based-drug-initiative

Wexford County Council, in partnership with **Wexford Festival Opera**, delivered outreach concerts and workshops in Taghmon on 10th September and Maudlintown and Coolcotts in Wexford Town on 24th September and 1st October. These events aim to bring opera into community settings, broaden access to the arts, and encourage participation from people who may not traditionally attend festival performances.



Sláintecare Healthy Communities provided funding for podcast **training delivered by KINIA** on 10th July to youth workers, along with equipment to support 10 local projects. The training will enable youth workers to develop new skills and provide creative opportunities for young people, particularly those from marginalised communities such as young Travellers, to share their voices and stories.

SCHP Local Development Officer, Ann Marie Laffan attended the **Healthy Wexford Local Government Conference** at SETU Arena Waterford on 10th & 11th September. The conference focused on place-based community development and included a wide range of speakers and networking opportunities. The event provided useful insights into approaches being adopted in other counties and included discussions with Dr. Tony Holohan on current community health initiatives in Wexford.





AGE FRIENDLY WEXFORD

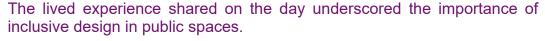
On the 2nd September, a comprehensive walkability audit organised by Age Friendly Wexford and Wexford County Council was carried out in Blackwater village, with the aim of assessing the safety, accessibility and overall pedestrian experience in the area.

The audit was conducted as a collaborative initiative involving representatives from Wexford County Council, Blackwater Tidy towns, Garda Siochanna, Vision Ireland (Wexford Branch) and a member of the local public. The audit focused on identifying both strengths and areas for improvement in the villages pedestrian infrastructure.

Key aspects examined included footpaths, conditions, road crossing, lighting, traffic speed and accessibility for people with visual impairments and others with mobility challenges.

The presence of Vision Ireland provided crucial insight into the experience of visually impaired pedestrians, highlighting specific barriers to accessibility that may otherwise go unnoticed.

Notably the use of a wheelchair during the audit offered invaluable insight into the physical barriers faced by those with limited mobility. Issues such as uneven or lack of footpaths, narrow kerbs and obstacles on pavements were highlighted as significant concerns.







Vision Ireland provided important guidance on accessibility for visually impaired individuals whilst Garda Siochanna offered observations on pedestrian safety and traffic management. Wexford County Council staff contributed technical knowledge relating to planning and infrastructure considerations. Community involvement played a central role in the audit. Local residents and Blackwater tidy towns members shared everyday experience, drawing attention to practical challenges and suggesting locally informed solutions.

Findings from the audit will be compiled into a summary report and shared with relevant stakeholders. These insights will help guide future improvements to enhance walkability and accessibility in Blackwater, ensuring the village continues to develop as a safe, inclusive and pedestrian friendly village for all.



SPORTS ACTIVE

Healthy Living for Everyday Life	Started in Libraries around Co. Wexford. This initiative is a collaboration between Sports Active Wexford, HSE, Irish Heart Foundation, Mental Health Ireland and Adult Literacy for Life. Delivering literacy-friendly workshops on topics such as physical activity, mental health, alcohol consumption and smoking and vaping.
Balance Bike Teacher Training Workshop	4 schools have registered for the Balance Bike Teacher Training Workshop, Clonroche NS, St Joseph's NS, Poulpeasty, New Ross Educate Together, Rathnure NS. This workshop provides teachers with the knowledge and skills to deliver balance bike sessions with infant classes in their school.
Schools Completion Athletics 'Homework Club'	Through Schools Completion Programme in New Ross; 33 students in Catherine McCauley Junior School, Kennedy College, Edmund Rice Senior Schools are taking part in a 5-week after school athletics programme.
New 2 Tri with Wexford Able Disabled	In partnership with Triathlon Ireland, a 'new 2 tri' event took place in September with the Wexford Able Disabled group. 33 participants took part
Inclusive Self Defence	6 teenagers participated in a 5-week inclusive self-defence class in Clonard Community Centre with Tae Kwon Doe Wexford
Inclusive Children's Kickboxing	8 children participated in a 6-week inclusive kickboxing programme with Celtic Dragon Kickboxing Club in New Ross, in collaboration with New Ross Children's Disability Network Team.
New 2 Tri	A follow-on programme from the Aqua Aerobics programme in Bunclody with disadvantaged communities. 14 females registered for the 6-week introduction to triathlon programme taking place in Enniscorthy Pool & Athletics Track.
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Safeguarding



3 Safeguarding 1 Courses were held in September with a total of 51 participants – 43 male and 8 female 1 Safeguarding 2 Course was held with 11 participants 11 female and 2 male 12 Courses were completed in total in 2025 with a total of 182 participants 92 female and 90 males.

