



Chief Executive's Report

County Council Meeting 08.04.24

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Savannah March 2024

A senior delegation led by the Chairman of Wexford County Council, Cllr John Fleming were hosted by World Trade Centre Savannah and Savannah Economic Development Authority. The senior delegation included Cllr Pip Breen Chair Gorey Kilmuckridge MD, Cllr Leonard Kelly, Deputy Mayor Wexford Borough, Cllr. Jim Moore, Chair Rosslare MD and the Directors of Tradebridge and CE of Wexford Enterprise Association. The delegation was introduced to Savannah's unique business opportunities and quality of life, building on the strategic, civic, economic, education and cultural opportunities between the 2 regions and strengthening the agreement between the City of Savannah and Wexford County Council. The Mayor Van Johnson gave a warm welcome to the delegation at City Hall on the occasion of the 200th celebration of the Savannah St Patrick's day parade which culminated after mass in the Cathedral with the Wexford delegation participation in the St Patrick's Day parade proudly representing the County of Wexford. The Savannah Delegation Report included in the Council pack for the April meeting outlines the itinerary of the visit including meetings with Georgia Southern University whose first group of students arrived at the end of March to the Wexford campus and meetings with Georgia Port Authority.



Georgia Port Authority Meeting



Affordable Housing Tour



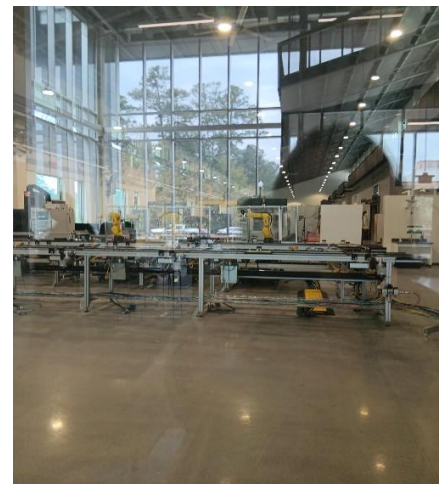
St Patrick's Day Mass at the Cathedral



200th St Patrick's Day Parade



Georgia Southern University Campus



City Hall with Mayor of Savannah Van Johnson

China February 2024

In 2023, Wexford County Council hosted a delegation of six key representatives from the Jiangxi Province of China and signed a letter of intent for future trade, education, tourism and cultural ties between Wexford and the Jiangxi Province. A reciprocal delegation visit took place from the 24th February to the 1st March focused on the cities of Nanchang and Jingdezhen. The Jiangxi province has a population of 45 million and Nanchang its primary city has a total population of 6.2 million. The province consists of 11 prefectural cities and 100 counties (including county-level cities and districts). Jiangxi's geographic location, adjacent to the Yangtze River Delta, the Pearl River Delta and the triangular area of the southeast of Fujian Province, makes it one of the most active innovative economies in the province. Jiangxi has a strong transportation network by land, water and air with 7 airports, the largest of which is Nanchang Airport. Nanchang international air cargo routes are accessible worldwide making Nanchang Europe's second most popular place of inquiry for freight. Jiangxi has a long and rich cultural history and is recognised as the world's source of rice planting culture, as well as the birthplace of Confucianism, Buddhism, and Taoism. It is the home to the porcelain capital Jingdezhen, the renowned Tengwan Pavilion, the White Deer Cave Academy and the ancient Donglin Temple dating back thousands of years. Many famous scholars and poets emerged from the Jiangxi province.

The delegation was led by the Chairman of Wexford County Council Cllr. John Fleming assisted by the Economic Department and Director of Services from the Executive.

A detailed itinerary is included in the Council pack for April but some of the key highlights of the visit included a visit to Jianzhong Pharmaceutical Group Ltd which was formerly a school run enterprise of Jiangxi University of traditional Chinese Medicine. Founded in 1969, the group manages 26 business units and the company is mainly engaged in research and development, production and sales of traditional Chinese patent medicines.



Pharmaceutical visit

Following this the group received a brief introduction to Quihuang TCM (Traditional Chinese Medicine) at the Jiangzhong Experience Centre for Foreign Dignitaries where demonstrations of Chinese medicine diagnosis and practices were given. The TCM Experience Centre was established in Nanchang in 2015 providing a unique health tourism resource, demonstrating the scientific validity and safety of traditional Chinese medicine as well as its complementarity to western medicine.



The delegation met with the Director, Mr. You Ying and staff from the Commercial Department of Jiangxi Province; Jiangxi Gaoyuan, Agricultural Development Co. Ltd., Jiangxi Longtai, Food Chain Co. Ltd, Jiangxi Jinkong, Foreign Trade Group Co. Ltd. Each of the representatives gave a short introduction on their respective industries and this was followed by an overview of County Wexford focusing on enterprise/economic and tourism opportunities. This meeting featured on the Jiangxi Business news.

Wang Ying met with John Fleming, Chairman of Wexford County Council of Ireland, and his delegation

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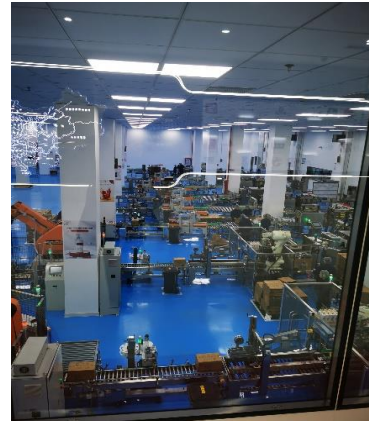
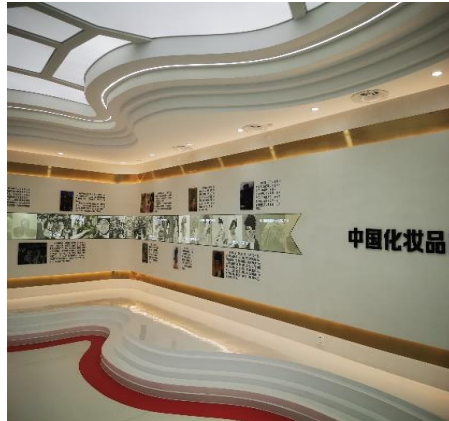
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On February 26, Ju Wangying , Secretary of the Party Leadership Group and Director of the Provincial Department of Commerce , met with John Fleming, Chairman of the Wexford County Council of Ireland, who made a special visit to the Department of Commerce.



Wang Ying welcomed Chairman Fleming and his delegation and

The visit provided the opportunity to meet key innovative business sectors in the automation application of technological solutions and the biotechnology areas.

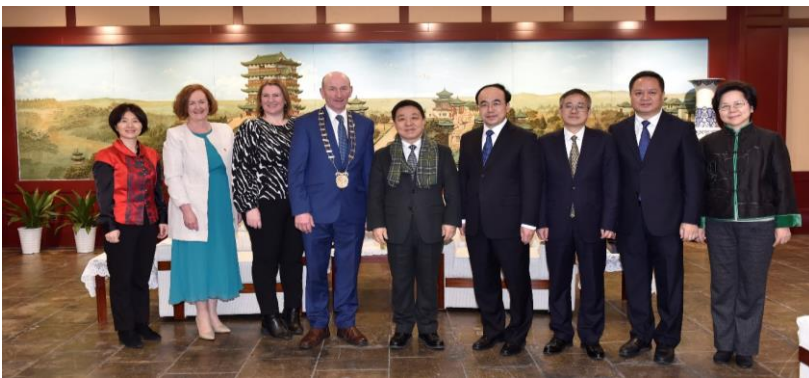


The delegation visited the high School Affiliated to Nanchang University and met with the Principle, Mr. Huang Haixiao and his team. The delegation visited a number of classes and were given a wonderful display of dance and music. The school is anxious to explore student exchange programme with Wexford schools.

The Mayor of Nanchang, Mr. Wang Guangming and members of the Municipal Government hosted a meeting in Nanchang.



In the evening the delegation had a formal meeting with the Governor, Mr. Ye Jianchun and his team. The Governor gave a formal address on Jiangxi Province and this was followed by an address by An Cathaoirleach. Cllr. John Fleming highlighting the desire to develop economic, education and cultural relationships between both regions.



TOURISM

Fringe Fleadh



The Economic Development Section has allocated funding to Gorey, Enniscorthy New Ross and Rosslare Municipal Districts to support the County Fleadh programme in each of the districts and to provide an impetus for the whole County to get behind the Fleadh in August. Each of the four Districts will run Fringe Fleadh events around County Wexford prior to the main Fleadh event. To coincide with the County Wexford Fleadh event taking place in Gorey Community College on May 18th it is proposed to launch details of the Fringe events at an event hosted by Gorey Kilmuckridge MD, details to follow.

LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE

Wexford Local Enterprise Week 2024 Goes from Strength to Strength

LEO Wexford as part of a nationwide initiative supported by Enterprise Ireland hosted a diverse lineup of events and seminars during Local Enterprise week from March 4th to 8th. LEO Wexford's offering provided a dynamic platform for individuals to explore avenues for business growth and development and to inspire those thinking of starting their own business to take the first step.

The week began with an informative online seminar on Google Analytics, assisting businesses in growing their online presence by enhancing their digital capabilities. A highlight of the opening day was the Techforward Event: Cultivating Leadership and Strategic Growth, a collaborative initiative between LEO Wexford and Scurri. This event delved into the intersection of culture, leadership, and digital expertise, providing invaluable insights for attendee. The event was hosted by the Scurri team at their new Selskar Headquarters a fantastic example of the benefits of town regeneration in Wexford.



Day two focused on wealth creation for business owners at an event for the Alumni of the LEO Wexford's Management Development Programme. Renowned author and trainer, Blaise Brosnan of The Management Resource Institute led the session, providing valuable insights on cultivating a unique business proposition, pivoting for success, setting strategic objectives, working smarter and planning succession. Many of the business leaders present acknowledged Blaise's significant contribution to the local enterprise community with his consultancy, mentoring and mediation services.



On Tuesday, the LEO examined future trends for businesses. Technology expert, futurist and digitalization specialist **Nancy Rademaker** lead this online event giving businesses an insight on where the world is headed and how business is going to be different in 20 years' time. Aspiring entrepreneurs were also catered for with Free Business Advice Clinics and a Start Your Own Business course. The momentum continued with a Trading Online Voucher Seminar on day three, providing attendees with essential insights for website creation or upgrade. The day also featured an online seminar on "The Sustainability Imperative for Business Success," led by environmental broadcaster Liz Bonnin.

Day four honoured the next generation of entrepreneurs at the Wexford finals of the Student Enterprise Programme. This initiative empowers students to conceptualise, design, and promote their own businesses, with the winners across three categories advancing to the National Final. There are over 1,300 young people participating from across 19 schools in County Wexford fostering a culture of entrepreneurship from a young age and working in partnership with the wonderful teachers from across the secondary schools.



In the Junior Category, Oisín Casey from CBS Wexford emerged as the student to represent Wexford at the National Final with his project "Second Chance Golf Balls". Intermediate Category winner, Holly Cassidy from Ramsgrange Community College, secured her place as the county's representative at the Final with her project "Sparkly Clean". In the Senior Category, Wexford will be proudly represented on May 9th by Matt Furlong & Adam Connolly from Creagh College Gorey with their sustainability focused project "EcoFire".



On Friday, over 90 business women gathered at the Talbot Hotel in Wexford to celebrate International Women’s Day. This was a joint event between LEO Wexford and the County Wexford Chamber. An interesting panel discussion on 'Inspire Inclusion' was led by keynote speaker Catherine Vaughan, Partner at Ernst & Young, sponsor & chair of EY’s LGBTQ+ network, GLEN Inclusion Champion, and one of the 100 named OUTstanding Global Executives for the fifth consecutive year. Ladies from the Wexford Ukrainian programme were also in attendance. Wexford harpist, Una Walsh a student at Loreto Secondary Wexford and the Presentation School Choir added to this inspirational International Women’s Day Event.



Digital Innovation clinics gave businesses an opportunity to discuss Digital Innovation projects with an expert from the Walton Institute. This marks the first in a series of collaborative events between the LEO and SETU envisaged for 2024.



LEO Wexford concluded Local Enterprise Week with the County Wexford Enterprise Awards. The highlight of the ceremony was the announcement of Biostor as the overall winner of the Wexford Enterprise Awards 2024.



Biostor will proudly represent the county at the National Enterprise Awards at the Mansion House, Dublin, on May 23rd, 2024.



SuperValu Food Academy Programme 2024

Each year the SuperValu Food Academy Programme helps small food businesses get their food products onto supermarket shelves. This is a joint programme with the Local Enterprise Offices around the country, SuperValu and Bord Bia. Currently there are over 400 small food producers on supermarket shelves with the assistance of this programme.

Nine small food producers recently participated in a Start Your Own Food Business course with LEO Wexford in preparation for the Food Academy Programme. The Food Academy Programme are seeking a wide variety of artisan and speciality food and beverage products, as well as various food retail businesses around the county. Businesses can apply through www.localenterprise.ie and the closing date of April 5th 2024.

REGENERATION UNIT

Town Centre First

We are working through the application process for the 2024 Town Centre First Suite of Supports.

Measure 1.

Town Team Support Fund: This measure will support the establishment of up to 3 Towns Centre First Teams in County Wexford. We have applied to the DRCD under this measure which provides €10,000 for capacity building and or data collection and research per Town. We expect news on this shortly.

Measure 2.

After a comprehensive shortlisting analysis, Wexford County Council was successful in securing Courtown/Riverchapel which was selected as a Phase 2 TCF Town. We will receive €30,000 to complete a TCF Plan for Courtown/Riverchapel. The Town Regeneration Officer will start work in Courtown/Riverchapel in the coming weeks.

Measure 3.

In the suite of Town centre first supports is the project development measure which could see €50,000 allocated to a max 2 projects to progress these projects to shovel ready status (90% funding). We received a number of applications through the expression of Interest phase and after a shortlisting process we have 2 projects identified to progress to full application stage and are working to assist the groups in making these applications as strong as they can possibly be for what is a very competitive process.

The 2 groups are: 1. Feachtas Ealaoin t/a St Michaels Theatre.
2. Kilmore Scope

Town Centre First meetings are progressing in both Enniscorthy and New Ross with discussions ongoing in relation to the role these Town Teams can play in trying to improve the nighttime economy in both Towns.

New Ross is awaiting the announcement of the RRDF applications which were projects identified through the New Ross Town Centre First Plan process.

Vacant Homes

To enhance awareness and support for owners of vacant/derelict properties and sites, the Regeneration Unit is planning a series of Roadshows scheduled for April 2024. These informative events will span the 5 Districts, aiming to enlighten the public about various grants and programmes tailored to address vacant and derelict properties, ultimately contributing to the reduction of Vacancy Levels in County Wexford.

As part of our comprehensive outreach initiative, we are collaborating with the Planning Department to craft a detailed brochure encompassing all essential information. This brochure will not only be distributed during the Roadshow events but will also be made available at our District offices. Additionally, it serves as the cornerstone for our Marketing Package, which will be strategically utilised across various media channels, including an update to our web pages to ensure seamless reflection of the available assistance.

The Roadshows will consist of a drop in event from 2pm to 6pm in each of the venues below.

Municipal District	Date	Venue
New Ross	Mon 8 th April. 2pm to 6pm.	Tholsel, New Ross
Rosslare	Tues 9 th April. 2pm to 6pm.	Murrintown Community Centre
Wexford	Wed 10 th April. 2pm to 6pm	Borough District Offices, the Bullring, Wexford.
Gorey	Thurs 11 th April. 2pm -6pm.	Civic Offices, Gorey.
Enniscorthy	Fri 12 th April. 2pm-6pm	MD Offices, The Market Square, Enniscorthy.

Current Wexford Crói Cónaithe Stats as at 22th March 2024.

Actions	Number
Applications Received	257
Approved	125
Refused	2
Grants paid out	13
Awaiting Inspection	4
Awaiting Information from Applicant	126
Queries received via email to date	Over 3,000
Outstanding Queries	25

Ready to Build

In relation to Ready to Build we are looking at some possibilities for 2024. Brief details of Ready to Build are as below,

- Local authorities will make available serviced sites at reduced cost to support self-build home ownership.
- The level of discount to the individual will depend on the level of servicing cost incurred by the Local Authority before the sale of the site but will not exceed €30,000 (being the max amount the Local Authority can claim from Department to get services to the site).
- Have direct access to adequate mains water supply and mains wastewater disposal infrastructure.
- Local Authorities will manage the prioritisation of applicants in line with the framework of priorities as outlined by Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

PLANNING

Planning Applications

Numbers are those received from the 1st of January 2024 until the 22nd of March 2024.

Total 346

No. of valid applications	281
No. of invalid applications	40
Extension of Duration	12
Exempted Development Declaration	13

Numbers are those received from the 24th of February 2024 until the 22nd of March 2024.

No. of valid applications	111
No. of invalid applications	17
Extension of Duration	2
Exempted Development Declaration	7

Pre-Planning Applications

Numbers are as follows up until the 22nd of March 2024

No. of pre-planning applications received from 01/01/2024	81
No. of pre-planning meetings closed from 01/01/2024	58
No. of open pre-planning applications as at 22/03/2024	62
Average days to meeting (For Applications received and closed since 01/01/2023)	73 days

Major Pre-Planning Data 2024 (up to 22nd of March 2024)

- Meetings Held **20** No.
- Proposed Commercial Development **33,117** sqm. approx.
- Total No. of proposed Housing Units **472** units approx.

Planning CSO Returns 2024

Permissions granted for new dwellings.

Month	<u>CSO</u> Housing Developments (Total No. of units)	<u>CSO</u> Apartments incl. Self-contained Dwelling Units (Total No. of units)	<u>CSO</u> One-off Houses	LAC's Local Authority
January	0	2	24	5
February	93	34	14	60
TOTAL	93	36	38	65

* Figures to 22 March 2024

- Total number of housing units = 239
- Housing Developments = 2 or more houses (Total no. of units)
- Apartments include Self-contained Dwelling Units (Total no. of units)
- One-off Houses
- Permissions exclude outline, retention, change of plans and continuation of use.
- LAC's – Local Authority Development

Forward Planning

Wexford Town Local Area Plan

Loci Consulting have commenced work on the Urban Design Strategy for the town, the Town centre First Strategy and the Master Plan of the S.E.T.U/Ballynagee lands. McCloy Consulting are progressing with the Rainwater Management Plan and Green Blue Infrastructure Strategy. In tandem with this, detailed land use surveying is being carried out by the Forward Planning Team in order to assist with decisions on future land use zoning and establish issues such as the levels of vacancy in the town centre and in commercial areas. Officials and consultants will be carrying out walk-over surveys of lands in April and landowners will be receiving notification of this over the coming weeks. Research and policy development work is also progressing well.

Enniscorthy Town Local Area Plan

Consultants have been appointed to carry out the Strategic Environmental Assessment, Appropriate Assessment and Local Transport Plan for the LAP.

Derelict Sites, Dangerous Structures, URDF and Short-Term Letting

Report from 24th February 2024 to 22nd March 2024 as follows:

Derelict Sites - Under The Derelict Sites Act 1990)

• Number of properties on the Derelict Sites Register	86
• Number of Section 8.2 Notices issued – intention of entry on to the Derelict Sites Register	12
• Number of Section 11 Notices which requires the owner to carry out the works listed in the schedule in a specified timeframe	12
• Number of Section 8.7 Notices issued - lets the owner know that the owner's property has been placed on the Derelict Sites Register	5
• Number of Section 8.4 Notices issued - lets the owner now that the required works have been completed and the file has been closed.	1
• Number of inspections/site visits carried out	29
• Number of Derelict Site files opened	15

Dangerous Structures - Under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act 1964

• Dangerous Structures site inspections	1
• Dangerous Structure file(s) opened	1

Regulation of Short-Term Lettings (STL):

Letting of a house or apartment, or part of a house or apartment in the Designated Rent Pressure Zone (Gorey Electoral Area)

• Total number of files currently	10
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Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT):

RZLT is a tax (3% of the market value of the land) aimed at activating serviced and residentially zoned land for housing. The Local Authority is responsible for identifying the land that is subject to RZLT but the tax is administered by the Revenue Commissioners:

- Newspaper notice published in local newspapers.
- Wexford County Council's website updated with new link for final map for 2024 included, and social media updated.
- The closing date for submissions is on or before 1st April 2024.

Urban Development and Regeneration Fund Call 3 (URDF)

The Approved Programme list for the 4 Towns (Wexford, Enniscorthy, New Ross and Gorey), under this programme, currently totals 169 Properties. The aim of the programme is to tackle long term vacancy and dereliction in the 4 towns and bring these properties back into residential use. We are actively engaging with 48 property owners across the 4 towns. Please see below for a detailed breakdown of the status of these properties since the inception of the URDF call 3 programme in 2023.

Status	Number
CPO commenced	3
Dereliction notices to issue	1
Dereliction works completed	3

Engagement with owner re options	8
Legal query	2
On open market	2
Owner addressing dereliction	5
Planning permission submitted	1
Refurbishment Grant schemes engagement	4
Sold privately	2
To be reinspected	11
URDF approval pending	1
URDF Call 4 Special Project	1
Vested	2
Vesting	2
Grand Total	48

Building Control (24th February 2024 – 22nd March 2024)

• Validated Commencement Notices:	44
• Number of Building Control Inspections:	25
• Validated Cert. of Compliance on Completion:	13
TOTAL	82

Planning Enforcement

The number of planning enforcement cases as of 22nd of March 2024 are as follows:

• Live Cases	376
• Cases Opened from 1 st January 2024	66
• Cases Closed from 1 st January 2024	50

Disability Access Certificates (DACs):

The number of valid DAC applications, for the period from 1st January 2024 up to and including 22nd of March 2024, totals **28**.

Applications Districts	Total for Districts	Await Assessment	Further Info.	Granted	Refused
Enniscorthy	3	2	1	0	0
Gorey	4	4	0	0	0
New Ross	3	3	0	0	0
Wexford	15	0	7	8	0
Rosslare	3	3	0	0	0
2024 Totals	28	12	8	8	0

Disability Proofing completed as part of WCC Access activity.

Referrals	Total
LAC /PLAC & General Planning Applications	40
Major Pre-Planning (from 1st January 2024)	3


Water Services



1. Rural Water Programme

Water Services



<p>1. Rural Water</p>	
<p>Measure 2 - Public Health Compliance</p>	<p>➤ Kilanerin GWS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hydrogeologist Final Report has been received and reviewed into the causes of high nitrate level within the extracted raw water from the GWS borehole. ○ Group Water Scheme discussing option of installing a nitrate monitor to give us access to reliable data for future solution. ○ Communication has been received from the Dept. regarding reallocate funding to nitrate monitoring. ○ Group Scheme Committee is in discussions with Employer's Representative TJ O'Connor's and Contractor EPS regarding obtaining a detailed quotation for the proposed nitrate monitor installation at the WTP. ○ GWS received a quotation from EPS for the full installation of the Nitrate Removal System. This shall be submitted as part of the next MARWP submissions. WCC has asked the GWS to confirm with EPS as to whether the nitrate monitor can be installed prior to the main nitrate removal system. If so, these works could potentially be carried out under this MARWP cycle.
<p>Measure 3 – Enhancement of Existing Schemes including Water Conservation</p>	<p>➤ Blackstairs GWS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Storage Tank – WCC received estimate to carry out bypass of tank. ○ Tenders requested from 5 contractors, awaiting quotations. ○ Reservoir Bypass -Drawdown complete for stage 1 payment on works.
<p>Measure 5 – Transition of Existing Group Water Schemes and Group Sewerage Schemes</p>	<p>➤ Bing GSS – Community Wastewater Connection (CWwC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Departmental agreement to progress the scheme to tender stage. Works currently in development are land acquisition/wayleave maps. Permission from landowners to enter lands for SI investigations have been returned. ○ Returned tender price from contractors for main contract works shall be subject to final Departmental assessment and approval. ○ Landowners have agreed to revised location of pumping station sites. ○ SI e-tender completed; 3 submissions received costing between €140,000 - €190,000.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New contractor appointed - GII Ltd. This is due to lack of progress with initial contractor on SI. ○ Committee received signed agreement from landowners on sale of pumping station sites once project proceeds.
MARWP 2024-2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MARWP 2024-2026 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Consultation meetings took place with South Leinster Bundle (DBO's), working on submissions to Dept. Due by 12th April.
Measure 8 – Individual wells (private or household wells)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Individual Well Grants ➤ Waiting on details of updated well grant programme, not included in MARWP announcement. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A total of 23 new well grant applications were registered in March 2024 ○ 17 Well Grants have been paid in this period, totalling €27,700. ○ 62 inspections carried out in March. ○ Workflow prototype has been developed to final stage – due to staff shortages IT have not been able to finalise yet.
Measure A8 – Wastewater Collection & Treatment Needs for Villages & Settlements without access to Public Wastewater Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New Advance Phase of MARWP 2022-2024 ○ Minister announced Ramsgrange is one of the successful projects under the €50 million Rural Water scheme. ○ Detailed programme for the delivery of project to be submitted to Dept. by 10th May 24.
Lead Remediation Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 8 applications received to date on revised grant, 5 paid, 2 approved, 1 awaiting further documents.

ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION

MAJOR NATIONAL ROADS PROJECTS

N11/N25 Oilgate to Rosslare Harbour

Ground Investigation on-site works recommenced in March 2024. Due to the change of scope to Consultants Brief of Services in relation to the Service Areas, Park and Ride facilities and Active Travel, Ground Investigation works may extend in the coming period.

Environmental surveys, traffic studies and traffic modelling are ongoing. Scope for 2024 traffic surveys is being prepared by Technical Advisors.

Due to the change of scope to Consultants Brief of Services in relation to the Service Areas, Park and Ride facilities and Active Travel, Archaeological Geophysical Surveys and Additional Topographical Surveys may extend in the coming period.

The design of the development is progressing including additional tasks in relation to the Service Area requirements, Park and Ride facilities and Active Travel.

2 no. Departures from Standard applications are being dealt by the Project Team and will be re-submitted for approval in due course.

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

Additional Information in relation to the Periodic Report for the Reporting Period 1 in relation to the Connecting Europe Facilitates (CEF) funding was requested by EU Commission on 8th March 2024. Project Team is preparing responses to additional information requests which are due to be submitted by 5th April 2024.

N25 Rosslare Europort Access Road

During the Phase 4 of the project, temporary works were undertaken within the N25 Rosslare Europort Access Road Route Corridor by the Contractor, working on behalf of the OPW/Irish Rail, to deliver the Rosslare Europort Infrastructure Masterplan. This temporary works have impact on the development of the Phase 5 of N25 Rosslare Europort Access Road.

Change to Constants Brief of Services was issued to Technical Advisor on 4th March 2024 in relation to the additional work required as a result of temporary works undertaken within the N25 Rosslare Europort Access Road Route Corridor. The fee proposal from Technical Advisors is pending.

First *Rosslare Europort, Terminal 7 & N25 Rosslare Europort Access Road* Coordination Meeting was held on 6th March 2024 between all interested parties to discuss coordination between all ongoing projects in Rosslare Harbour. It was agreed that these coordination meetings will re-occur every 6-8 weeks or sooner if there is a need.

Technical Advisors are provided with as-built information of temporary works within the N25 Rosslare Europort Access Road Route Corridor and are assessing the cost and time impactions on development of Phase 5 design and deliverables.

Preparation of other Phase 5 deliverables has commenced by Technical Advisors, including Irish Rail and TII approval processes for proposed structures on the scheme.

NATIONAL ROAD PAVEMENT SCHEMES

2022 Safety Schemes

N25 Ballygillane Roundabout - (Estimated Total Scheme Cost €2,590,000)

This scheme was tendered in November 2021. Works commenced on 23 May 2022. The roundabout is substantially completed.

Works outstanding: Landscaping works are underway and will be completed in April.

N30 Tominearly

Feasibility and Options report approved by TII. The Stage 1 and 2 Safety Audit was completed last week, once report is received, we can submit with design report for Gateway II Approval. If approval is provided, we can proceed to installation.

N25 Tagoat

Preliminary designs completed and reviewed by TII Safety Officer. Feasibility and Options Report is currently being prepared for submission to TII for Gateway I approval. If approval is provided, we can proceed to full design stage and Gateway II approvals.

2023 Pavement Schemes

N80 Tomacurry to Ballycarney Phase 2 - (Estimated Total Scheme Cost €1,600,000)

Drainage works have been completed. Pavement works are expected to commence in April and will be completed by May.

N25 Orristown to Ashfield Cross Pavement Scheme - (Estimated Total Scheme Cost €1,600,000)

This scheme is being designed at present and we expect to tender it in early April.

HD28 N25 Blackhorse to Ballykelly Pavement Scheme – (Estimated Total Scheme Cost is €1,000,000).

This has been tendered and the contractor has been appointed.

Construction is expected to commence in April.

Former National Roads Grant 2023

Funding of €500,000 was received for the R723 Rosbercon. Pavement works are substantially completed. Pedestrian crossing works are underway.

VRS (Vehicle Restraint System – Safety Barrier) Maintenance

This contract commenced in 2023. To date 15 locations on the N11, N80 and N25 are complete under Planned Maintenance. One location was completed as an emergency replacement on the N11. A total of 8 inspections have been completed recently with one section planned for replacement at Carrickbyrne.

This contract is ongoing.

REGIONAL AND LOCAL ROADS

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

Resurfacing/Strengthening

The 2024 strengthening programme (Machinery Yard) commenced in the Gorey-Kilmuckridge District on the 8 January at Ballynancoran.

Roads resurfaced in macadam in the last month were:

Tomadilly to Marshalstown; Fair Green; Salville; Tomfarney; (All in Enniscorthy District); Ballinatrav Bridge; Carnew Road; (All in Gorey-Kilmuckridge); Killegney Junction to Ballyboro; Cullenstown to Little Cullenstown Bridge; Donard Cross to Clonleigh Junction; Yoletown toward Loughnageer Junction; Ballywilliam towards Ballyleigh; Palace to Moore's Cross; Arnestown; Curraghduff (Kennedy Park); Saintkierans towards Garrycullen; (All in New Ross District); Mauritiustown, Rosslare Strand; (Rosslare District); Redmond Road to Tennis Club; Wexford Bridge to Redmond Road; George Street Lower; Mary Street; George Street Upper; Redmond Road; (All in Wexford Borough District).

Surface Dressing Works

The Municipal Districts are assessing roads and preparing their 2024 programmes.

Community Involvement Schemes

A grant of €502,650 was received for 2024.

Bridge Rehabilitation Grant

A grant of €603,000 was received to repair 14 bridges.

Severe Weather - Flood Damaged Bridges

Temporary Bailey Bridges are in place at Chapel and Cullenstown Little in the New Ross District. Detailed designs are in progress to construct 2 new concrete beam bridges. It is hoped work will commence in July 2024.

Specific Improvement Grants

A grant of €1,005,000 was received for the Owenduff river embankment stabilisation (undermining the R733) and to pay the final account for the Deeps Bridge.

It is expected works may commence on the Owenduff river embankment in May.

Climate Change Adaptation & Resilience Works

A grant of €687,200 was received to complete 20 projects.

Local Improvement Schemes

A list of applicants is maintained in order of date received. A programme of lane resurfacing will be drafted when Department funding is announced.

Winter Maintenance

The Winter Maintenance commenced the 16 October 2023 and will continue to 30 April 2024. There have been 49 salt treatments to date.

General Maintenance

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

ACTIVE TRAVEL UPDATE

Newtown Road (Part of the Pathfinder Project)

Works are progressing on footpath upgrades, new protected cycle paths and resurfacing on the Newtown Road. Nighttime works involving resurfacing and laying of geotextile are now underway along with the installation of slip form kerbing on the northern side of the route.

Two new bus stops with shelters are being provided outside the Maldron Hotel, one on either side of the road. These will facilitate passengers alighting and departing from buses and will provide shelter while they await their bus.



New bus shelter erected outside Maldron Hotel on Newtown Road

In addition, and currently under construction, there will be a safe pedestrian crossing provided to assist those bus passengers who are currently crossing four lanes of traffic off this busy roundabout.

The works area has been fenced and construction is near completion on the bus stop on the southern side of the route with bus shelter also installed. It is hoped to have both bus stops in place and complete before end of April 2024.

Construction of the footpaths on the northern side of the Newtown Road commenced in February. Excavation of poor sections of road is being carried out in sections along with resurfacing of the entire road width. Two-way traffic flow is being maintained in so far as possible for the duration of the works to minimise impact on traffic in the vicinity.

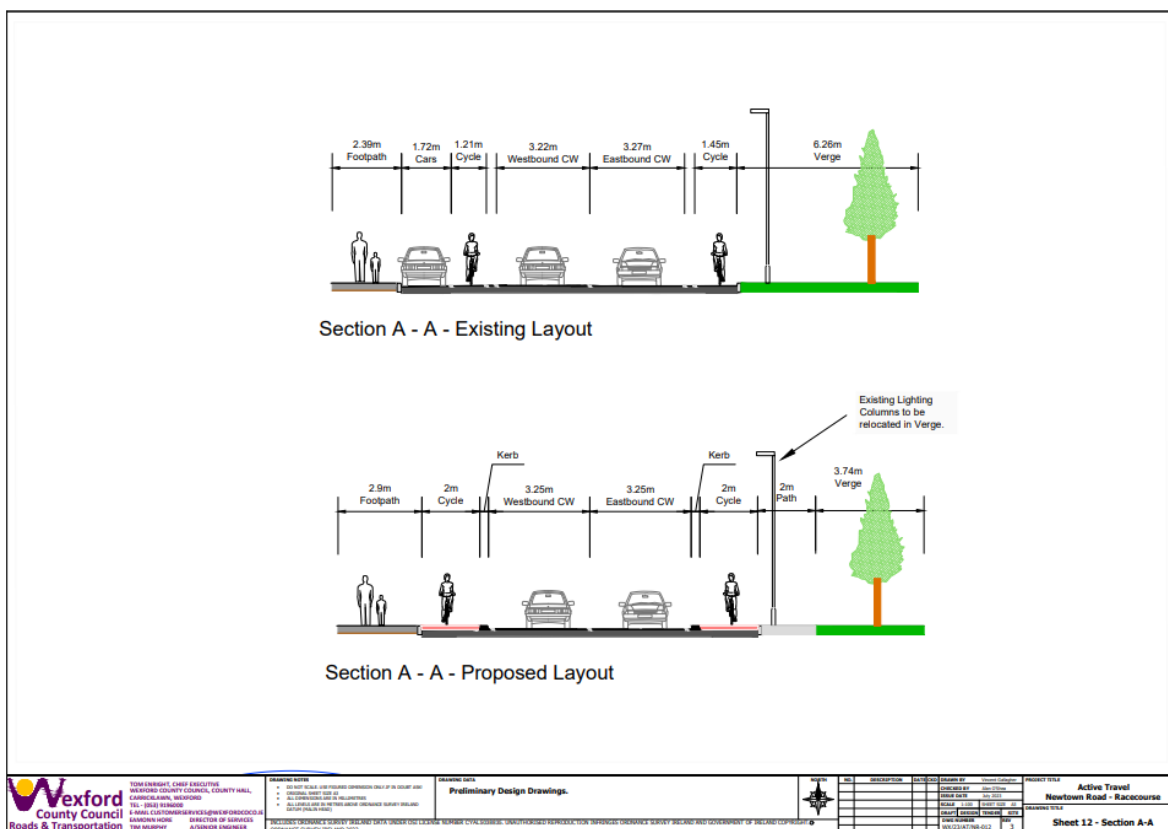


Slip form kerbing to edge of new protected cycle path at Newtown Road

Newtown Road Phases Two and Three

Phases Two and Three of the Newtown Road cycle scheme will involve the continuation of the above mentioned footpath upgrade and protected cycle way along by the Racecourse to the Hospital Junction and from there towards the town centre to Wygram.