One of the 33 members of the Wexford Able Disable Group taking part in Triathalon Ireland's "new 2 tri" event

UKRANIAN RESPONSE UNIT

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

Pledge Type	No. of Properties	No. of People Placed
Offer a home	285	842
Irish Red Cross	34	104

Numbers of pledged properties and people placed by pledge type, source Ukraine Support Team, 19/09/25 – Offer A Home website/IRC Tracker

Ukraine Refurbishment Programme

All six Refurbishment Programme properties are now open and operational. New residents arrived to Ryland Road, Bunclody, at the end of June and have settled within the community.

Name	Occupancy	Capacity
Carne Accommodation Centre, Carne	51	68
Unity Court, Wexford	40	57
Michael Street, Wexford	8	19
Borromount Lodge, Enniscorthy	7	37
Rafter Street, Enniscorthy	5	15
Ryland Road, Bunclody	3	21

SOCIAL INCLUSION & COMMUNITY ACTIVATION PROGRAMME (SICAP)

Wexford County Council, in conjunction with Wexford Local Development, held a SICAP (Social Inclusion & Community Activation Programme) information event, on Wednesday, 17th September, 2025, in The Council Chamber, Wexford County Council, for the SICAP sub-committee and the LCDC (Local Community Development Committee), who are responsible for the management and oversight of the programme.

The purpose of this event was to highlight the work carried out by the Programme Implementer of SICAP, to give committee members a clearer picture of how the programme is implemented across Co. Wexford

LOCAL AUTHORITY INTEGRATION TEAM (LAIT)

The final **information session** was held on the 4th September focusing on Health, Wellness and Community Engagement. Over the course of the summer there have been 11 of these held in 4 of the IPAS centres. It proved to be a great success for residents to learn about services available to them locally and also giving an opportunity for LAIT and external organisations to network and build relationships for future collaboration.

LAIT remains actively engaged with the **Schools** of **Sanctuary initiative**, working with schools countywide to promote inclusion, welcome, and anti-racism. This month Wexford County Council hosted the School of Sanctuary Awards Ceremony where several schools from the South East attended and presented their work from their schools which establish their school as a school of sanctuary and were presented with awards.



ISWs facilitated a specific small **Mental Health Supports** group session utilising an external CBT professional to support the women following an incident. This led to an opportunity for those vulnerable to be heard and supported in safe space.

ISW visited a large number of IPAS and BOTP centres to support and encourage residents to express themselves and complete The **Migrant Survey** which will gather data for the Migrant Integration Strategy. LAIT also reached out to services for their input. This will lead to providing information to Wexford County Council and other services about what services and changes are needed for migrants within Wexford.

We were delighted to support the **photography exhibition** by The residents of Courtown IPAS Centre & J.P. Keating. The exhibition was both powerful and poignant, capturing moments of resilience and humanity, and was greatly appreciated by all who attended.

Two new families arrived under the **Irish Refugee Protection Programme (IRPP)** in September and are being welcomed into their new communities.

An **integration day for Syrian families** and volunteers took place in Wexford Heritage Park, providing an opportunity for families to connect with each other, build a sense of community, and learn more about Irish history and culture. The event was well supported by volunteers and Places of Sanctuary, and it was a hugely enjoyable day for all who attended.

ENVIRONMENT COASTAL MATTERS

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

Coast - Seaview Coastal Protection project is in its final stage with beach access to commence shortly. Project should be finished at the end of the year. Concrete segments for the beach access are being manufactured and due for installation in October.

Kilpatrick temporary beach access completed in April, meeting with NPWS is planned for October to progress to a permanent solution.

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: Mini Tender sent to consultants for this works.

Ballyconniger & Clone bridges due to be removed in October.

Rosslare CRFRS: Ongoing, no date fixed for 2nd Public Participation Day yet, likely to be Q4 or Q1 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 / Power point works To be installed & completed in October
- Duncannon Old Pier Truir construction Ltd now appointed and to commence in October

Operations – Pre-planning meeting requested with MARA for the reconciliation application for New Ross Marina and debris boom.

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.

Attended "Haul it Back" scheme introduction meeting for recycling / removal of retired and damaged fishing nets containing plastics. Clean-up of Rockwell area at Duncannon harbour planned for next week.

Explosive bye laws approved at SPC meeting 26th September. Going for final approval at County Council meeting 13th October.

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-September
2025 - 22 applications
received

23 Grants paid/sent
for payment, total
paid €212,081.38

4 outstanding for
review/documents

No of Verification Inspections

2024 - Verification Inspections = 58

2025 - Verification Inspections = 61

Court cases

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

Ongoing Inspections

- 46 cases closed in 2025 up till the end of August 2025. There are currently 89 open cases.
- There were 7 direct discharges to water and 5 discharges onto the surface of the ground noted.
- 26 new inspections have been carried out for 2025. 6 passed and 20 failed.
- 30 NIP inspection booked in for September in Castletown area & Lady's Island area.