These schemes are at detailed costings stage with work currently underway on the preparation of tender documents. The scheme will pass through the junction at Wexford General Hospital /Carricklawn which will see a major upgrade to ensure the safety of cyclists and pedestrians as they move through the junction. This will be undertaken as part of the connectivity across town on the proposed Beechlawn to Clonard Cycle Scheme.



Typical Detail through Phase 2 of the Newtown Road Cycle Schem Phase 2 Racecourse to Hospital Junction

Beechlawn/Clonard Cycle Scheme

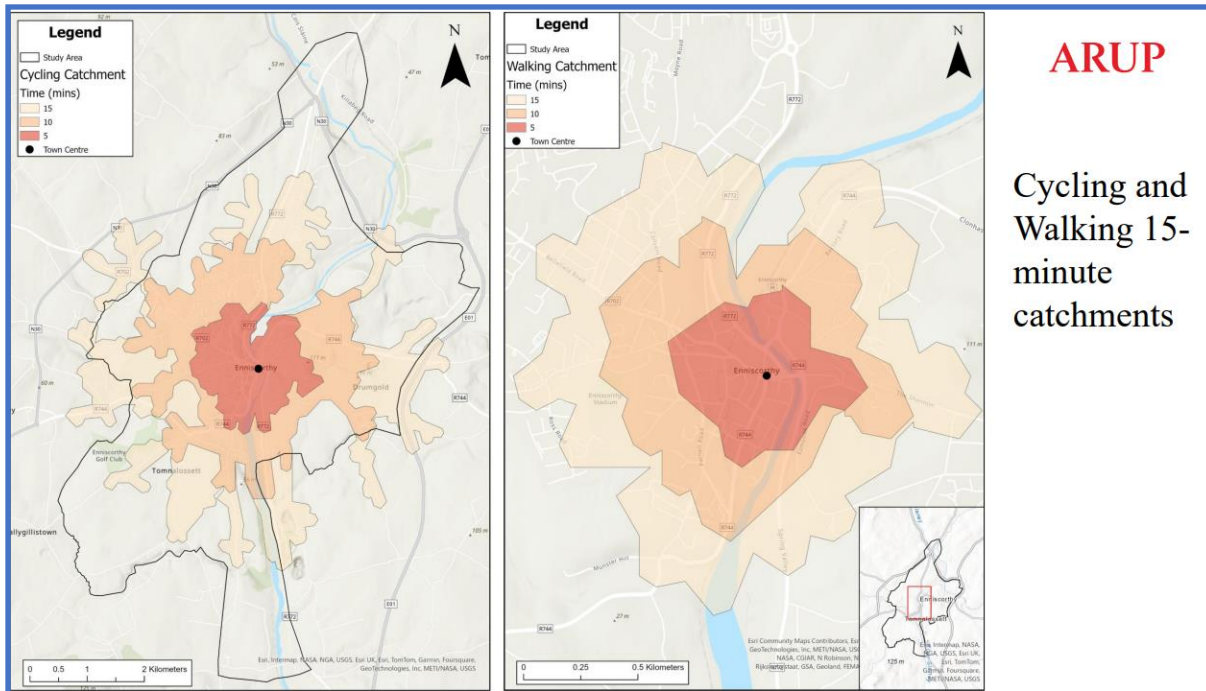
The options report for the Beechlawn Clonard Cycle scheme is being finalised in following a meeting with the NTA. This project will focus particularly on major junctions such as the double mini roundabouts at Clonard Church, the major junction at the Hospital on Newtown Road/Carricklawn and the junction of Whitemill road and Clonard Avenue adjacent to Kennedy Park National School.

The scheme will commence at the junction at Newtown Road/Carricklawn at Wexford General Hospital where we are exploring protected junction options based on the new Cycle Design Manual. Consultation with local landowners is underway, including with the HSE. Land take at this junction will be critical to the delivery of a fully protected junction. From there it traverses through Carricklawn and Beechlawn through Clonard Avenue and terminates at Kennedy Park National School at Whitemill South.

The Active Tavel team met with staff of Kennedy Park NS to identify issues of concern outside the school, particularly at school drop off and pick up times. Examining the locations children currently

Enniscorthy Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA)

Arup Consulting are currently working with the Active Travel team on an Area Based Transport Assessment for Enniscorthy town. The Baseline report is now complete and ready for review. The transport assessment will be used to inform sustainable transport policy into the future for the town.



A visual of cycling and walking 15 minute catchments for Enniscorthy town

Bike Week 2024

Plans are being put in place for Bike Week 2024. This week will be a celebration and promotion of the benefits of cycling. Bike Week 2024 will take place from Saturday 11th to Sunday 19th May 2024. Plans are being put in place to have a wide range of community events across the county for the duration of Bike Week. Bolt, who supply the eBikes to Wexford town for the public bike sharing scheme, will support an event highlighting the bikes to older audiences who may be nervous about trying the bike out for the first time.

Details of all Bike Week events will be posted on Council Website and National Bike Week website. All events will be free for all members of the community to take part in.

PUBLIC LIGHTING

LED Upgrade (Non-National Roads)

Over 12,000 lanterns have been upgraded to LED since the beginning of 2016.

Design works are completed.

Over 93% of lanterns have been upgraded to LED to date.

We have applied to TII for funding to upgrade the lights on the 3 roundabouts on the M11 at Scurlocksbusbush, Templescoby and Milehouse to LED.

TII have confirmed that due to a cut in funding it is unlikely that all 3 will receive funding in 2024.

We hope to get the remaining non-national road lanterns upgraded to LED by the end of 2025.

Cost savings are being used to fund the public lighting development programme including infill lighting where required. It will also be required to fund cable repairs on the older cable networks in the towns. This is increasingly becoming a major cost element to our maintenance budget.

Public Lighting Development Fund

Additional public lighting will be installed at the following locations under the Public Lighting Development Fund.

- Ramsfort Avenue and Garden City, Gorey – A contractor has been appointed and we are awaiting a start date.
- The Ballagh – Church to the school – civil works completed. Awaiting electrical works, certification and the ESB connection.
- The Ballagh – Ballagh Cove – civil works completed. Awaiting electrical works, certification and the ESB connection.
- Ballymitty – ESB connection confirmed for April 2024
- Redshire Rd, Murrintown – ESB connection confirmed for April 2024.

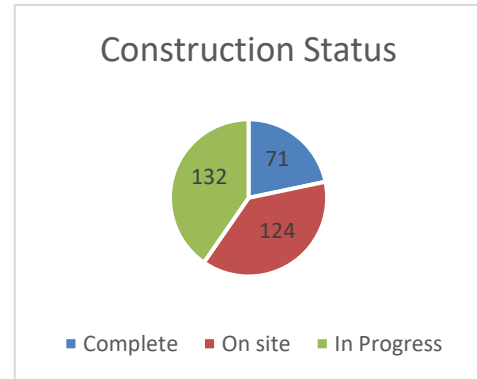
Multiple sites under review at present for urban infill works and village works with limited public lighting.


Housing Supply

Capital Projects

Summary Housing for All 2022-2026

Dwellings Complete 2022	48
Dwellings Complete 2023	23
Dwellings to Complete in 2024	54
Dwellings to Complete in 2025	70
Dwellings to Complete in 2026	132
Dwellings to be funded in HFA	12
Affordable Housing	90
Other Preliminary figures	400



Dwellings Complete under Housing for All in 2022				
Project	No of Units	Municipal District		
Carleys Bridge	17	Enniscorthy		Dwellings complete in Feb 2022
Glentire, The Ballagh	7	Gorey		Dwellings complete July 22
Rosetown Phase 1	23	Rosslare		Dwellings complete December 22
<p>Rosetown 23 Phase 1</p> 				
Glascanny	1	Wexford		TAP Dwelling complete June 22
Total	48			

Dwellings Complete 2023

Project	No of Units	Municipal District	Current Status	Comment
Whiterock Hill Phase 1	22	Wexford	Complete	Complete Dec 2023.

Whiterock Hill 22 Phase 1



Marconi Park	1	Enniscorthy	Complete	Complete June 23
Total	23			


Dwellings Under Construction to complete in 2024

Women's Refuge	12	Wexford	Under Construction	Construction commenced Feb 23. To Complete 2024. On Target.
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Womens Refuge 12 Maudlintown

Whiterock Hill Phase 2	22	Wexford	Under Construction	To Complete Q4 2024. On Target.
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Rosetown Phase 2	12	Rosslare	Under Construction	Construction commenced June 23. To Complete Q3 2024. On Target.
<p>Rosetown 12 Phase 2</p>				


Ballyhine, Barntown	8	Wexford	Under Construction	Construction commenced May 23 To Complete Q3 2024.
<p>Ballyhine 8 Wexford</p>				

Total	54			
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Dwellings to complete in 2025

Wexford Street	30	Gorey / Kilmuckridge	Under Construction	Commenced on site July 23. Progressing to programme. To complete 2025.
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		<p>Wexford Street 30 Gorey</p>		
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Tagoat	18	Rosslare	Under Construction	DB Contract. On site. Re routing ESB overheads and site preparation underway. To complete 2025
Creagh	22	Gorey / Kilmuckridge	Under Construction	Commence on site Q1 24. DB Contract. On Site, clearing and testing underway. To complete 2025
Creagh 22, Gorey				
Total	70			
Funded Projects for delivery 2025 - 2026				
Francis Street	2	Wexford	SS Approved	Three tenders received Feb 24. Assess tenders and appoint contractor in Q2 2024
Bullawn	3	New Ross	Stage 2	Demolitions complete. Stage 3 April 2024 and Tender in Q2 2024.
Rosbercon	50 +(est)	New Ross	Stage 2	Invasive Species removal complete. Site Investigations to commence Q2 24. To proceed as a DB contract.
Killeens	60	Wexford	Stage 2	Part VIII approved in February 2024. Stage 3 and tender documentation to follow in Q2 24.
Monomolin	5	Gorey / Kilmuckridge	Single Stage	Bundle A – Monomolin and Ballygillane. DB Contract. Consultants appointed for preliminary works for funding application. Part VIII approved Jan 2024. Submit Funding for Bundle A Q2 24. Site clearance complete.
Ballygillane	5	Rosslare	Single Stage	Bundle A as above. Part VIII approved Sept 23. Funding Q2 24. Demolition of derelict house April 24
Grogans Road	4	Wexford	Single Stage	Bundle B – Grogans Road and Adamstown. DB Contract. Consultants appointed for preliminary works for funding. Part VIII approved March 2024. Funding application Q2 2024

Grogan's Road, 4 Wexford				
Adamstown	3	New Ross	Single Stage	Bundle B as above. Part VIII approved March 2024. Funding application Q2 2024.
TOTAL	132			

Dwellings yet to be funded in Housing for All Programme

Project Address	No of Units	Municipal District	Comment	
Bride Street	3	Wexford	Single Stage	Archaeology complete SS Funding application to DHLGH April 2024
Lacken TAP	1	New Ross	Single Stage	Surveys Complete. SS Submission Q1 2024
Belvedere	8	Wexford	Single Stage	Preparing revised proposal.
TOTAL	12			

Affordable Housing

Project Address	No of Units	Municipal District Area	Comment	
Ramsfort Park	20	Gorey	Tender assessment complete. Sign contracts for DB in Q1 24. Site Start Q2 24	
Ramsfort Park 20, Gorey	 			
St Walerans	70	Gorey	Expressions of interest from developers and consortia for 173 houses including affordable units received Oct 23. Assessment nearing completion. Stage 2 Q2 24	
TOTAL	90			

Projects in Design / Pipeline to 2031

Location	Units	Municipal District	Comment
Clonard	56	Wexford	Pre Planning 12 Dec 23. Stage Funding Application Q1 2024. Project will progress as a Design Build contract.
St Waleran's	60	Gorey / Kilmuckridge	Expressions of interest from developers and consortia for 173 houses including 35 social dwellings received. Assessment nearing completion. Stage 2 Q2 24
Creagh	24	Gorey / Kilmuckridge	Sketch design prepared for site investigations and surveys. Clear site and Pre Planning Q2 24
Group TAP Housing	5	Wexford	Levels Survey complete, Site Layout for discussion with stakeholders complete. Brief received March 2024, layout to be reviewed
The Lyre	70	Enniscorthy	Preliminary master plan, pre planning and site Investigations / surveys in Q1 24.
Castlemoyle	75	New Ross	Master Planning nearing completion for land transfer to WCC.
Bunclody PPP	65	Enniscorthy	Part of Bundle 7. Team lead Dublin City Council
Kilmore Quay	12	Rosslare	Closing out purchase and prepare to clear site for surveys. Q2 2024
Park	12	Wexford	Site cleared for levels and ground surveys Sketch Design in Q1 24
Cluain Fada	21	New Ross	Pre Planning complete. Submit Single Stage Funding Application Q2 2024.
TOTAL	400		

CAPITAL PROJECTS

1. Projects at Planning Stages

1.1 Enniscorthy Town Centre & Tourism Project:

The Planning Department in collaboration with Special Projects has developed a strategic plan for Enniscorthy town centre, which was adopted at the Enniscorthy MD meeting in December 2022.

Regeneration works to the Market Square, Enniscorthy Castle Quarter and Templeshannon will form part of the Call 4 URDF application expected in Q3 2023.

The Part 8 process for Market Square and town centre street enhancement was commenced on 4th October 2023, which was designed by Moloney O’Beirne Architects & Roughan & O’Donovan Consulting Engineers. Following a public submission, An Bord Pleanála have requested further information from WCC in relation to the proposed development. This was submitted to ABP on 18th December 2023.

Preliminary design work on the Enniscorthy Castle Quarter project has now also commenced and it is intended to submit a Part 8 planning application for this in Q2 2024.

ODKM Architects have been appointed to undertake concept masterplanning design services for the Templeshannon Regeneration Project. This masterplan will be completed in time for the forthcoming URDF application.

ILLUSTRATED VIEW 01

VIEW FROM CASTLE STREET INTO MARKET SQUARE SPACE



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

Phase 1 – Forth Mountain Activity Park, Trails and Carpark is complete.

The activity centre building and boathouse are currently subject of a scope review.

1.3 Gorey District Park

The park is substantially completed and is now fully open to the public. The second invitation to tender for the Changing Places unit did not result in an award of contract. A third invitation to tender for the Changing Places unit was advertised on eTenders. Tenders have been received and a contract awarded. The Changing Places unit has been installed with snagging to be completed by the end of April.



1.4 John Street Grainstore, New Ross

A Part 8 process for the Grainstore and building extension elements was commenced on 7th February 2024. An application for Category 1 funding, under the RRDF, was submitted on 8th February. A further development consent application will be made to An Bord Pleanála in the coming months for the public realm area to the rear of the property.



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

WCC secured RRDF Category 2 and Category 1 funding for the development of a cluster of tourism projects within the county.

Irish National Heritage Park: INHP

The tourism and environmental design teams for the INHP have commenced work on a preliminary design and the environmental assessments. The preliminary design has been extended to include a design for a new Visitor Centre in order to support service requirements at the INHP and to mitigate against future flood events. It is planned to submit a planning application for the entire project to An Bord Pleanála in Q3 2024.

Hook Lighthouse

Tandem Design have been appointed to provide Interpretive Design services on a new tourism development at the Hook Lighthouse. A commencement meeting took place on 6th November and subsequent site visit took place on 22nd November where the Consultants met with the Manager and Board of Hook Heritage and representatives from Irish Lights and Fáilte Ireland. A Preliminary Research report was compiled in December 2023 and the Preliminary design for the Interpretive and Concept Design of the project is expected in Q2 2024.

The Brief for the associated architectural and related design services will be issued in Q2 2024 as part of the framework created for Architectural services focused on tourism and recreation projects. It is expected that the full preliminary design including Environmental reports, Interpretative and Architectural Designs will be completed in Q2 2025 and submitted to An Bord Pleanála at that time.



New Ross Tourism Project

The renovation of the Dunbrody Visitor Centre is progressing with contractors now appointed for the Exhibition Fit out and installation, Graphic print, Digital Hardware, Audio Content and Digital Content Creation for the renovation of the Dunbrody Visitor Centre Experience. The works on this project are planned to be completed by Q2 2024.

Bright Ireland have been appointed as Interpretive designers for the Norman Visitor Centre and a kick off meeting took place on the 7th March 2024. Concept Design has begun on this project which will lead into Preliminary Design in the coming weeks.

A framework for Architectural services for tourism projects has been advertised with stage 1 submissions received and assessment now complete. Tenders will be invited from shortlisted candidates in Q1 2024 for the Norman Centre project, with award of contract anticipated in Q2 2024.

1.6 Esmonde Street, Gorey

An on-site meeting took place with the Members in Gorey – Kilmuckridge MDC in February 2023 and proposals for the street were discussed. A presentation was made to the Members in April 2023. The Members advised to proceed to detailed design with the proposed plans, with works expected to commence on-site in January 2024. €2m of own funds is committed to the Esmonde Street project.

A further redesign of the proposed public realm improvement project, which included an increase in on-street parking from previous proposal and a revised layout for cycling infrastructure, was presented to the members of GKMD in November 2023. The members approved implementing the plan as proposed, with minor amendments. The project will now progress to detailed design and then to tendering for a works contractor with the aim of commencing works on-site in September 2024.