Discharge Licences

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

No. of Monitoring Submission Returns 1 st January to 1 st October 2025	66
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Low Smoke Fuel Areas - A new station has been installed in Bunclody and will be fully operational by the end of August 2025. There are also 18 low-cost sensors installed in Enniscorthy monitoring PM10 & PM2.5 only. The TownAir Project to monitor gases NOx, SO2, CO has now been completed. They will be compared with 2016 levels taking during the SAFFIRE project. The project team will give an update once the work has been completed.

Air -Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC's)

DECO Paints: (Auto-Refinishers) currently there are 72 registered auto refinishers around the county.Q3 Website Register of compliant premises (Auto Refinishers) was updated in August. Certification for compliance is required every 3 years.

Year Cert | Certified | Cert | Ceased Operating | For Enforcement Q4

Year Cert	Certified	Cert.	Ceased Operating	For Enforcement Q4
Expired:	Q3	Pending	Monitoring Q3-Q4	
2023	0	0	0	4
2024	1	2	1	2
2025	5	1	2	3

Dry Cleaners: 6 Dry-Cleaners currently registered, 5 of whom are Certified, 1 has ceased operating. 2 non-registered premises identified in August & September -for initial inspection in Q4.

Petrol Stations -PVE emissions Stage 1 testing & compliance: 79 Petrol Stations currently registered around the county. Certification of Testing is required every 3 years.

Year Cert	Certified	Cert.	Ceased Operating	For Enforcement Q4
Expired:	Q3	Pending	Monitoring Q3-Q4	
2023	0	1	0	1
2024	1	1	0	0
2025	7	1	0	5

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

Under the National Agricultural Inspection Programme, Wexford County Council carried out a total of 170 farm inspections in 2024 and the target has risen to 271 inspections in 2025 concentrating in areas where water quality was most at risk of not meeting its objectives under the WFD. A total of 174 of these 271 initial GAP inspections have been carried out to date in 2025. A team of 4 Assistant Scientists take on this role lead by the Agricultural Scientist in the Environment Section. A total of 248 farm inspections have taken place altogether in 2025 to date 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 97 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-Aug 2025	1693		770	

All environmental complaints are loggedby the Customer Service Unit on the DASH CRM system. The total figures for complaints from 1/1/2025 – 31/8/2025 are as follows:



Total Calls logged January- August 2025



Court Overview - no court cases are heard in August

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

Litter Overview

The second second	Jan- August 2025
Fixed payment Notices issued	7
Litter fines issued	89
Fines paid litter	47
FPN paid	5
Successful prosecutions	13
Legal proceedings in progress	24
Amount collected in fines	€7180 litter €800 FPN €1200 dogs, Total €9180
Dog fines issued	6

Mattress Amnesty:

As part of the anti-dumping initiative Wexford County Council held 4 mattress collections points across the county in September. The initiative was well used by households with over 2,000 old mattresses collected. The mattresses will be sent to a recycle center where the springs will be removed for metal recovery and the fabric will be shredded and re-used for packing.

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 - Sept 2025
Dogs collected	546	575	564	360
Dogs reclaimed	117	128	147	87
Dogs re-homed/transferred	370	404	442	265
Dogs put to sleep	51	38	31	8
Dog Fines	21	14	11	6

Recycling Services:

Bring Bank Network WASTE CATEGORY	No. of Sites August 2025	Recycling out August 2024 (t)	Recycling out August 2025 (t)
Glass bottles		380.62	368.24
Aluminium Cans		4.02	2.85
Total	108	384.64	371.09

Household Recycling Centres - Summary of Activities								
	Enniscorthy	y	New Ross		Holmestown		Gorey	
WASTE CATEGORY	Recycling out August 2024 (t)	Recycling out August 2025 (t)	Recycling out August 2024 (t)	Recycling out August 2025 (t)	Recycling out August 2024(t)	Recycling out August 2025 (t)	Recycling out August 2024 (t)	Recycling out August 2025 (t)
Total Recycling out	63	51	54	58	87	81	43	46
Total Domestic Waste in	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	313	340	N/A	N/A
Daily Average	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
Customers Jan-Aug	82	81	115	116	162	173	83	83

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

Activity	August 2024	August 2025	
Total Illegal Dumping/ Clean Ups	163	144	
Gorey *		27	
Enniscorthy *		48	
Wexford *		42	
New Ross*		17	
Rosslare		10	
Total Bring Site Inspections	770	764	

ENVIRONMENT EDUCATION AND AWARENESS

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

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

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

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

Green Schools: A green schools online seminar was held for all schools in September. Presentations on all themes took place.

Planting Grant: Closing date for community groups to redeem their planting grant has passed. 101 applications are approved for a planting grant of €250. 12 garden centre / garden providers signed up to the planting grant scheme 2025.

WEEE Collection Days 2025: A number of WEEE community collection days (11) took place in 2025. 41,862kg was collected at the locations below.