1.7 Rosslare Europort to Waterford City Greenway

All planning and design work on the Rosslare to Waterford greenway project has now been suspended following the publication of the All-Ireland Rail Review. The draft report issued in July 2023 appears to promote reopening of the train line in future.

The Rosslare Harbour to Rosslare Strand section is now being advanced in parallel with the Wexford Town to Rosslare Strand greenway project.

1.8 Wexford Town to Rosslare Greenway

Fehily Timoney & Co has been appointed to provide consultancy services for a feasibility study, route selection, preliminary design and environmental assessments for the development of this project. Constraints have been identified and ecological surveys are ongoing. The scoping and route options process is ongoing. A second public consultation on

the preferred route corridor options is imminent and it is now expected to confirm a preferred route in Q3 2024. Submission to An Bord Pleanála is programmed for Q3 2025.

Fehily Timoney & Co are also project technical advisors for the Rosslare Harbour to Rosslare Strand greenway. Public consultation on route options for this greenway will take place in parallel with the Wexford to Rosslare Strand route. It is planned to confirm a preferred route in Q3 2024, with an expected Part 8 application (subject to screening) to follow.

1.9 Courtown Coastal Protection & Beach Nourishment Scheme

Following a competitive tender process, RPS Ltd was appointed to undertake the Preliminary Design and Statutory Consents Phase of the Courtown coastal protection and beach nourishment scheme.

It is planned to submit an application to An Bord Pleanála for development consent in 2024, subject to advance approval of a Marine Area Consent by the Marine Area Regulatory Authority.

1.10 Crescent Quay – Dredging

RPS Consulting Engineers have been appointed to provide design services for dredging works at Crescent Quay. The sampling and testing of the proposed dredge material, to inform the statutory consent process, is complete and results have been assessed. Further to a Preliminary design report issued by the consultants in August 2023, the scope of the project is currently under review.

1.11 Enniscorthy Sports Hub

O’Leary Sludds Architects were appointed in Feb 2021 for the detailed design, procurement of works contractor and construction management of the Sports Hub building. A competition to award a works contract for the sports hub building was advertised in May 2022. The lowest price tender opened for the project exceeded the available budget and no contract was awarded. Further ‘top-up’ funding of €150,000 has now been awarded under the LSSIF scheme. The design documents for the redesigned Sport’s Hub have been issued to the OPW for approval, prior to retendering.

1.12 Ferndale Gymnasium and MUGAs, Wexford:

Sports Capital funding of €300,000 has been secured for this project, supporting a donation of €500,000 from William Neville and Sons for this project. Part VIII approved was received in 2022 and a design team has been appointed to prepare detailed designs and tender documents for the works. The works were tendered in August and the tenders received in September. Tenders exceeded the available budget, so a design review for the building is currently being undertaken by the Design Team. This revised design has completed detailed design, and a tender for the Construction of the Gymnasium building was advertised on Etenders on 22nd March 2024. It is anticipated that a Contract for these works will be awarded in May 2024 with construction commencing thereafter.



Sole Sports and Leisure Ltd. have been awarded the contract, following public tender, for the construction of two MUGAs at an adjacent site, following confirmation of €100,000 in grant funding through the 2023 Community Recognition Fund. Works commenced on site in August 2023. Completion is expected in early April 2024.

1.13 Curracloe Water Sports Activity Facility

WCC received Stage 2 compliance approval from Fáilte Ireland for the development of facilities to support water sports activities at Whitegap, Curracloe. The project will include showers, toilets, changing facilities and lockers.

Following the tender process for design services in Jan 2022, Neville Conroy Architects was appointed. Surveying works and detailed design commenced in January 2023.

Tenders for the enabling works package, published to etenders in December 2023, are currently being assessed. Tenders for the construction of the main building were received on 22nd March 2024 and will now be assessed.



1.14 Adoration Convent Wexford

Part 8 approval is in place for this project to convert the old convent into accommodation for students of Georgia Southern University Wexford campus. The appointment of Stephen Carr Architects has been approved by GSU, and preliminary design and associated survey works are now complete. This was formally presented to GSU in January 2024. It is intended to tender out these works out in Q2 2024 with works to commence in Q4 2024.



1.15 New Ross Skate Park

Fehily Timoney and Company (with sub-consultants Brady Shipman Martin) have been engaged to prepare a preliminary design and Part 8 submission documentation for a new skate park for New Ross, to be located adjacent the Greenway car park in Rosbercon. Commencement of the Part 8 process is expected in April 2024.

1.16 St Waleran's Link Road

We are preparing a brief and tender documents for the procurement of a consultant to undertake preliminary design, Environmental Impact Assessment and submission to ABP for approval.

It is planned to issue an invitation to tender in April with appointment expected in June.

1.17 Ballynagee Link Road

We are preparing a brief and tender documents for the procurement of a consultant to undertake preliminary design and preparation of a Part 8 submission (subject to screening).

It is planned to issue an invitation to tender in April with appointment expected in June.

2. Projects Under Construction

2.17 South East Greenway

Phase 1 of the South East Greenway - New Ross to Glenmore was officially opened on the 25th of July 2023. Work on Phase 2, a 5.5 km section from Ferrybank to Curraghmore commenced on site on 13 November 2023.

The tender to procure a technical advisor to complete The Southeast Greenway was commenced in December 2023 but we received no tender submissions. Tenders have been reinvited with a return date of 8th April 2024. We expect to have a technical advisor appointed in May.

Failte Ireland have appointed The Paul Hogarth Company to create an Interpretation and wayfinding plan for SEG. Failte Ireland gave a presentation on the Southeast Greenway Interpretation Plan - Public Consultation Findings and Analysis to the four MDs that the greenway runs through, in January 2024.



2.18 Trinity Wharf

The contract for the construction of the access road was awarded to Glas Civil Engineering Ltd, in January 2023 and works commenced on site in late February. Works are nearing substantial completion and all major finishes on Trinity Street are completed, with outstanding work on the new access road the last of the remaining finishing works.



Procurement of consultants for design services for the site development and public infrastructure works for the next phase is complete and Ayesa has been appointed to undertake this work with their design partners. The next main works contract is scheduled to commence on site in Q1 2025 and will involve site development and enabling works.

2.19 New Ross Emigrants' Park

This project consists of removal of the oil tank structures on the Quay and the development of public realm works on the site. The Advance Works Contract (Removal of Tanks) was complete in July 2021.

RRDF funding of €814,393 for the project was announced in November 2022. The works are now complete and the park was officially opened by Minister Heather Humphrey's on 26th October 2023. The Emigrant park was the winner of the LAMA best urban planning award 2024.



2.20 Mechanics Institute, Wexford

The works contract for essential maintenance works at the Mechanics Institute has been awarded to Roger Doyle Contractors and works commenced on site in January 2023. The main contract work is substantially complete with conservation work to the rear to begin at the end of April.



2.21 Oyster Lane Site, Wexford

A Part VIII submission has been made for the demolition of existing unoccupied buildings on the old Tesco site, including the construction of a temporary surface level car park. Part 8 approval was confirmed at the March 2022 County Council meeting. A further Part 8 submission has since been approved for erection of a temporary performance structure and public realm area, instead of a surface carpark.

O'Connor Sutton Cronin consulting engineers have been appointed to provide design and construction related consultancy services for the project.

The demolition contract was awarded to John Tinnelly & Sons (Ireland) Ltd, with an extension to the main works contract also agreed for the demolition of the former Dun Mhuire Theatre. All demo works onsite are now complete.

The procurement process for the provision of the temporary performance structure at the site was unsuccessful with costs greatly exceeding the available budget. We are now looking at alternative options.

A works tender will issue in March for surfacing works to the site to make it suitable for use as a public space.



2.22 Murphy Floods Redevelopment

WCC has recently acquired the former Murphy Floods Hotel site, and adjacent derelict properties, in Enniscorthy Town Centre. The Council now seeks to advance a proposal to redevelop this vacant plot, which has previously secured Part 8 consent in July 2022. O'Connor Sutton Cronin Consulting Engineers were appointed in May 2023 to undertake full stage design services for the demolition and site preparation elements of the scheme.

A tender competition to appoint a works contractor for the demolition works onsite has commenced and tender assessment is underway. Phase 1 works are anticipated to commence on site in Q2 2024.

3. Projects Delivered under the Economic & Community Development Programme

	Project	Date Delivered
1	Forth Mountain Activity Park – Phase 1: Trails & Carpark	2021
2	Enniscorthy Technological Park, Phase 1	2021
3	Old Dublin Road, Enniscorthy Active Travel, Phase 1	2022
4	Gorey District Park	2022
5	Min Ryan Park	2022
6	Wexford Arts Centre Extension	2022
7	Monck Street Enhancement Scheme	2022
8	New Ross Fire Station	2022
9	High Hill Norman Gardens, New Ross	2022
10	Emigrants Park, New Ross	2023



4. Flood Defence Schemes

4.1 Enniscorthy Flood Defence Scheme

Statutory Process - The Minister for the Department of Public Expenditure & Reform (DPER) issued his decision to refuse the scheme on 4th March 2022. Details are available on www.gov.ie. Following the decision, the OPW confirmed their commitment to delivering an effective scheme for Enniscorthy.

Flood Defence Scheme – The project baseline data is to be updated, scheme alternatives are to be assessed, consulted on publicly and a preferred option identified. It will then be necessary to decide on the most appropriate planning route for the scheme. The hydrology and environmental baseline data is currently being updated; ecology survey reports are to be completed in Q1 2024.

Phase 1 - New River Slaney Bridge - It is intended to obtain planning consent for the construction of the new bridge as phase 1 of the flood defence scheme. This phase will include the construction of a new road bridge south of the town, the removal of the Seamus Rafter Bridge and the construction of a replacement pedestrian bridge. The baseline data for this phase is currently being updated. Traffic surveys are complete, ecology survey reports are to be completed in Q1 2024. The planning application is to be submitted in Q1 2025.

4.2 Wexford Town and Environs Flood Relief Scheme

The Hydrology Workshop was held on the 28th Feb 2024.

The constraints report has been approved.

Work on the installation of new rain gauges is complete and the gauges are live on the OPW website. The new rain gauges were installed in Coolcotts Reservoir, Bishopswater attenuation pond. The river flow gauges will be installed in the coming month. These were installed by the OPW.

The consultants are to examine a proposal for flood prevention in the Heritage Park as submitted by WCC.

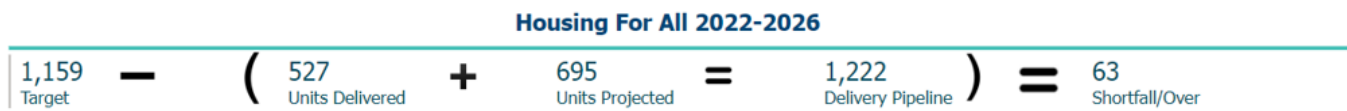
Procurement is ongoing for additional river flow monitoring locations. Topographical survey procurement will be issued within the coming month.



HOUSING

Housing Strategy & Services

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



It is the Council's 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 seeks Expressions of Interest for the provision of social housing units via Turnkey Acquisition. The current Expression of Interest opened on 28th February 2024 and runs until 11th April 2024. All calls are seeking targeted delivery of smaller unit types (1 & 2 beds) in areas of need identified in the Housing Delivery Action Plan (HDAP). In addition, the process also seeks proposals for purchase of land in areas of need. All proposals received by Wexford County Council under the turnkey process are assessed by an Internal Assessment Committee.

Project Address	No of Units	Unit Profile	Municipal District Area	Comment
An Glasan, Greenville Lane, Enniscorthy	8	8 x 1-bed	Enniscorthy	To deliver Q2 2024
Castlelands, Ferns	20	6 x 2-bed 14 x 3-bed	Enniscorthy	To deliver Q2 2024
Tobar Muire, Creagh Demesne	29	11 x 2-bed 28 x 3-bed	Gorey / Kilmuckridge	29 units to deliver Q2 2024
Gleann an Ghairdin, Gorey	40	20 x 2-bed 20 x 3-bed	Gorey/ Kilmuckridge	To deliver from Q2 2024
Mangan, Hollyfort	2	2 x 3-Bed	Gorey/ Kilmuckridge	To Deliver Q4 2024
Churchview, Ballynaglogh, Blackwater (Ph2)	14	14 x 2-bed	Gorey/ Kilmuckridge	To deliver Q2 2024
Holly Way, Clonhastan	5	5 X 2-bed	Enniscorthy	To deliver Q2 2024
Cnoc na Greine, Enniscorthy	14	3 X 2-bed 9 X 3-bed 2 X 4-bed	Enniscorthy	To deliver Q2 2025
TOTAL	132			

Part V Acquisitions

Project Address	No of Units	Bed no.	Municipal District Area	Comment
Forgelands, Old Forge Rd	12	6 x 3-bed 6 x 2-bed	Enniscorthy	6 delivered Q4 2023, 2 to deliver Q2 2024, 2 to Deliver Q4 2024 2 to Deliver Q2 2025
An Glasan, Greenville Lane	8	8 x 1-bed apt	Enniscorthy	To deliver Q2 2024
Gleann an Ghairdin Ph 3	10	4 x 2-bed 6 x 3-bed	Gorey / Kilmuckridge	8 units Delivered Q3 2023 2 units to deliver Q2 2024
Tobar Muire, Creagh Demesne	2	4 x 2-bed	Gorey / Kilmuckridge	2 units to be delivered Q2 2024
Gleann an Ghairdin, Gorey Ph 4	10	2 x 2-bed 2 x 2-bed apt 4 x 3-bed apt	Gorey / Kilmuckridge	8 units to deliver Q2 2024 2 units to Deliver Q2 2025
Spring View, Gorey Hill	8	4 x 3-bed apt 4 x 2-bed apt	Gorey / Kilmuckridge	Under Construction. To deliver on phased basis from Q2 2024.
Ard na hAbhainn, Newtown Rd	2	2 x 3-bed	Wexford	Delays on site To deliver Q3 2024
Deerpark (Ballowen or Ramsfort Park) Gorey	2	2 x 3-bed	Gorey/ Kilmuckridge	2 units to deliver Q3 2024
Ard Uisce, Wexford	10	6 X 2-bed 2 X 2-bed 2 X 2-bed	Wexford	4 units to deliver Q1 2025, 2 units to deliver Q2 2025, 2 units to deliver Q4 2025
TOTAL	64			

Approved Housing Body Delivery

Project Address	No of Units	Bed No.	Municipal District Area	Comment
Cluid				
Hewittlands, New Ross (LAGS site)	48	10 x 1-bed 16 x 2-bed 22 x 3-bed	New Ross	To deliver Q3 2025
Ballytegan Rd, Gorey	86	3 x 1-bed 26 x 2-bed 52 x 3-bed 5 x 4-bed	Gorey/ Kilmuckridge	DHLGH approval received. To Deliver Q2 2026
Beechfield, Clonard	50	25 x 1-bed 23 x 2-bed 1 x 3-bed 1 x 4-bed	Wexford	To deliver Q3 2025
Tuath				
Ramstown, Gorey Phase 3	30	21 x 2-bed 9 x 3 bed	Gorey / Kilmuckridge	30 units to deliver Q2 2024 (44 delivered 2023)

Co Operative Housing Ireland (CHI)				
Pairc na Greine, Clonard (Ph2.2 of Pairc na Daire)	24	22 x 3-bed 2 x 4 -bed	Wexford	To deliver Q2 2024
Forth View, Murrintown	23	9 X 2-bed 14 X 3-bed	Rosslare	To deliver Q3 2024
Focus				
Riverchapel Road, Gorey	6	6 X 1-bed apts	Gorey	To deliver Q2 2024
TOTAL	267			

Support has been offered to AHB's for other proposals amounting to 404 units across all districts. These proposals are subject to Planning and Departmental approval.

District	No of Units
Enniscorthy	99
Gorey	39
New Ross	71
Rosslare	66
Wexford	163
Total	438

Housing Maintenance

The following table shows the number of repairs carried out from 1st to 21st March 2024:

Repairs	Enniscorthy	Gorey / Kilmuckridge	New Ross	Wexford	Rosslare	Total
Repair Requests (1 st – 21 st March 2024)	118	73	144	144	59	538
Repair Requests Year to Date	534	293	473	571	319	2190
Accommodation Units Repaired (1 st – 21 st March 2024)	86	58	111	105	49	409
Accommodation Units Repaired Year to Date	384	227	359	428	229	1627
CLOSED Repair Requests (1 st – 21 st March 2024)	79	39	87	87	35	327
CLOSED Repairs Requests Year to Date	303	151	303	330	179	1266

Note: The housing maintenance requests do not include duplicate calls for the same job, the ihouse system only records individual repair jobs.

Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme

Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme 2022 was the second year of a new 10-year Energy Efficiency/Retrofit Programme to retrofit local authority housing stock. The new programme provides for a significant upscaling in the level of funding available and focuses on ensuring that the fabric of the home is upgraded, and an energy efficient heating system is provided. The table below outlines the targets set by the Department for Wexford to date.

Department Targets for County Wexford	
Year	No of Properties
2021	54
2022	68
2023	51
Total	173

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.

Housing Maintenance Section completed energy upgrades to 147 properties in 2023. Completing the balance of our 2021 to 2023 targets in 2023. The value of the grant funded works for 2023 was €3.99 million.

The 2024 allocation has been received from the department with an approval given for a target of 116 units: 41 of which have been completed.