Date	Time	Official Site Name	Town	Total Weight (Kg)	WEEE	Batteries
08/02/2025	10am -4pm	Wexford Racecourse	Wexford Town	8,348	8,074	274
11/02/2025	10am -4pm	Ballygarrett GAA	Ballygarrett	2,589	2,554	35
13/02/2025	10am -4pm	Bannow Ballymitty GAA Clu	Wellingtonbridg	3,747	3,670	77
22/7/2025	10am-4pm	Bunclody GAA Club	Bunclody	3990	3790	200
24/7/2025	10am-4pm	Rathnure GAA Club	Rathnure	2428	2385	43
29/7/2025	10am-4pm	Camolin Celtic AFC	Camolin	3142	3112	30
31/7/2025	10am-4pm	St. Josephs AFC	Ballygarren	4510	4429	81
05/08/2025	10am-4pm	Horeswood GAA	Campile	2955	2818	137
07/08/2025	10am-4pm	Kilmore GAA	Kilmore	2000	1987	13
12/08/2025	10am-4pm	Kilanerin GAA	Kilanerin	2358	2019	339
14/8/2025	10am-4pm	Fr. O'Regans GAA	Craanford	5795	5462	333
				41,862	40,300	1562

Circular Living Week: This first Circular Living week will run as a social and digital campaign, highlighting and showcasing content aiming to further enhance the public's knowledge and engagement with circular activity. This year's campaign will run with the following caveats:

The campaign will pause on the 7th October, budget day; Content run on the 8th October will focus on textiles to support World Textile Day. The Environment section will be hosting 2 events during Circular Living Week; The Toy Library and Swap Event and a Halloween Costume Swap event.



The Toy Library Swap & Play Event: The Toy Library Swap & Play event will take place on Saturday 4th October in County Hall from 11 am - 2 pm. This sustainable activity will allow children and families to swap pre-loved toys, engage in play, and learn about sustainability practices. This family-friendly event is packed with hands-on activities, sustainable swaps, and creative fun to help reimagine how we consume and play.



Swap: In partnership with **Enniscorthy Tidy Towns and** Sustainable Enniscorthy a Halloween costume swap & repair demonstration took place at St Senan's primary



Trees For Wexford Scheme: Any voluntary group could apply for trees or native hedgerow saplings.

Environment Awards: The Annual Environment Awards will take place on Monday 10th November. The winners of the Keep Wexford Beautiful competition will be announced on the night. Schools who have won various competitions and participated in our environmental education programme will also be awarded.

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

Date	No. of community Clean Ups
01/08/2025 - 30/09/2025	128
01/01/2025 - 30/09/2025	830

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

The Climate team are working on an Electric Vehicle Onboarding document and a train the trainer session in association with Fleet Manager.

- The Climate team attended a number of events recently including
- Launch of new boat for litter picking by the Edermine Rowing Club. The safety equipment was funded by the climate team. Minister Browne, a number of TDs and local councilors were in attendance.
- Courtown/Riverchapel Town Centre First plan where a member of the team attended the Public Consultation in Courtown and comments were provided on the plan.
- House on the Beach Creative Climate. The Climate Officer along with ecologist Jim Hurley attended and spoke at the Talk on the Tides event on the beach at Burrow Rosslare to discuss Climate Action in relation to this creative project.
- Participation in a promotional video for the the Forest Creation on Public Lands Scheme. Video is a case study for CARO to encourage Public Bodies to plant native forests
- Interview with Georgia University One Health initiative- gave overview of some initiatives and work ongoing in WCC that align with this project from Animal and human health and Environmental issues

There is work underway for the roll out of a number of initiatives in the coming months.

- 1. Energy Information Event for the SMEs of Gorey. This event scheduled for 15th October in Loch Garman Arms is being hosted by the Climate team with speakers on the night from the South East energy Agency and the Local Enterprise Office. The event will provide information on grants for businesses and how to apply for an energy voucher for an audit for your business. The Climate team have been promoting the event in person by visiting over 200 premises in the town centre of Gorey. The team has linked in with the municipal district on this event.
- 2. Over 55s Climate Course reaching out to groups/communities for Leaders for this FREE course which we plan to run in Enniscorthy in Feb May 2026. An overview webinar was held on 8th Sept to get leaders to promote the course. It is hoped to get up to 30- 40 participants for the course.
- 3. ECO Driver training is scheduled with FTAI for 20 machinery yard drivers 1 theory Module and 1 Practical Module scheduled for 1st to 4th Dec 2025. This relates to Action BET 3 of the Climate Action Plan.

The promotion of ESDW(European Sustainable Development Week) was facilitated through our own website and many local events that promote the SDGs are uploaded to the ESDW website.

The Energy Course in TUS will not proceed due to insufficient numbers. The Enniscorthy Community alliance had nominated a volunteer to complete this training and the climate team were going to sponsor the registration of the volunteer on this course.

The **Wexford County Council Energy Management System: ISO50001** Surveillance audit was carried out in September. It was a very successful team effort by a multi-disciplinary team.

Biodiversity

The third meeting of the Wexford Biodiversity Working Group took place on the 9th of September to discuss the draft actions for biodiversity for the county for the next five years. The actions will be incorporated into the Local Biodiversity Action Plan 2026 –2031. The draft actions were developed based on submissions received during a pre-draft public consultation and discussions at the working group which is made up of stakeholders representing the Local Authority, other state and semi state agencies, community groups and special interest groups and local experts. The draft biodiversity actions were presented to the Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environment Strategic Policy Committee for their review and approval. The draft biodiversity actions will now be forwarded to environmental consultants for screening for Appropriate Assessment* and Strategic Environmental Assessment**.

*Appropriate Assessment is the assessment of potential of proposals to impact a Natura site. Natura sites are important ecological sites across Europe and are protected by European and Irish Law

^{**}Strategic Environmental Assessment is carried out to determine if a plan or programme is likely to have significant impacts on the environment

LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES AND ARTS

COMMUNITY AND CULTURE



National Public Libraries Open Day

On Saturday 27th September a special invitation was issued to everyone in the country to drop in and see what's on offer in their local library. Wexford Libraries held lots of fun events and activities including story time, free Lego play, sensory time and Library tours. Library staff were on hand to showcase the range of services available to library members from digital resources like eBooks and eAudiobooks to book clubs, exhibitions and quiet study zones.

Staff members Grainne & Derek in Wexford Town Library on National Public Libraries Open Day

Culture Night 2025 - is a nationwide public event which takes place each year in September. Wexford Library Service celebrated with events throughout the county including Irish and Ukranian music and dance, drama, craft sessions, an exhibition by Wexford Historical Society and a local heritage talk.

John Banville at 80 – An Appreciation of his Writing Life - Wexford Town Library's John Banville at 80 programme continued for the month of September. The library hosted two Reading John Banville workshops with Dr. Eoghan Smith, a lecture with Professor Christopher Morash and a film screening of *The Sea*.

Blackstairs Blues Festival - Enniscorthy Library hosted a performance by Dermot Byrne, playing slide guitar and harmonica.

Exhibition Launch: Life at the Courtown Hotel- Gorey Library held a photographic exhibition by some of the members of the Courtown IPAS Centre, attended by Elected Members, IPAS residents and the general public.

LEARNING AND INFORMATION

Age Friendly

Digital Literacy classes with the WWETB restarted in New Ross Library. Age Action Digital Learning returned to Wexford Town Library for a 5-week course with one-to-one digital learning. Staff in Enniscorthy Library led 1:1 appointments with members of the public who wished to learn about the range of online resources accessible through Wexford Libraries and helped them become more confident using their device. There was a "Happy to Chat" coffee morning in Gorey Library, they also hosted an ALONE information stand during the month.

Integration Services - Wexford Town Library continue their Reading Circle while also hosting Wexford Town Friends of Refugees English Classes. There is also a monthly drop-in information session facilitated by Wexford County Council, Local Authority Integration Team.

Home is Where the Heart Is: A Visual and Textual Project for a Multilingual Community – An eight week program focused on helping parents, guardians and carers with English as a second language improve their literacy skills, commenced in September at Bunclody Library. Artist Fernanda Ferari and author Caroline Busher provided art and writing workshops, accessible to participants, regardless of their level of English. This programme is run in partnership with Fighting Words Ireland and Wexford County Council Integration Team.

Skills for Life - As part of the Skills For Life initiative there was a Workshop with Alan Maher Consulting on how to complete a CV/application form in Wexford Town Library. The aim of this initiative being to help library users to engage in lifelong learning and enhance their employability. Digital support classes were held in several Wexford Libraries branches led by a WWETB tutor.

HEALTH AND WELL BEING

Healthy Living for Everyday Life - In September, Wexford Public Library Service in conjunction with ALL (Adult Literacy for Life) began a series of health and wellbeing talks delivered by trusted professionals. Workshops took place in September in Wexford Libraries branches covering various topics including Alcohol Awareness, Movement Matters and Understanding Smoking and Vaping.

Exhibition Launch Through Their Eyes: Visual Voices from the START Programme - The exhibition displayed photographs taken by people with lived experience of mental health difficulties and housing insecurity, all of whom are supported through the START (Support for Tenancy and Recovery Targets) programme. This initiative is a partnership between South East HSE Mental Health Services, local authorities, and Approved Housing Bodies.

ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE ACTION

Community Climate Action Public Consultation - Public information sessions took place in Wexford Libraries' branches with Wexford County Council's Climate Action Officer to learn more about how the Community Climate Action Programme could provide up to 100% funding to assist in reaching the Climate Action, Energy and Environmental Goals of organisations across the County.