Planned Maintenances 2023/2024 Windows and Doors

Status update January to October 2023	Status
Gorey District – Baile Eoghain – Windows and Doors	Complete
Wexford District – Ferndale Terrace – Windows and Doors	Complete
Enniscorthy – Ard Alainn & Father Murphy Close Windows and Doors	Completed
Wexford District - Churchview Wexford & Wexford 1offs (incl. Rosslare MD)	Works in progress
Doors Only Tender – Countywide	Contract awarded Works to commence Q1 2024

Homeless Services and Support Unit (HSSU)

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

There were 393 calls to the HSSU up to the 22 nd March 2024			
The 393 calls were composed of			
a) 350 (89.06%) Calls sought and received advice and information to housing and homeless prevention			350
b) 20 (5.09%) Calls were support into emergency, short, medium and long term accommodation and also tenancy sustainment supported by the placefinder service.			20
c) 19 (4.83%) Calls were not eligible at the time for housing/homeless services, however the HSSU assisted and advised to the caller on regularisation of their situation			19
d) 4 (1.02%) Calls were received where it was not possible to complete a full assessment.			4
			393

Affordable Housing

Online Survey to assess level of interest in Affordable Housing – Last call

Comhairle Contae
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Wexford
County Council

AFFORDABLE HOUSING SURVEY

Wexford County Council are conducting an online survey to determine the level of interest in Affordable Housing in County Wexford – the information gathered will help to establish the need and plan the delivery of affordable housing in the county.

THE SURVEY WILL TAKE 5 MINUTES TO COMPLETE, CLICK THE LINK BELOW OR SCAN THE QR CODE

www.wexfordcoco.ie/housing/affordable-housing/affordable-housing-survey

Launched in February 2024, A survey of interest in affordable housing has been developed for the purpose of gathering key information to assist the Council in developing plans for Affordable Housing Options across county Wexford. The online survey is live and will close on **10th April**.

Complete the survey

- You can view and complete the survey on Wexford County Council website - [Affordable Housing Survey | Wexford County Council \(wexfordcoco.ie\)](https://www.wexfordcoco.ie/AffordableHousingSurvey),
- or simply click the link – [Affordable Housing Survey](https://www.wexfordcoco.ie/AffordableHousingSurvey)

For all queries, please contact affordablehousing@wexfordcoco.ie

Local Authority Affordable Housing Staff Seminar 7th March

Members of the Affordable Housing and Capital Delivery Team attended the ‘*Local Authority Affordable Housing Staff Seminar 7th March*’. The event, which was hosted by Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, A briefing and networking event for Local Authority Affordable Housing Delivery Teams.

The conference included an opening address from Minister for Housing, Mr. Daragh O’Brien TD, with senior members from the DHLGH teams providing updates of progress to date and future plans under ‘Housing for All Plan’ and practitioners across the sector, discussing solutions and programmes to support the delivery of social and affordable housing.

Choice Based Letting

25 properties were advertised on the Choice Based Letting website to **23/03/24**.

As multiple properties were available in some cases, a total of 35 properties were available for allocation.

Number of Views & Expressions of Interest are as per table:-

Municipal District	Number of Properties Advertised	Properties Available for Allocation	Number of Expressions of Interest
Enniscorthy	6	6	267
Gorey/Kilmuckridge	3	3	182
New Ross	7	7	233
Rosslare	2	2	183
Wexford	7	17	856
TOTAL	25	35	1721

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

2014 – 2022 LEADER PROJECT CLAIMS



From the 28/02/2024 – 25/03/2024 the Article 48 team processed **7** claims in December under the 2014 – 2022 LEADER Programme.

The value of these claims was **€232,930.25** which will support **1** enterprise and **6** community groups throughout County Wexford. These claims can be broken down as follows:

Promoter Paid:

Group	Amount
JTW Engineering Ltd t/a The Southeast Greenway Bike Hire	€4,477.31
Faythe Harriers Hurling and Camogie Club	€81,117.11
Rathgarogue Community Co-operative Society Limited	€60,089.74

Payment Processed:

Group	Amount
Ballycanew Ballyoughter Community Development Association	€42,058.44
Kilanerin-Ballyfad Development Association Limited	€18,385.05
South West Wexford Family Resource Centre	€22,040.10

JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE (JPC)

A meeting of the Wexford Joint Policing Committee took place on the 11th March 2024. During this meeting, the Chief Superintendent gave a presentation on crime trends within County Wexford and addressed queries from the committee members.

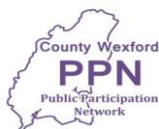


LOCAL ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME

Proposed allocations for funding under the Local Enhancement Programme were agreed by the LCDC at their meeting of the 21st March 2024. These recommendations have been forwarded to the Department of Rural & Community Development for approval, and successful applicant groups will be informed once approval has been received from the DRCD.

€36,141.77 was provided by the DRCD as ringfenced for women's groups, which is recommended to be distributed across 22 applicant groups. €180,708.85, recommended to be distributed across 144 groups, was provided by the DRCD as a general allocation for community groups.

COUNTY WEXFORD PPN



Training

As part of our ongoing training initiative with member groups, our free Leadership, Motivation & Resilience Online training held in March with The Wheel was well attended.

Community Growers – Climate Action Thematic Group

Healthy Wexford have agreed to sponsor our Community Growers Events again this year. We aim to encourage members to sow, grow and eat seasonal fruit and vegetables with the help of our Sustainable Gardener Jonathan King.

With Jonathan's advice we can garden chemical free. Using nettles or bananas to make fertilizer and recyclable pots and containers to grow flowers and herbs with vegetables, we are not only saving money, but we are also feeding the bee's and attracting birds to the garden to deal with pests. Gardening is the perfect pastime and is accessible at any age.

Fresh air and gentle exercise not to mention the satisfaction of growing your own food contributes to one's mental health and wellbeing.

Cliona Connolly from Wexford County Council's Environment Department joined us to promote composting and how to do so effectively. She also discussed food waste and advised us to be mindful about our weekly shop and when life gets busy to make time to freeze items to preserve them rather than let them spoil and end up in the composting bin. Preserving and freezing food can also save us money and prevent food waste.

Municipal District Meetings

The first of our Municipal District Meetings was held in Rathgarogue Parish Hall in New Ross on the 21st of March 2024. Crime Prevention Officer Eddie Wilde and Garda Liam Kavanagh were in attendance to assure those present that the Gardaí are accessible for any issue and a great question and answer session was enjoyed by all.

Eimear Kennedy Volunteer Co-Ordinator for Wexford Fleadh Cheoil was also in attendance and advised the meeting of the upcoming festival from the 4th to the 11th of August in Wexford for 2024 & 2025. Anyone interested in offering accommodation or volunteering at the festival were encouraged to visit the website as it will be an all hands-on deck scenario and a fantastic festival to enjoy and be part of.

We continue to issue Funding & Information Bulletins on a monthly basis.

FLEADH CHEOIL NA HÉIREANN VOLUNTEERS



Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann is coming to Wexford from August 4th to 11th 2024. This uniquely Irish event will bring in the region of 500,000 visitors to our county and with it a great economic and social boost to the Sunny Southeast.

Volunteers are the very heart of the Fleadh and without them, the event simply couldn't happen. A dedicated Volunteer Coordinator, Eimear Kennedy, has been appointed within the Community Section and is leading out on all aspects of the volunteer requirement for the Fleadh. A press release calling for Volunteers for Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann was issued on Monday 4th March, announcing that the application process was going live on www.fleadhcheoil.ie. The Volunteer Coordinator is working closely with the Volunteer Centre in Wexford in the promotion of volunteering opportunities during Fleadh.

Work is ongoing to recruit the 1,000 plus volunteers needed to support the delivery of Fleadh. We have commenced the process of speaking to established volunteering organisations with a view to engaging some of their membership for the week of the Fleadh. The Volunteer Coordinator will also be attending the upcoming PPN District Meetings. Lots of other meetings are being arranged and many more will come on stream in the coming weeks.

Behind the scenes, we are also working on a training programme for our volunteers. The training will take place from the end of May.

The Volunteer Coordinator is available to visit community groups upon request. Please get in touch at volunteers@fleadhcheoil.ie with any queries you may have in this regard.

We want volunteers from across the county. All prospective candidates are asked to apply at www.fleadhcheoil.ie/volunteer where you will find full details of the types of roles available.

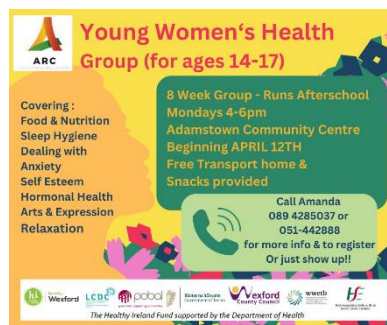
HEALTHY WEXFORD



April 2024 Report Healthy Ireland Fund Round Four

Financial and Progress Reporting has been submitted to Pobal. Round Four projects are underway across both of the outcome areas with a range of projects.

Some examples of current activity include the following:



A call for expressions of interest to host a **Healthy Home Environments** programme has been issued. A programme will be planned for May/June, once a host group is secured.

The first programme in the **Womens Health Through the Ages** programme completed in March, with the teenage girl programme planned to commence in Adamstown in mid April. The inter-agency steering group continues to review activity and work towards ongoing programme development.

The Let's Get Moving initiative sees another series of **Age Friendly Social Dancing** scheduled to commence in April, with five locations across the county arranged by Age Friendly Wexford.

Other Recent Healthy Wexford Activity

Healthy Wexford supported **Wexford PPN Community Growers Gathering** held in Askamore in March. The event featured a talk from Cliona Connolly of Environment Section and tips for getting ready for the growing season ahead from Jonathan King, with practical demonstrations and a seed swop.



The first of the 2024 **Meet Your Neighbour** events took place in Rathnure in March. April events are planned for Askamore and Bunclody.

Once finalised dates will be shared through our Healthy Wexford social media



Supported through Creative Ireland funding from Wexford County Council the **Country Connects** social walking initiative will have an added creative element over the next six months – **Country Connects Captures**.

This initiative sees a photographer join six walk to engage participants in becoming creative with their camera phones, encouraging new creative skill development and a creative element to their walk. See full details here [Country Connects Captures - Wexford Walking Trails](#)

Country Connects partners are Wexford Walking Trails, Healthy Wexford, Wexford County Council & Wexford IFA. Read more here [Country Connects Walks - Wexford Walking Trails](#)

Our Healthy County Coordinator continues to network and upskill for ongoing development of a Healthy Wexford. Recent engagements include with **Georgia Southern University**, and through hosting neighbouring **Healthy Ireland Coordinators** for a recent shared learning visit. In addition, March saw the completion of the six-day **HSE Foundation Course in Sexual Health Promotion** to help inform our work and activity.

WEXFORD SLÁINTECARE HEALTHY COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME (SHCP)

Enniscorthy Interagency Group Place Standard Walkability Audits in Gimont Ave/Clain Dara and Forgelands Housing Estates

As part of the work of the Enniscorthy Interagency Group ongoing engagement has continued with residents and groups in Gimont Ave/Clain Dara and Forgelands Housing Estates in Enniscorthy. A number of residents in Gimont Ave and Cluain Dara have signed up to the Council's Community Clean Up. In addition, arrangements have been made for a clean up by Council Crews of the litter black spots identified during the walkability audit on 24th January.

The next meeting of the Enniscorthy Interagency Group is planed for 10th April .

Creative Ireland funded projects

As a member of the Culture Team, SHCP have been successful in the following applications for Creative Ireland funding with projects due to commence shortly and to conclude by the end of the year:

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) – Sculpture with Imogen Stafford

Through the medium of sculpting young people attending CAMHS Wexford South will be supported to meaningfully engage, explore, regulate, be present, connect and reflect.

Southend FRC – Southend Singers

Southend Family Resource Centre (FRC) will set up a weekly group for the local active retired men and women, called “Southend Singers”, who will meet up for a sing along and some percussion music as well as light refreshments and chats. They will do this with local musician, Jimi Cullen. The weekly tuition will culminate in a performance at the annual Street Fest that is held for the community, on the last Friday in June annually, at Southend FRC in Maudlintown, after which the group should explore further options for continuance.

Traditional Song and Folklore – with Rachel Uí Fhaoláin and Taghmon Day Care Centre

Traditional Song & Folklore with Taghmon Day Care Centre.

Telehealth

Work on phase 2 of the Telehealth project continues with funding secured from Wexford County Council, HSE and Sláintecare Healthy Communities. This phase will see clients of the HSE’s Integrated Care Programme for Older People receiving devices including wearable technology that act as automatic fall detectors and GPS trackers as well as tablets to allow them to stay more connected. This technology will enable them to lead more independent lives and to remain living in their own homes for longer. South East Technological University are partners on this project and are carrying out research on the health and wellbeing benefits for participants.

Young Onset Dementia Wexford (YOD)

Dementia which occurs under the age of 65 is often referred to as young onset or early onset dementia. There are approximately 4,000 people in Ireland with early onset dementia. Recently in Wexford a group has been set up of people living with YOD. Following an approach from the HSE, Wexford County Council through programmes including Sláintecare Healthy Communities, Healthy Wexford and Age Friendly as well as Sports Active are working to support this group through a number of initiatives which we plan to run over the next few months.

AGE FRIENDLY WEXFORD



Age Friendly Wexford in conjunction with Healthy Wexford are recommencing their Social Dancing classes. These classes will be over a five-week term, are free of charge, and will be held in Knockingall, Piercestown, Templeshannon, Enniscorthy, Woodbine Community Centre, New Ross and Coocotts Community Centre, Wexford.

Positive Ageing Seminar

On 4th March Minister Mary Butler TD kicked off the South East Healthy Ageing Seminar at City Hall, Waterford. Organized by the HSE, Age Friendly Ireland, and local councils, the event spotlighted vital information and initiatives for supporting older people in the community. Wexford were represented at the event by Kevin Molloy, Chairperson of Wexford Older People's Council and Dymphna O'Connor and Ann Marie Laffan from the Community Section.

The seminar demonstrated great cooperation between all agencies involved, with the outcome being to promote positive ageing in each of the counties, and how best to engage and promote the range of services from the HSE.

National Network of Programme Manager Residential Meeting

Age Friendly Ireland recently held their National Network of Programme Manager Residential Meeting in Kells, Co Meath.

The items that were discussed were National Shared Service Policy updates, Operational Updates, Communication Strategy which included an update on the National Ageism Awareness Campaign. An overview of the Health Age Friendly Homes Phase 2 was given, followed by the Regional Managers provided an overview of their district and the Operational process for the 2024.

Clare McNally from Adult Literacy for Life delivered a piece on their Strategy for Adult Literacy. The Programme Manager shared the different initiatives they had done in their own areas and shared good practice examples.

Tony Dempsey the Age Friendly Ambassador visited some of the Dementia cafes to talk to them about everything from GAA to life in the olden days, politics and a singsong.

I will be arranging more of these in the future and looking to expand it to some nursing homes.





Fit over 50's Wexford & Courtown

Fit over 50's six-week programme continues in Wexford Town and Courtown. Wexford Town – 16 women participating, Courtown- 11 participants.

This programme also featured in the Women in Sport week on Ireland AM

Women In Sport Week

4th -10th 4th Women's Archer Taster, Dunbrody Archers – 19 women.

5th - Women's Soccer Taster, Courtown Hibs - 6 women.

5th – Inclusive Multi-Activity Day – 16 women

6th – Fit over 50's Activator pole special - 16 women.

6th – Inclusive Greenway Walk- 12 women and 18 girls

7th – Inclusive Orienteering – 16 women

8th – Mindfulness Walk & Yoga – 10 women.

8th – Inclusive Archery – 7 women

Ireland AM Visit

TV Programme Ireland AM visited Wexford Quay to record Fit over 50's women participate in an activator pole session and interview Sports Active and their participants. 16 women took part and it aired live on TV on Wednesday morning, 6th March.

GAA Healthy Clubs Activator Pole Walking Initiative

5 GAA Healthy Clubs are participating in the GAA Healthy Clubs Activator Pole Walking Initiative. This initiative has included an activator pole taster session along with an Activator Pole Leader training workshop on 24th of March.

Marathon Kids

Marathon kids is still ongoing, 26 Primary Schools with 917 children participating in this 8-week running programme.

Playground Leaders

Playground Leaders school programme is ongoing, Kennedy Park NS (10 boys & 10 girls) and CBS Primary, Wexford (10 Boys & 10 Girls) has partaken in the month of March.

Tai Chi, Enniscorthy Library

3-week Tai Chi programme in Enniscorthy library finished on 11th of March. 10 people registered (1 male & 9 female).

Traveller Women's Exercise Taghmon

SAW delivered a 3-week exercise programme; activator poles and resistance-based exercises. 13 traveller women attended the programme weekly.

Safeguarding

6 x Safeguarding 1 Courses have been completed in 2024 with a total of 91 participants.

2 x Safeguarding 2 Course has been completed in 2024 with a total of 22 participants

1 x Safeguarding 3 Course has been completed in 2024 with a total of 13 participants.



Sports Active Wexford were thrilled to welcome Deric Ó'hArtagáin from Ireland AM to our Fit over 50 ladies programme on Wexford Quay front on 6th March

ENVIRONMENT

A. COASTAL MATTERS

Harbours Operations -

The regularization of the public lighting system on the Barrow is ongoing.

A new traffic management system and weighbridge upgrade commenced in October and is expected to be completed in **April**. Further clearing of the site has been completed.

A business development plan for the port is ongoing which is expected to be completed by Q2 2024. Expressions of Interest procedure is currently underway in relation to leasing the ground at Marshmeadows for shipping interests.

Beaches –

Ballymoney beach has not reached the water quality standard for blue flag and therefore will not be awarded the blue flag in 2024.

Ballymoney Blue Flag Beach – Access for All and Age Friendly Improvement Works. Public convenience completed. The tender to complete improvement works on the beach access path is currently out to tender, with a contractor to be appointed in March 2024.