SDG Week: 20th - 27th September

The Sustainable Development Goals are a call for action by all countries – poor, rich, and middle-income – to promote prosperity while protecting the planet. Wexford Library Service held talks on soil health, foraging, and sustainable gardening. There were also workshops on how to transform old T-shirts into reusable tote bags, how to do basic repairs to clothing and an energy advice clinic. Gorey Library did a jigsaw and board game swap. New Ross Library and Wexford Town Library both hosted Seal Rescue Ireland for a fun and insightful talk about seals and marine conservation for kids.



Seal Rescue Ireland mascot Selskie with staff member Lucija at New Ross Library.

Local History - A total number of 41 local studies enquiries were responded to, together with a total of 24 genealogy enquiries completed in Wexford Town Library in September.

READING AND LITERACY: RIGHT TO READ AT YOUR LIBRARY

Dyslexia Information Workshop for Parents - Dyslexic Ireland coordinator Agnes Vala shared her knowledge and expertise in this area during a talk in New Ross Library and library staff demonstrated the library resources that are available to support dyslexic students.

Book Buddies Inclusive Book Club continues in Gorey Library.

Summer Stars Reading Adventure Celebrations - To celebrate the end of this year's reading adventure lots of events took place in library branches during September. They included scavenger hunts, a creation station, storytime, freeplay Lego **table and a puppet show.**

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

An introduction to Micro:Bits and VR Headsets 9 - 12 years - In this workshop participants learned about Micro:Bits and how to create a simple game programme! Bunclody Library staff also introduced VR Headsets and children got to explore the ocean, get up close to wild animals and much more.

Schools - Wexford Libraries branches liaise with local schools and Early Learning Centres and cater for weekly class visits for story-times, general book borrowing, and library activities.

Commemoration 2025 - Wexford Library Service Historian-in-Residence for Commemoration 2025, Paul Byrne, took part in a 'Meet and Greet' in Wexford Town Library with members of the public on National Public Libraries Day 2025 which was held on September 27th. Paul also gave a talk in Gorey library during the month on the theme of the 1925 Local Elections.

Local Studies - Wexford Libraries uploaded their second collection to the Digital Repository of Ireland: County Wexford Oral History Project. 167 oral recordings are included in this collection.

ARCHIVES

Collections Management - In addition to 51 research enquiries via email, telephone and post, a total of 16 researchers visited the Archive during September,. Research continued through Wexford County Council's Civil Defence files for a forthcoming publication commemorating the 75th anniversary of the service in County Wexford (1950-2025); examination by a student of surviving remnants from the Heinkel III bomber plane that crashed into the Blackstairs mountain in 1941; family history research through the Wexford Harbour Commissioners collection and municipal burial records (1825-1940); research on material relating to Na Fianna Éireann during the 1916-23 period in County Wexford; family history research through extant registers for Killanne primary school (1879-1930); research through Crosstown burial registers and local newspapers in relation to the death of a customs officer in Wexford town (1892); court records in relation to a paternity case in the 1950s; research on sports events through issues of The People and New Ross Standard (1964-76) for a forthcoming article.

Digitisation - The next six volumes of minutes for Enniscorthy Urban District Council (1956-1980) were digitised in addition to eight volumes covering the period 1883-86 from the Gorey poor law union minute book series. On completion of the projects, the digital files will be uploaded to the Archive's website and will be freely accessible to researchers.

Outreach - The Archivist presented a brief illustrated overview of the county archive's holdings to the Wexford Borough District members at their September meeting. Documents and artefacts from the former Wexford Corporation collection in addition to maritime objects were shown. Also highlighted was the number of heritage organisations across the county with whom archives and artefacts from the Archive's holdings are on loan for public display purposes.

The Archive liaised with Kilmore Quay heritage group for forthcoming celebrations to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the opening of St Peter's church in Kilmore Quay. A photographic copy of a large manuscript document from the Archive was gifted to the group for the event. This 1871 handwritten petition, signed by 77 tenants of Henry Bruen, called on him to provide a site in the village for the erection of a new church and school.

ARTS

Culture Night 2025 - Culture Night Wexford took place on Friday the 19th of September and was one of the largest to date with almost 60 free events taking place countywide across the 5 municipal districts. Run by the local authority arts offices in partnership with the Arts Council and municipal districts, Culture night highlights the quality and diversity of Ireland's arts and cultural offering, while also introducing audiences to new arts venues and emerging creative talent- all for free.

Gorey School of Art – Artists Workshop Programme

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

House on The Beach – Container Exhibition in County Hall - This exhibition opened on the 15th August on the Street in County Hall featuring work by artist Nina McGowan, in collaboration with Trinity College Dublin, a recipient of the Creative Climate Action Fund, an initiative from the Creative Ireland Programme, supported by Wexford County Council's Climate Action and Culture Teams. The exhibition was on in County Hall until Friday 12th September.