Coastal Engineer and Water Safety Officer started inspections at beaches to review water safety, signage, and access issues.

At Cullenstown, the mouth of the river has changed course, moving towards the bathing area. This increases the risk to swimmers and due to strong currents therefore “No Swimming” signs were put in place. Following a review of the situation in February, the “No Swimming” notice remains in place.

Coast -

The Environment Dept monitors the coastline regularly, focussing on erosion risk areas.

Rosslare Coastal Erosion and Flood Relief Scheme: Nicholas O’Dwyer Ltd Consulting Engineers is appointed to progress the scheme. Key design parameters for the scheme are being agreed.

The project website and project email are now live and can be accessed at

<https://www.floodinfo.ie/rosslarefrs/>

Site investigations contract to determine ground conditions for the flood scheme on the Burrow Road, Rosslare is going to tender shortly. This contract will be awarded in Q2 2024.

There is provision on the website to email the project team with specific queries. Public consultation day will be held later in Q2 2024.

Seaview, Kilmore: Wexford County Council lodged the planning application for Part XI development in January 2024. Planning Dept is progressing the scheme through the statutory planning process.

Further correspondence was issued to OPW to progress the funding of the scheme.

Ballyconnigar bridge: the bridge was damaged during winter flooding events and options to restore the bridge to access the south beach are under investigation. It is anticipated that a bridge will be in place for the 2024 summer season.

B. PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Public Conveniences	Open	Comments
Slade	All Year	
Dunncannon	All Year	
Cullenstown	All Year	
Kilmore	All Year	
Carne	All Year	
Bunclody	All Year	
Rosslare Strand	All Year	
Ballyconniger	Seasonal	
Ballineskeer	All Year	
Curracloe	All Year	
Min Ryan Park	All Year	
Vinegar Hill - Dryloo	All Year	
Carrigfoyle	All Year	
Morriscastle	All Year	
Courtown	All Year	

Ballymoney	All Year	
Baginbun – Portaloo’s	All Year	Percolation Test carried out 29 th June 2023
Cahore – Portaloo’s /Dryloo’s	All Year	Opening Date 15th March 2024
Carcur – Portaloo’s	All Year	

C. WATER, AIR & NOISE

1. Water Sampling:

A Total of 344 water quality samples were taken by Wexford County Council staff from 78 sampling sites in the county for 2023 with analysis carried out by the EPA. 8 surveillance sites were sampled 8 times per year in 2023. In 2024 a total of 340 river water samples will be taken from 76 sampling sites on 36 rivers by Wexford County Council staff. 7 surveillance sites will be sampled in 2024 with analysis of all samples carried out by the EPA lab in Kilkenny.

2. Septic Tank Inspections:

123 inspections under the National Inspection Plan were carried out in 2023. Wexford had a minimum of 130 inspections to carry out in 2023, which resulted in a shortfall of 7. All work carried out is external with no requirement to enter a dwelling. Contractors are currently carrying out work on several sites to close outstanding Advisory Notices. Of the 123 inspections carried out in Wexford, 54 were passes and 69 fails. Due to time constraints, the remaining 7 inspections will be carried out in 2024. A minimum of 130 inspections will have to be carried out in 2024 plus the 7 carried from 2023.

Progress is being made with closing existing open files. All files up to the end of 2016 have been closed. 75 files were closed during 2023. 39 extensions of time were granted in 2023. There are currently 55 open files for the years 2017-2022 and 43 open for 2023, a total of 9 open cases at the end of 2023.

Six applications have been received in January 2024 and are under review at present.

Year	Number of inspections	Pass	Fail	Outstanding	Closed in 2023
2019	156	48	108	10	4
2020	111	38	73	6	4
2021	91	24	67	17	9
2022	139	50	89	13	28
2023	123	54	69	44	25

There are currently 11 cases in the Court system for failing to comply with Advisory Notices. 3 of these are for hearing and 8 are currently for mention.

25 verification inspections were carried out in April 2023 on sites which have Advisory Notices open over 2 years. In total 72 verification inspections were carried out in 2023.

All NIP files up to end of 2016 have now been closed off. 2017 has 5 open files with 1 on hold due to new N11 route selection, 4 due to assessment of public sewer for Ramsgrange. 2018 has 4 open files with good progress on 2 of these, 2 are in court. A public sewer for Ramsgrange has been approved with a connection to Duncannon. 2019-2022 figures can be seen in the Table above.

The Minister announced the following changes to the Domestic Wastewater Treatment System grant scheme on Saturday 11th November 2023, following a recently completed review of the grants:

- an increase in the maximum grant available to €12,000, up from €5,000; (Up to 85% of cost of work up to max. of €12,000) and
- removal of the requirement to register the system before prescribed date of 1st February 2013 in order to be eligible for a grant. The applicant does not have to register before applying for the grant. All work **must** be completed, and a completion certificate issued to the homeowner before the grant is paid.

These changes will apply to the following 3 DWWTS grants:

- Housing (Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems Financial Assistance) (under the National Inspection Plan)
- Housing (Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems Financial Assistance for Prioritised Areas for Action)
- Housing (Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems Financial Assistance in High Status Objective Catchment Areas)

The Department has finalised the new regulations. Details of the Regulations have been published on Wexford County Council website and Ian Plunkett attended all District meetings to update the Councillors on new grant scheme.

The Eligibility criteria to qualify for the grant has not changed, the house served by the Domestic Waste Water Treatment system must, in the opinion of the local authority:

- a) be occupied by the applicant as their primary place of residence (e.g. not a holiday home),
- b) not be connected to a public sewerage scheme,
- c) not be currently under construction or constructed within the last 7 years,
- d) not have been paid a grant for the DWWTS within the last 7 years, and
- e) have all works completed satisfactorily in accordance with the Advisory Notice.

Any grant process that has commenced under the previous scheme, but has not been concluded, homeowners may be eligible to have their grant concluded under the new scheme, provided that all eligibility criteria are met.

3. Section 4 Discharge Licences:

The Council currently has 92 active Discharge Licences. Six applications were received in 2023 five are currently under review to date, one has been added to the live register in January 2024. Seven discharge licences were revoked during 2023 and one to date in 2024.

4. Agriculture:

Wexford County Council continues to undertake a significant number of farm inspections in accordance with the WFD. Wexford County Council engage with landowners to undertake the

necessary rectifications works through encouragement of improvement of farming infrastructure and farming practices.

Section 12 & 23 notices under the Local Government Water Pollution Act 1977-1990 were served upon on 4 individuals where 2 of these farms were cross reported to DAFM.

D. WASTE MANAGEMENT

1. New Recycling

Re-turn Scheme. Irelands new deposit return scheme. In February 2024 a new deposit return scheme will operate throughout Ireland. When you buy a drink in a plastic bottle, aluminium or steel can that feature the Re-turn logo, you pay a small deposit in addition to the price of the drink. When you return your empty, undamaged container to any retail outlet, you get your deposit back in full. The deposit will typically be 15c to 20c. For more information, please see www.MyWaste.ie

2. Food Waste

From 1 January 2024 every household in Ireland, regardless of location, will be entitled to a brown bin collection service. No matter how remote your home is, you can organise your brown bin collection service through your current waste collector. Visit mywaste.ie to learn more.

Food waste inspections without notification are currently being carried out with householders and commercial businesses.

3. Landfills:

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

4. Recycling Services:

Bring Bank Network –

WASTE CATEGORY	No. of Sites February 2024	Recycling out (End February) 2023 (t)	Recycling out (End February) 2024 (t)
Glass bottles		363	336
Aluminium Cans		8	8
Total	108	371	344

Household Recycling Centres –

Summary of Activities								
WASTE CATEGORY	Enniscorthy		New Ross		Holmestown		Gorey	
	Recycling out Jan-Feb 2023 (t)	Recycling out Jan-Feb 2024 (t)	Recycling out Jan-Feb 2023 (t)	Recycling out Jan-Feb 2024(t)	Recycling out Jan- Feb2023	Recycling out Jan- Feb 2024	Recycling out Jan-Feb 2023	Recycling out Jan-Feb 2024
Total Recycling out	102	120	114	117	134	148	84	89
Total Domestic Waste in	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	433	568	N/A	N/A
Daily Average Customers Jan-Feb	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2022	2023
	67	69	121	118	116	125	86	83

5. Rapid Response Crew

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

Activity	To end Feb 2023	Feb 2024	To end Feb 2024	% +/-
Total Illegal Dumping/ Clean Ups	443	187	431	-2.7%
<i>Gorey *</i>		42		
<i>Enniscorthy *</i>		44		
<i>Wexford *</i>		66		
<i>New Ross*</i>		19		
<i>Rosslare</i>		16		
Total Bring Site Inspections	1,780	693	1,484	-16.6%
<i>Gorey</i>		161		
<i>Enniscorthy</i>		159		
<i>Wexford</i>		222		
<i>New Ross</i>		109		
<i>Rosslare</i>		42		
Total Ringbuoy Inspections	3,016	1,512	3,228	+7%

<i>Gorey</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>506</i>		
<i>Enniscorthy *</i>				
<i>Wexford*</i>	<i>South</i>	<i>1,006</i>		
<i>New Ross*</i>				
Other Works	<i>745</i>	566	1,326	+77%
<i>Gorey</i>		<i>48</i>		
<i>Enniscorthy</i>		<i>221</i>		
<i>Wexford</i>		<i>127</i>		
<i>New Ross</i>		<i>140</i>		
<i>Rosslare</i>		<i>30</i>		

Other Works done by Holmestown photo record are as follows.

- 1- Beach and lifeguard work
- 2- Black spot checks across county
- 3- Town inspections every morning
- 4- Trails maintenance
- 5- Min Ryan Park maintenance and upkeep
- 6- Community Clean up across county = 84 February

6. Waste Facility Permits:

We currently have sufficient permitted facilities throughout the county, such as Clean Soil and Stone, construction and demolition sites, ATF's / End of Life Vehicles and Pay to Use Waste Compactor Unit. The full list of Waste Facility Permits and Certificates of Registration can be viewed on the Council's website.

Altogether there are 68 registered operational Waste Facility Permits (43) and Certificates of Registration (25) for premises involved in waste management activities in the County.

7. Enforcement:

RMCEI 2023: Our enforcement team received 2,646 complaints in 2023 which was 6% less than 2022. We received an EPA audit in October 2023 and a number of issues were highlighted, namely un-assigned complaints (software glitch), old complaints not closed out, increased number of inspections, quarterly reviews of plan, expand the Section 60 enforcement policy, etc,

The 17 number National Enforcement Priority reports on our 2023 enforcement throughout the county were submitted to the EPA on 15 March 2024.

RMCEI 2024: The Recommended Minimum Criteria for Environmental Inspections (RMCEI) plan was submitted to the EPA on 15 March 2024. The plan aims to undertake 6,921 routine inspections this year by 21 full time equivalent staff members to cover waste, water, air & noise.

The Department of Environment, Climate and Communication have set national waste priorities for 2022 to 2024, a three-year target and they are.

- Tackling significant illegal waste activity,
- Construction and Demolition Activity,

- End-of-Life Vehicles (ELV) & the Waste Metal Sector,
- Waste Collection – Household & Commercial.
- Producer Responsibility Initiatives and additional local priorities.

E LITTER/WASTE MANAGEMENT

Total fixed penalty notices issued	TOTAL FOR 2023	TOTAL FOR FEB-2024
Fines Issued (All Fixed Penalty Notice Issued)	212	41
Fines Paid in Full●	64	23
Fines Cancelled/Proceedings Discontinued/Struck Out*	56	6
Successful Prosecutions** (Litter fines & WPBL fines)	28	10
Legal Proceedings in Progress (Litter fines & WPBL fines)	41	40
Amount Collected in Fines -total	€13,023	Litter €3,515.00, waste €0.00
Amount awarded via the Court system (fines awarded) - overall	€6,210.00	€1,280.00

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

- Includes income from all Fixed Penalty Notices
- Fines paid in full- data excludes fines partly paid.
- Amount collected in fines- includes part payments.

December 2023

No court listings were in place for December.

January 2024

Wexford County Council had five successful litter cases in Court in January, total fines of €780.00 and costs of €1,000.00 were awarded. Three successful Waste Presentation Bye-Law cases occurred in January, fines totalling €300 and costs of €750.00 were awarded. One successful case under the Water Pollution Act with a fine of €250 was awarded with a stay on costs. Also, one successful case under the Waste Management Act where costs of €200 were awarded and a stay put on costs.

February 2024

One case listed for hearing was adjourned until March 2024 due to the availability of a witness.

Wexford Co. Council – National Litter Pollution Monitoring Surveys 2004-2020 Percentage of County Littered (Litter Pollution Surveys)

Year	Litter free	Slightly Littered	Moderately Littered	Seriously Littered	Grossly Littered
2022	24.2%	63.4%	11.3%	1.1%	0%
2021	6.9%	74.1%	15.5%	3.4%	0%
2020	9.4%	68.8%	18.8%	3.4%	0%
2019	9.8%	67.9%	18.8%	1.5%	0%
2018	10%	70.5%	17.7%	17.7%	0%
2017	18.3%	67%	14.7%	0%	0%
2016	12.10%	65.9%	21.9%	0.4%	0%
2015	10.60%	65.90%	18.43%	5.07%	0%

2014	37.40%	50.41%	12.30%	0%	0%
2013	51.92%	39.43%	7.69%	0.96%	0%
2012	26.79%	60.71%	12.50%	0%	0%
2011	7.5%	82.5%	10%	0%	0%
2010	13.2%	53.9%	28.9%	3.9%	0%
2009	0%	75.3%	21.0%	3.7%	0%
2008	9.4%	55.2%	26%	9.4%	0%
2007	5.4%	60.9%	17.4%	16%	0%
2006	0%	53%	23%	20%	3%
2004	0%	23%	56%	21%	0%

Year	Dumping Incidents Reported	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Community Clean Ups	Percentage Increase/Decrease
2019	2,925		741	
2020	3,187	Up 9%	628	Down 15%
2021	2,721	Down 15%	1,331	Up 112%
2022	2,188	Down 20%	1,023	Down 23%
2023	2461	Up 11%	1054	Up 3%

The reduction in reported dumping incidents is also reflected in a similar decline in attendances by the Environment Clean Up Crew to incidents.

Litter/Waste Enforcement Activity 2024 (February)

	Fines Issued	Court	Reports
2024 to date	41	10	454
2023	212	28	2284
2022	229	43	2188 (down 20%)
2021	100	19	2721 (down 15%)
2020	213	20	3187 (up 15%)
2019	341	13	2758 (down 9%)
2018	324	22	3050 (up 15%)
2017	218	27	2651 (Up 12%)
2016	274	17	2,354 (up 22%)
2015	242	17	1,927 (up 11%)
2014	154	17	1,732 (up 10%)
2013	140	15	1,571 (up 21%)
2012	182	16	1,292 (down 3%)

2011	209	17	1,329
2010	370	27	1,338

F. GENERAL

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

The total figures for complaints received are as follows:

	Jan to Dec 2019	Jan to Dec 2020	Jan to Dec 2021	Jan to Dec 2022	Jan – Dec 2023	Jan -Feb 2024
Incidents	4749	4999	5136	3896	4235	812
Closed	4718	4865	5024	3487	3540	574
Closure Rate	99%	97%	98%	89%	83%	71%

Control of Dogs & Horses:

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

Control of dogs	2021 (to 31-12-21)	2022	2023	Jan – Feb 2024
Dogs collected	429	546	575	112
Dogs reclaimed	133	117	128	28
Dogs re-homed/transferred	267	370	404	98
Dogs put to sleep	29	51	38	5
Dog Fines	18	21	14	4

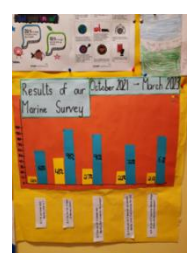
There are now 27 registered Dog Breeding Establishments with several applications on hand awaiting inspection.

In 2023 six horses were rehomed and four goats. One horse was reclaimed and one euthanised.

Environment Education and Awareness:

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

Green Schools: 3 schools have applied to An Taisce and have now been assessed for their first green flag. St Patricks School, Enniscorthy, Gorey Educate Together Secondary School and Tombrack National School will be notified after Easter if successful. Communication is ongoing with schools that are due to renew. All renewal visits must be completed by 15th March 2024.



School Workshops: Workshops for both primary and secondary schools covering topics on climate action, fast fashion, biodiversity, and waste management. 6 secondary schools are participating in Rubbish Film Festival workshops. Selskar College, Gorey Community School, St Peters College and Meanscoil Gharman are now complete. The workshop for Colaiste an Átha, Kilmuckridge and St Marys New Ross will be completed by end of March 2024. All participating schools will be invited to the online County finals which will take place towards the end of April. The best film and poster will then go forward to the National Finals to take place in May.

Leave No Trace Workshops: 10 primary schools will participate in Leave No Trace Workshops. The aim of the programme is to introduce primary school learners to the principles of Leave No Trace and provide opportunities to explore and build awareness of their own behaviour in the outdoors in an interactive, fun and educational manner. This school programme consists of two half day workshops. Workshop 1 will introduce the principles of Leave No Trace and present the class with a project to prepare in advance of Workshop 2. The second workshop will provide an opportunity for participants to present their project and further develop and reinforce an understanding of the principles of Leave No Trace.

Composting in Schools Programme: 9 secondary schools are participating in the Composting for schools Programme. The schools participating are Bunclody Vocational School: CBS Secondary School New Ross: Colaiste Bride, Enniscorthy: Colaiste Eamonn Ris (Wexford CBS): Gorey Community School: Meanscoil Gharman, Enniscorthy: Ramsgrange Community School: St. Mary's Secondary School, New Ross: Selskar College, Wexford. The programme gives schools the opportunity to explore and improve waste management in school via waste prevention, reduction, reuse, and recycling.