Irish Wheelchair Association (IWA) Film Screening

IWA hosted a film screening at Movies @ Gorey of the film that was made entirely by service users as part of the Artist in the Community Scheme funded by the Arts Office. There were 45 people in attendance and the short documentary was about Irish Heritage and was filmed at the Irish National Heritage Park.



Film screening with Irish Wheelchair Association

Opera Festival Opera For All Programme - Funded by the Arts Office, Wexford Festival Opera hosted a number of workshops on the lead up to this year's festival with local students from Taghmon National school, Southend Family Resource Centre and Coolcots Youth Project throughout the month of September. These community groups learned about the history of Opera and how opera singers perform. There was a community concert with opera singers Maria Matthews and Rory Musgrave at the Taghmon Action Group community group.

Festivals September 2025

New Ross Piano Festival - This annual festival took place in September at St Mary's Church of Ireland, New Ross and was funded by the Small Arts Festival Fund 2025. There were performances by world renowned pianists, such as Danae Dörken and Daniel Lebhardt and the Castalian Quartet closed the festival.



Write By the Sea - Boutique literary festival took place in Kilmore Quay, Wexford. This year writers that were speaking at the festival were Claire Keegan, Marian Keyes and John Banville.

Cultural Companions - met for a guided tour of the An Ciúnas / The Silence, a solo exhibition by Marianne Keating at the Wexford Arts Centre in September. There were 10 members in attendance and there were refreshments served afterwards.

Creative Places Enniscorthy - 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.

'To the Power of Three' Creative Ireland - Shared Island - Final Meeting took place at The Mac, Belfast. The concluding meeting was part of the 18-month shared Island project lead by Tallaght Community Arts in partnership with Fuse Arts – Derry and Creative Places Enniscorthy. Sixty young people from across the island met, collaborated and devised a piece that was performed for audiences at St Columbus Park House in Derry.

Connections - The Connections series for artists continues led by the artists of the CPE Ground Group. In this meeting the artists ask what the main needs of artists in Enniscorthy are. They will then co-design the series with the artists who attend the meeting. There was a great turn out of approximately 60 artists for the first meeting.

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

Programmes in September - The CAMHS Music Workshops began in Arnold's House, Enniscorthy in September and the Yellow Bellows and Yellow Bellogs also started back in the Presentation Arts Centre in September.

Kennedy College | Music Generation Wexford Taster Workshops - Music Generation Wexford is developing a music programme with Kennedy College, supported by Creative Ireland. They began with taster workshops for the students with each session accommodating a group of 15 young people. Musician educators, Karen Dunbar and Steven Cullen ran these workshops in September

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SCREEN WEXFORD

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

Locations Workshop in collaboration with National Talent Academy - A workshop took place in September. Filmmakers learned how locations are scouted and managed from start to finish, how to work with other departments on set and the practical skills needed for a recce.

September Crew Networking - Members of the Screen Wexford network attended The Hatch Lab, Gorey in September and there were 20 participants for this networking for local crew.

CREATIVE IRELAND

Live Music in Residential Care Home Settings - In 2025 the Creative Ireland Programme was awarded funding to develop a series of traditional Irish music and dance concerts at four HSE nursing homes: Farranogue, Wexford; New Houghton, New Ross; Gorey District Hospital; and St. John's Enniscorthy. Entitled 'The Sessions' these concerts ran throughout September and gave residents a flavour of the Fleadh.

Yola Today - explored Yola Heritage through drama exercises and workshops to make new connections between local communities and Yola. Chris Moran led the project and worked with the Team at Yola Farm in Tagoat, St. Mary's National School in Tagoat, Kilrane National School in Rosslare – the Rosslare Harbour Accommodation Centre, Piercestown Girl Guides and Bridgetown College. The Culture Night event showcased Chris's work and the new Yola song that he commissioned Liam Bates to compose. The Kilmore Carol Singers performed. Nationwide filmed the event and it will be screened at a later date.

A Yola Resource pack will be available in the coming weeks for the community to access more information about the project and provide creative ways in which to access the language and its heritage.

Creative Ireland Culture Night Events: The Resonance Rooms - The Resonance Rooms was held in Gorey School of Art on Culture Night. It was a light and sound sensory experience, part of the Upon Landing project that aims to develop better access for neurodivergent audiences, artists and volunteers at Gorey's Festivals.

Creative Ireland Culture Night Events: So Say So - So Say So was one of the Irish Language projects Creative Ireland Wexford supported during 2025. Led by poet and spoken word artist Stephen James Smith, it was a night of bilingual spoken word, poetry and song at Wexford Arts Centre held to coincide with Culture night.