As part of the programme teachers from each school will participate in online zoom training 1 hour per week over 5 weeks. After the training participating schools will receive 2 site visits which will

- review waste management practices at the school
- discuss options related to waste prevention, reuse, recycling, on-site composting, and brown bin collection of bio waste
- create an action plan.

After the initial site visit and the creation of action plans by the schools, another site visit will be conducted to assist with implementing plans and provide additional tailored training for students, green school committees, teachers, caretakers, parent committees or other school staff. All teachers would be given access to BaseCamp to avail of the resources developed for the programme including booklets, guides, instructional fact sheets, videos as well as learning resources. In addition, schools receive a €300 voucher for bins, tools, and supplies to help carry out their action plans.

Picker Pal Programme: 10 primary schools are participating in the picker pal programme, Schools have been sent Picker Packs which contain supplies, safety card, the Picker Pals reader Picker Power and the Picker Pals Funbook for every child.

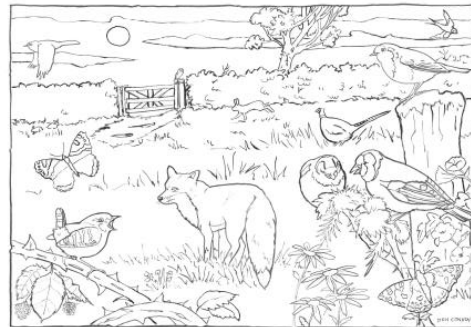
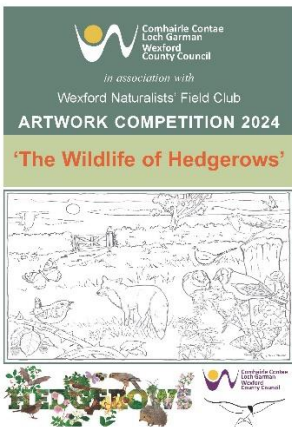
Schools also receive teacher resource materials, ongoing teacher support, access to online interactive resources, 6 Picker Pals TV episodes links sent directly to all classrooms and access to all Picker Pals competitions and projects run throughout the 2023/24 academic year. The picker pal programme has received great praise from all schools participating and we hope to continue funding in 2024-2025 academic year.



HOW PICKER PALS WORKS



Annual Artwork Competition: Details of the annual artwork competition will be circulated to all schools. The theme is 'The Wildlife of Hedgerows'. Closing date is May 8th 2024. There is a colouring competition for Junior and Senior Infants again this year.




National Tree Week: National Tree Week took place from Sunday 3rd March 2024 to Sunday 10th March 2024. 500 saplings provided by The Tree Council of Ireland and Coilte were distributed to schools and community groups during National Tree Week. To mark National Tree Week, An Cathaoirleach Cllr. John Fleming planted an Oak in Clonroche Millenium Park with members of Clonroche Development Association.



100 Million Trees Project: A site in Ballyduff and Clonroche will be planted with 2500 native trees as part of 'The 100 Million Trees Project' in March and April. A special word of thanks goes to the voluntary community groups Ballyduff development Group and Clonroche Development Association.

Community Clean Ups: Registrations and support for community clean ups continue. National Spring Clean will take place during the month of April.

	Date	No. of Community Clean Ups
	01/02/24 – 29/02/24	87
	01/01/24 – 29/02/24	199

Snap Into Action Competition: Details of the Snap Into Action competitions for primary schools and community groups has been circulated and shared on social media. Closing date for both competitions is 17th May 2024 with a cash prize of €500 for the winning group and school.



Dog Fouling Awareness Campaign: Promotion of the 'Bag It Bin It' campaign continues. Stencils have been provided to Enniscorthy Tidy Towns to support their dog fouling awareness campaign. An information / awareness stand was held with Enniscorthy Tidy Towns at Vinegar Hill on Friday 2nd February to highlight dog fouling. Green dog walker packs were distributed on the day.



Green Dog Walker: The Green Dog Walker Campaign is continually being promoted and registrations are through the website. Packs are provided to community groups for promotion at events.

LIBRARIES, ARTS & ARCHIVES

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Community and Culture

Seachtain na Gaeilge 1st -17th March.

Seachtain na Gaeilge le Energia is an international Irish language festival and one of the biggest celebrations of our native language and culture that takes place every year. To celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge Wexford, Bunclody and Enniscorthy Libraries hosted Léamh Along with Alison Ní Mháirtín. This was a special Seachtain na Gaeilge bilingual story time, where participants read along and joined in with, a scéal as Gaeilge in a supportive group setting with Irish and Lámh. Lámh is a system of manual signs and symbols for people who have difficulty with speech. The event was particularly suited to children with additional needs and their families. Gorey held a special Story Time as Gaeilge.

Wexford Library also hosted a 'Movie for Seachtain na Gaeilge – An Cailín Ciúin (The Quite Girl),' a Seachtain na Gaeilge Book Launch, 'Géarchéimeanna Cash', with local author Colm Mac Conghaola and a Bilingual Evening of Poetry and Song, Filíocht agus Amhránaíocht, hosted by poet Mary O'Brien with Back Room Poets agus a cairde.

International Women's Day 8th March

Libraries held various events to mark International Women's Day. Enniscorthy Library hosted Rosemary Hartigan to talk about The Rural Electrification Scheme - The Role on Women as Activists and Beneficiaries. Bunclody Library facilitated a series of talks on women's empowerment in collaboration with Wexford County Council, Wexford Local Development and Empowering Communities Bunclody.

Wear Red Day 2024 March 21st.

March 21st was the International Day for the Elimination of Discrimination 2024.

Libraries supported this day by providing a range of book displays and resources for children in each branch.

Referendum Commission Information Session

On Tuesday the of 5th March the Referendum Commission held an information meeting regarding the upcoming referendum on Family and Care on the 8th of March. The Commission Chair, Ms Justice Marie Baker, and Mr Art O'Leary, Chief Executive Officer, spoke and answered questions for the 35 members of the public who attended.

Partnerships

The Wexford Local Development Elevate Programme completed their sessions over three days each week in March in Enniscorthy Library. Elevate is a programme sponsored by Wexford Local Development to promote and support educational achievement in County Wexford.

Elevate works with pupils from 6th class in primary school to 6th year in secondary helping them to make a positive transfer from primary to secondary school, prepare for their Junior Certificate, get ready to complete their Leaving Certificate and encourage achievement and progression.

The programme is facilitated by author Caroline Busher. Enniscorthy Library provides a welcoming environment, reading materials and other supports as required over the six weeks of the programme.

Learning and Information

Heritage

The *War of Independence and Civil War in County Wexford Exhibition* will remain in Wexford Library until the 20th of March. The exhibition is also available online.

This exhibition charts the breakdowns that ultimately led to the outbreak of hostilities in County Wexford following the declaration of the War of Independence from 21st of January 1919 to 11th of January 1921, during the truce period from 11th of July 1921 to 28th of July 1922 and in the Civil War from 28th of June 1922 to 24th of May 1923.

In this exhibition, for the first time, locally held records, medals, memorabilia, photographs, and documents held by families of several of the Wexford people involved are used to tell the history of County Wexford at this time. This data was collected at community archive days held in Wexford and Gorey libraries in 2021 and 2022 where people were invited to bring in their family treasures and tell their stories.

Services to Ukrainian Nationals

Ukrainian English Classes with Wexford Town Friends of Ukraine and Outreach to Ukrainian families continued weekly in Wexford Branch. Outreach in New Ross Library continued Friday afternoons during March. Wexford Branch also facilitated the Ukrainian Neurographic Art Group. This women's group, along with two tutors, meet in various locations to create art, and enjoy using the quiet space in the library.

IT Literacy

The Digital Help Hub

The Digital Help Hub visited Wexford Library on the 14th of March and Enniscorthy Library on March 21st, offering free advice to members of the public with all their digital technological queries. Bunclody Library also hosted the Digital Help Hub early in the month. The Hub organised by WWETB aims to help people understand technology better and is free, confidential and one to one.

The Digital Skills Group tutored by Noel McCormack of (WWETB) met weekly for classes in Enniscorthy Library in March.

Our Lady of Fatima School attended Touch Type Read and Spell classes for students weekly in Wexford Branch.

The Computer Room in Wexford Library has re-opened for group bookings.

Age Friendly Services

Age Friendly Digital Literacy classes with the WWETB

New Ross Library continued to host these popular classes. Tailored to each learner's pace dedicated tutors from the WWETB specialise in reading, writing, math, and digital literacy skills (including computers/smartphones) in a systematic, step-by-step manner, designed to boost learner confidence.

Outreach visit to New Ross Active Retirement.

New Ross Branch was invited to give an information session at the March meeting of New Ross Active Retirement. The Active Retirement Group were told about Activator Poles, My Open Library, Online Services and more. One hundred people attended this event.

Age Action free one-to-one 2-hour computer classes for people over 55 with little or no experience of using a phone, tablet, or laptop device resumed in Wexford Branch in March. Classes are run over a 5-week period on Thursday mornings.

Environment and Climate Action

Environment

Astronomy Week 9th to 16th March

The theme of Astronomy Week this year was From Your Garden to the Stars. Wexford Branch hosted **The Artemis 11 Crewed Mission to the Moon** with John Hackett, who gave a full update on the NASA Artemis Program to land humans this decade near the South Pole of the Moon. Gorey and Bunclody Libraries held **The Life of a Star with Donnacha O'Driscoll**. This talk told the story of strange worlds, massive explosions, black holes and one of nature's greatest displays, solar eclipses.

Wexford Library held an **Irish Astronomy Week Schools** event where John Hackett discussed The Gas and Ice Giant Planets with 5th class CBS students.

Health and Well Being

Enniscorthy Library screened a recording of a HSE National Cancer Control Programme webinar titled 'Reduce your risk of Lung and Bowel Cancer'.

Reading and Literacy: Right to Read at Your Library

World Book Day 7th March

World Book Day was created by UNESCO on 23rd April 1995 as a worldwide celebration of books and reading. World Book Day is marked in over 100 countries around the globe. The mission of World Book Day is to promote reading for pleasure, offering every child and young person the opportunity to have a book of their own. Reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success – more than their family circumstances, their parents' educational background or their income. The aim is to see more children, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds, form a life-long habit of reading for pleasure and benefit from the improved life chances this brings them.

To celebrate World Book Day libraries gave specially selected books to children of all ages to bring home to keep during the month of March. There were events held in all branches to coincide with World Book Day (WBD).

Read for Empathy Collection

Wexford Library Service has introduced The Read for Empathy collection for schools. The collection has been created as a practical tool to help children learn more about empathy and put it into action. It also aims to give teachers the resources they need to raise an empathy-educated generation.

Local History

A total number of 41 local studies enquiries were responded to, and a total of 19 genealogy enquiries were completed in Wexford library in March.

ARCHIVES

Collections management

In addition to 48 research enquiries via email, telephone, and post, eight researchers visited the Archive during March. Research topics included historic maps of Wexford town (1840-83); research on the tenants of the Cliffe estate, Bellevue through estate maps (1822); family history research on Dungulph Castle through the Loftus estate papers (1871-1949); family history research through Oylegate burial register (1922-58); research on the history of Garrylough House, Screen.

Conservation

The Archive was successful in a recent submission to the Heritage Council under its Heritage Stewardship Fund 2024 – a collection of 15 volumes of minutes for New Ross union (1888-1900) in varying stages of deterioration and degradation will be repaired and conserved by a professional conservator, following which the volumes will be digitised for online access. From 1883 under the various Labourers Acts, the board of guardians of New Ross union acted as the rural sanitary authority and were responsible for the provision of houses for agricultural labourers. This project will provide access, for the first time, to those earliest recipients of housing in County Wexford.

ARTS

Creative Communities Open Call 2024 Closed

The open call for the Creative Communities Scheme closed on 1st March. There is a total fund €40,000 for creative programmes involving a panel of artists working with communities of place or interest. Community groups could apply for grants of between €1,000 - €5,000. Fifteen applications were successful for 2024 representing community programmes throughout the 5 municipal districts and supporting 16 artists across a variety of art forms.

Artlinks Bursary Awards Awarded 2024

The Artlinks partnership of local authorities Arts Offices in Carlow, Kilkenny, Waterford, and Wexford has awarded over €100,000 across each county to creatives from all art forms. Wexford Arts Office awarded a total sum of €30,000 to 14 artists based in Wexford County. The artists were awarded bursaries ranging from €1,000 to €3,000 to support their art practices across a variety of art forms including visual arts, music, literature, dance, circus skills and street arts.

Climate Art Assembly

Wexford Arts Office was awarded an Arts Council 'Invitation to Collaboration' research grant of €30,000 to research the development of a national Climate Arts Assembly for 2025/2026. The aim of this assembly is to understand, promote and pioneer methodologies within the arts and culture sector that are instrumental in shifting behaviour change around climate adaptation and mitigation.

This research is being led by an arts collective called 'Roots for the Future' with 5 partner local authorities including Offaly, Clare, Cavan, Galway, and Kilkenny. The research phase takes place in 2024 and involves artists residencies in each county. The first residency took place from the 18th to 21st of March in Wexford where the artists met with the Arts Office and members of the Climate Action team to discuss key issues around climate action and develop their research methodology. The research findings from all the residences will be presented publicly in Wexford in November 2024.

Arts Ability Assistant Artist Programme 2024 Open Call

Eleven applicants applied to work alongside an established team of five lead artists who work in a variety of healthcare contexts countywide supporting people with disabilities in partnership with the HSE. The selection process is now taking place for the five positions.

Tyrone Guthrie Centre Residency Open Call

Two Wexford based artists from any art form will be selected to spend two weeks at the Tyrone Guthrie Centre at Annaghmakerrig, the artists' workplace in County Monaghan. Each bursary covers all board and lodging expenses for a two-week period, plus the use of a studio depending on the art form and a stipend of €300 towards expenses. This application opens on the 1st of March and the closing date is the 2nd of April 2024.

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

New Voices Film Awards 2024:

This is a biannual award of €10,000 to support emerging filmmakers. After an open call in January, 15 applications in total were received. Scripts are now in the process of being read and short-listed. Applicants will be chosen and notified for interviews at the start of April.

Women in Film and Television Guild Meeting

This was an introductory evening where County Wexford women met with the Women in Film and Television guild. It was held on Tuesday 26th March from 5 to 7pm in the Festival Room at The Opera House.

Music Generation

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

National Children and Young People's - Day We Are Music Generation!

Music Generation Wexford brought 25 young people from across their programmes to the National Children and Young People's Day - We Are Music Generation! which took place in the Convention Centre, Dublin on the 2nd of March.

Access, Artistry & Advocacy- Music Generation National Conference 2024

This was held on the 5th of March in Dublin Castle to celebrate the achievements and impact of Music Generation over the past decade. The conference consisted of three sessions featuring panellists and keynote speakers which included (but were not limited to) TD, Minister for Education Norma Foley, Martin Drury, Dr. Patricia Flynn, Margaret O'Sullivan, and Rosaleen Molloy. The day concluded with a performance of 'Hiccup', a collaboration with Music Generation Waterford, The Kabin Studio, Music Generation Cork City, and Music Generation Wexford's Yellow Bellows.

Creative Places Enniscorthy – A 3-year Arts Development Programme for Enniscorthy.

Creative Places (CP) is a 3-year Arts Council funded initiative in partnership with Wexford Arts Office and Enniscorthy Municipal District. It seeks to embed creativity in Enniscorthy which is community led. The Steering Committee met in March 2024 and nominated Paddy Prendergast as chair. Creative Places coordinator Deryn O'Callaghan presented three open calls for funding for community groups and artists which were approved. Fifteen Students from SETU Fine Art campus did work placements with local community groups in partnership with Creative Places in Feb-March 2024 and an exhibition of some of the outcomes took place in Templeshannon Community Centre on Friday 24th of March.

The RíRá Sessions

Wexford County Council Creative Ireland Team was successful in obtaining additional Creative Ireland funding of €15,000 to further develop the successful Live Music in Residential Healthcare Settings programme. This is a traditional Irish Music and Dance programme for HSE managed nursing homes across the county, which will take place in summer 2024 to coincide with Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann.

Culture Team Grants 2024

Ten community-focused grants have been awarded through collaborations with the Wexford County Council Culture Team. These awards are for programmes that develop creativity in areas that the Local Authority is already working in. These include:

- Traditional Song and Folklore – a traditional music and storytelling project with older people in Taghmon.
- CAHMS Sculpting with Imogen Stafford – Imogen Stafford will develop wire sculptures with teenagers experiencing anxiety.
- Threads of Friendship in Action – an outreach project that raises awareness and understanding of the Ros Tapestry as a Wexford cultural artifact.
- Country Connects Photography – a county-wide photography project with Wexford Walking Trails and the Wexford Irish Farmers Association exploring mindfulness and the environment.
- Southend Singers – a choral project with Southend Family Resource Centre.
- Social Dancing Classes – a series of county-wide dancing classes designed to tackle loneliness and bring communities together.
- Global Youth Quest – a creative environmental project with teenage girls living in Direct Provision Centres.
- Creative Laneways Wexford Town – a mosaic project with Wexford Tidy Towns.
- The Big Dig – an archaeological dig for children which will take place outside Wexford Library in June.
- Lyrical Rain – a project for the Fleadh which uses invisible paint to write lyrics of traditional songs temporarily on the pavement.

Enniscorthy Community Allotments

After months of work developing community-produced creative outputs, this project finished in March 2024. A diverse group of allotment goers worked with sculptor Imogen Stafford to develop a collection of wire sculptures that embellish the allotments and create a greater sense of place-making and wellbeing.

Creative Ireland projects March 2024

The following Creative Ireland projects were finalised in March 2024

- Fishermen of Wexford – a mosaic project created by Wexford Tidy Towns group with artist Helen McLean depicting the story of the poem The Fishermen of Wexford displayed on the quay front beside the tourist office.
- Cartlann na nDaoine – an archival project that has recorded and stored performances of traditional songs sung by the North Wexford Singing Circle.
- Invitation to a Conversation – the creation of resources through workshops and installation that explores innovative and sustainable practices relating well-being to nature, creativity, and community in North County Wexford.

Community Creativity Challenge Fund Open Call 2024

March 15th was the closing date for applications for this fund which enables community-focused creative activity that promotes inclusion, connection, climate action and the promotion of the Irish language in County Wexford. Nineteen applications were received from a range of stakeholders including community groups, artists, cultural and heritage organisations, scientists, historians, and businesses. The panel for this grant will sit on 3rd April.

FIRE SERVICES

Wexford Fire Service Report February 2024

Call statistics

Incident Type	Calls February 2024	Calls to date 2024	Calls to this period 2023
Fire Classification	Number	Number	Number
Chimney Fire in House (WCC / Private)	1 / 4 (5)	11	29
Other Fire in House (WCC / Private)	0 / 3 (3)	9	5
Caravan/Mobile Home	1	1	0
Other Institution	1	1	1
Factory	1	1	0
Storage Building/Warehouse	0	2	0
Shop/Supermarket	0	1	0
Hotel/Guesthouse/Boarding House etc.	2	2	0
Motor Vehicle	3	9	10
Agriculture Business	0	0	1
Forest/Bog/Grass	1	2	13
Miscellaneous	1	1	1
Outdoor Storage	0	1	1
Outdoor Rubbish	4	5	4
Special Service Classification	Number	Number	Number
Entrapment	5	7	1
Gas/Chemicals	0	0	1
Miscellaneous	5	12	8
Other rescue	8	11	12
Rescue/Removal of persons from water	1	1	1
Road traffic accident	10	29	29
Water pumping/flooding	0	1	0

Incident Type	Calls February 2024	Calls to date 2024	Calls to this period 2023
False Alarm Classification	Number	Number	Number
Good Intent	17	33	40
Malicious	0	0	0
Total	68	140	157

Fire calls by brigade to date

INCIDENT TYPE	WEXFORD	GOREY	ENNISCORTHY	NEW ROSS	BUNCLODY	TOTAL
Fire Classification	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number
Chimney Fire in House	5	2	1	3	0	11
Other Fire in House	3	2	2	2	0	9
Caravan/Mobile Home	0	0	1	0	0	1
Other Institution	0	1	0	0	0	1
Factory	0	0	1	0	0	1
Storage Building/Warehouse	0	0	2	0	0	2
Shop/Supermarket	0	0	1	0	0	1
Hotel/Guesthouse/Boarding House etc.	0	1	0	1	0	2
Motor Vehicle	2	3	4	0	0	9
Forest/Bog/Grass	0	1	1	0	0	2
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	1	0	1
Outdoor Storage	0	0	0	1	0	1
Outdoor Rubbish	0	0	3	1	1	5

INCIDENT TYPE	WEXFORD	GOREY	ENNISCORTHY	NEW ROSS	BUNCLODY	TOTAL
Special Service Classification	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number
Entrapment	4	0	2	1	0	7
Miscellaneous	1	4	2	3	2	12
Other rescue	3	4	1	3	0	11
Rescue/Removal of persons from water	0	0	0	1	0	1
Road traffic accident	12	5	7	4	1	29
Water pumping/flooding	0	0	1	0	0	1
False Alarm Classification	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number
Good Intent	15	3	8	6	1	33
Malicious	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	45	26	37	27	5	140

Fire Safety Certificate Applications

Number of Applications received in February 2024:	16
Number of Applications received to date:	34
Number of Applications to this period 2023:	19

UKRAINIAN RESPONSE & INTEGRATION TEAM UPDATE

Accommodation

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

Pledge Type	Number of Properties	Number of People Placed
Offer a Home	201	676
Irish Red Cross	46	145

Numbers of pledged properties and people placed by pledge type, source Ukraine Support Team, 25/03/24 – Offer A Home website/IRC Tracker

Ukraine Refurbishment Programme

Letters of Intent have issued for 6 properties with a further 3 properties undergoing the early stages of assessment. We expect that Unity Square will open within the next 4 to 6 weeks.

Community Integration Forum

The first meeting of re-titled Community Integration Forum (formerly Ukraine Community Response Forum) took place on the 22nd March 2024. The Community Integration Forum provides an essential engagement space for all the public, non-profit and private bodies who are involved in the provision of services and supports locally. This ensures that groups operating locally are working together for the best outcomes for those in need of support and are in a position to respond to urgent issues should they arise.

Local Authority Integration Team

The full LAIT are now in post and are continuing to meet with accommodation providers and services in the community. The team hosted it first clinic in the Rosslare District which was very well attended.

The LAIT are continuing to visit accommodation centres throughout the county as well as organisations and groups that support International Protection Applicants.



The LAIT led, 'Wear Red Day' to mark the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination 2024 and it was supported by staff throughout the county. The members of the Council promoted the day and staff teams wore red and discussed everyday racism and how we can be allies to people experiencing racism.



The LAIT also accompanied a group of women to the Local Enterprise Office, International Women's Day, Women in Business Breakfast, an excellent and inspiring event that was enjoyed by all participants.

CORPORATE ACTIVITIES

FOI OFFICE REQUESTS

Type	
Freedom of Information	8
Customer Complaint	16
Ombudsman Complaint	1
Access to Information on the Environment	1
Data Access Request	0
Total	26

PROCUREMENT SECTION ACTIVITY

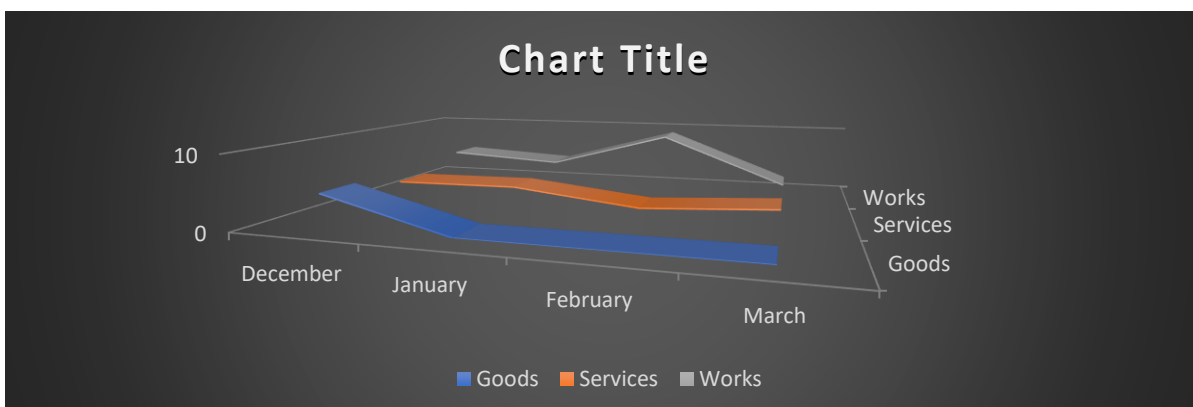
Tenders from 1st March 2024 to 31st March 2024

No. of Tenders Uploaded

Type	
Goods	0
Services	2
Works	2
TOTAL	4
Total Estimated Value	€1,600,000

No. of Tenders Received

TOTAL	23
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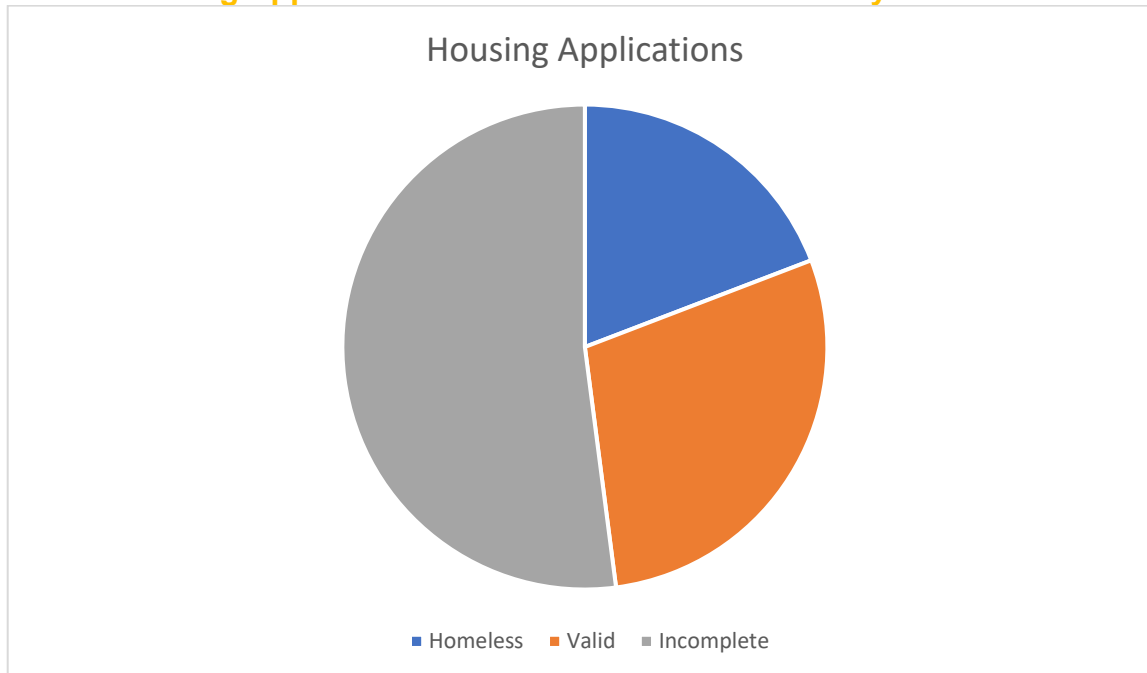


CSU Stats

CSU Stats – Phone Calls, Emails and Cases Handled – 23 February to 21 March 2024

Area	23 February to 21 March 2024
Phone Calls	3,662
Environmental Complaints	331
Change of Circumstances	36
Housing Validation	146
Quick Calls	1,664
Roads Fault Log	90
Emails (Received & Sent)	2866
Web Updates / Consultations	60
Newspaper Adverts	46

Social Housing Application Validation Stats – 23 February to 21 March 2024



Members Portal Queries by Section – 23 February to 21 March 2024

Section	Closed	Open	Total
Community	0	1	1
Enniscorthy Municipal District	0	6	6
Environment	1	8	9
Finance	1	1	2
Gorey – Kilmuckridge Municipal District	0	4	4
Housing	16	116	132
New Ross Municipal District	0	1	1
Planning	0	4	4
Roads	0	2	2
Roads – Enniscorthy MD	2	23	25
Roads – Gorey- Kilmuckridge MD	1	20	21
Roads – New Ross MD	1	6	7
Roads – Rosslare MD	0	5	5
Roads – Wexford MD	0	11	11
Rosslare Municipal District	0	1	1
Water – Non Irish Water Queries	0	1	1
Wexford Municipal District	0	2	2
TOTAL	22	212	234

COMMUNICATIONS

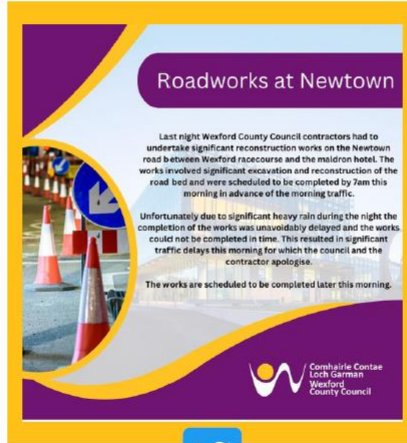
Top Performing Posts

Weather Warning



26.8K views

Press Statement - Newtown Road



4.6K Impressions

Tom Enright - End of Tenure



1.3K views

Top Performing Posts

Fleadh Accommodation



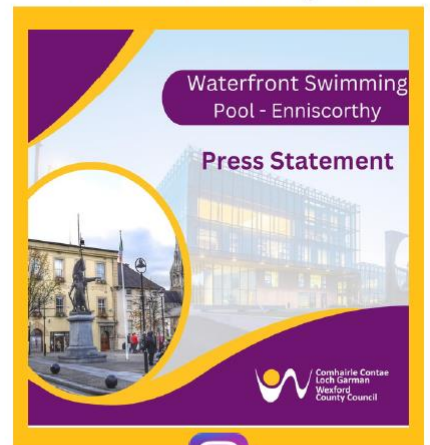
18.7K views

Meeting with IFA



2.9K impressions

Waterfront Swimming Pool



1.1K Views

Monthly Social Media Stats



PAGE REACH

66.6K

PAGE VISITS

12.4K

PAGE FOLLOWS

8,823

NEW PAGE LIKES

201

NUM OF POSTS

35



PAGE REACH

2,600

PAGE VISITS

556

PAGE FOLLOWS

3093

NEW PAGE LIKES

71

NUM OF POSTS

33



IMPRESSIONS

48.2K

PAGE FOLLOWERS

14,369

NEW FOLLOWERS

8

We're working on improvements to analytics.twitter.com. In the meantime, you may see some metrics are missing. You can access your Tweet Analytics and download reports [here](#). You can try the new version of account analytics beta [here](#).

Monthly Social Media Content

- Easter Commemoration - Enniscorthy
- Social Dancing - Age Friendly
- Press Statement - Newtown Road
- Increased Cost of Business Grant
- Affordable Housing Survey
- St. Patricks Day - Carrig
- Bike Week Grant
- Waterfront Swimming Pool - Press Statement
- Draft Litter Management Plan
- Wear Red Day
- Trip to Savannah
- Happy St. Patricks Day Post
- Civic Awards - Rosslare Municipal District
- Accommodation Request - Fleadh
- Draft Traffic Management Plan - Fleadh
- Planting Grant Scheme
- Recruitment
- Energy Citizens Roadshow

- Spring Clean Competitions
- Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT)
- Volunteer Registration - Fleadh
- International Women's Day
- Ceremonial Event - Vinegar Hill
- Weather Warning
- Tom Enright - End of tenure
- Meeting wit IFA



Monthly Engagements

TYPES OF QUERIES RECEIVED.

@wexfordcoco - is there any particular reason why one of the roundabout arms at Min Ryan doesn't have a pedestrian crossing? Wouldn't a crossing at the entrance here be useful for people walking to the Park? 😞
@cllrglawlor @LeonardKelly45



Killurin Bridge was closed for 11 months last year for repairs and opened in November. Now that's only 4 months open and @wexfordcoco the surface is breaking up already!!! What's happening



@wexfordcoco
Hi, I have a house in Riverchapel and I'm wondering how to get rid of an old king size mattress please
Can you help please?

9:16 AM · Mar 26, 2024 · 50 Views



Post your reply

Wexford County Council @wexfordcoco · Mar 26
Hi Tim, We only accept mattresses at Holmestown, the charge is €28.



@wexfordcoco @cllrglawlor @SouthEastRadio @byrne_pdraig - the road outside of Applegreen on Newton road is a complete hazard - monster pot holes please send a crew to at least temporarily sort - damage to tyres and tracking inevitable -

8:54 AM · Mar 17, 2024 · 85 Views



Post your reply

Wexford County Council @wexfordcoco · Mar 19
Good Morning, thanks for your message, I will refer onto to engineer. Thanks.



Wexford County Council @wexfordcoco · Mar 19
Hi, The contractors undertaking the roads scheme at this location have been informed and repairs will be carried out.



Press Releases

1-27 March 2024

- 29.02.24 Gorey Civic Reception for Tidy Towns Gorey MD
- 01.03.24 Tom Enright Retirement - Eddie Taaffe Interim Chief Corporate
- 04.03.24 Town Centre First Plan - Courtown Riverchapel Town Regen Office
- 04.03.24 NRTCFP Launch Adare February 2024 Town Regen Office
- 07.03.24 Climate Action Plan Adopted Climate Action
- 14.03.24 New era for The Waterfront Pool Community
- 19.03.24 Members and Staff of Wexford County Council show Racism the Red Card. Integration
- 21.03.24 Artlinks Bursary Awards Announced Arts
- 22.03.24 20 Festivals throughout the County Awarded Funding Arts
- 27.03.24 500 native saplings distributed to celebrate National Tree Week Environment
- 27.03.24 Enniscorthy St Patricks Day Parade Winners Announced EMDC
- 27.03.24 Easter Monday Commemoration EMDC

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

Press Queries 1 - 27 March 2024

6 Press Queries received in March.

Queries:

- Abbatoirs
- Trees Planted, Courtown
- Homeless Query
- Farm Inspections
- Funding re: Agri Shows 2024
- EV Vehicles



5 responses issued.

Finance:

Annual Financial Statement 2023

The 2023 Annual Financial Statement/Final Accounts (AFS) is now complete and an overview report of the accounts is currently being prepared. It will be included as a separate item on the agenda for the May meeting for review and consideration by members. The statutory deadline, 31st March, for the completion of the 2023 Accounts has been achieved and the accounts will be subject to Audit by the Local Government Audit Service.

Capital Programme 2024 – 2026

The 3 year capital programme, 2024 – 2026 is included as a separate agenda item again for the April meeting of the Council for the consideration and approval of members.

Audit Committee

The annual review of the Audit Committee's Charter has been completed and as required the charter is included on the agenda for noting by the Council. The last meeting of the current Audit Committee took place on 20th March 2024. A new committee will be established following the local elections in June.

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 €20m for the period to the 31st December, 2024.

**Eddie Taaffe,
Chief Executive.**