Rural Connections - Creative Ireland Wexford has supported five rural community venues (one from each Municipal District) including Campile Community Hall, Marshalstown Community Hall, The Bank Rosslare, Castlebridge Community Hall, and Ballyfad Community Hall as part of the Rural Connections project. Artist-led workshops began in September to understand how these venues can be further animated through creativity. A sharing session will take place in November, with some further events planned in the next phase.



A workshop in Marshalstown Community Centre with local residents

Irish Language Projects - Filming - In 2025 Creative Ireland Wexford supported six Irish Language projects to meet our strategic priority to 'promote the love and use of the Irish language in our community'. Project leads and participants were brought together to the Presentation Arts Centre in Enniscorthy for a day of filming, capturing how creativity can provide new access routes for communities wishing to learn more about the language. The film will be shared in late 2025.

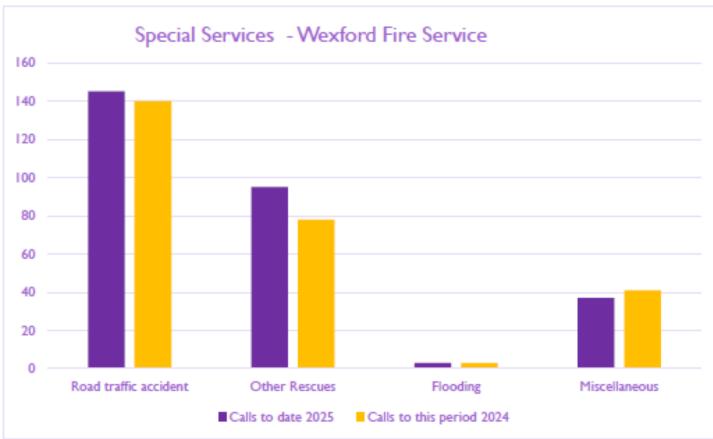
Geosphere - a new mosaic floor for the dome in Enniscorthy Allotments was launched on 7th September. The mosaic was created by allotment users, and the images focus on the theme of biodiversity.



The unveiling of the mosaic floor for the dome in Enniscorthy Allotments

Hatch Lab - Creative Ireland Wexford will support a year long artist in residence programme at Gorey Hatch Lab. This will be of mutual benefit to the Hatch Lab and the chosen artist as it offers new opportunities for creativity and business to meet, and the artist will benefit from desk space and business advice. To shape the residency, a focus group with Wexford-based artists and the businesses resident in Gorey Hatch Lab took place on September 10th.









CORPORATE SERVICES

CUSTOMER SERVICE UNIT STATISTICS – SEPTEMBER 2025

Task	September 2025
Phone Calls	3,668
Emails (Received & Sent)	2,944

TOP 5 CSU PHONE QUERIES

(27%) Housing Maintenance (11%) Environment Reports (10%) Housing Applicants (6%) Housing Grants

(4%) Road

FOI OFFICE REQUESTS SEPTEMBER 2025

Туре	Number
Freedom of Information	13
Customer Complaint	44
Ombudsman Complaint	4
Access to Information on the Environment	2
Data Access Request	1
Total	64

FINANCE

Budget 2026

Work has commenced on the preparation of Budget 2026. Circular Fin 09/2025 has been received confirming Wexford County Council's provisional LPT Allocation (pre LAF adjustment) for 2026 at €16,026,453. This is an increase of €900,000 over the 2024 allocation and is a direct result of the national LPT revaluation process.

Cash Flow/Overdraft

The Council continues to operate with an overdraft facility, Ministerial Sanction is in place for borrowing by way of overdraft in the amount of €15m for the period to the 31st December, 2025. The requirement for ongoing overdraft facilities into 2026 requires a formal application which is included in the October meeting to secure Council approval and Ministerial sanction for an extension of the facility into 2026.

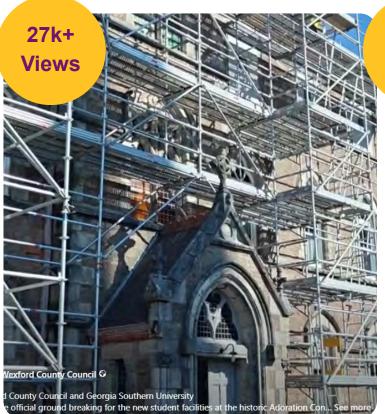
Audit

- Audit of Accounts 2024 The Audit of Wexford County Council's 2024 Accounts is ongoing. Once
 complete, the Local Government Auditor will prepare the Statutory Audit Report to be submitted for
 consideration of the Council as soon as possible thereafter.
- Audit Committee The next meeting of the Audit Committee is scheduled to take place on Monday 8th December and the Local Government Auditor, Mr. Gerard McMurrow is due to attend to discuss the outcome of the 2024 Audit. Following this the Audit Committee will prepare their report for the Council on the Annual Accounts and Audit process.

COMMUNICATIONS



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100k+ Views









Lighting up in Purple

15k Views





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