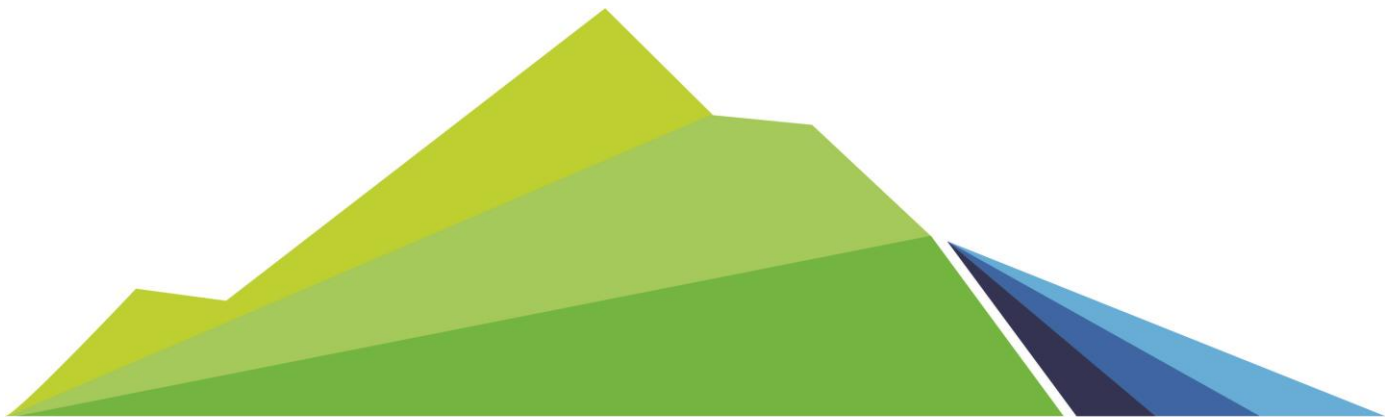




Wicklow County Council Chief Executive's Monthly Report



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This month:

CARRAIG EDEN WIN MAJOR HOUSING AWARDS

Carraig Eden which provides transitional, supported accommodation to those at risk of homelessness in Greystones has won two Irish Council for Social Housing (ICSH) awards.

The ICSH Allianz Biennial Community Housing Awards showcase the innovative and sustainable social housing projects that approved housing bodies members and local authority partners continue to deliver for communities across the country.

The first award is all about collaboration and this began all the way back in 2016 when Tiglin came to Wicklow County Council for help when the Carraig Eden site was put up for sale and which could have potentially resulted in putting the 30 residents at risk of homelessness.

Wicklow County Council collaborated with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and funding was secured to purchase and upgrade the dilapidated building into high quality, modern, independent living accommodation, while at the same time providing them with support from the Tiglin community through the shared living facilities and access to the support team.

Carraig Eden also won the first ever Public Choice Award. This award gives an opportunity for members of the public to stand-up and applaud the project that puts a broad smile on their face, that's awe-inspiring or that makes them feel hopeful about the communities we're building for a more sustainable future.

GREYSTONES SENSORY GARDEN OPENED

Greystones sensory garden was officially opened, in Burnaby Park, Greystones.

The garden is specifically designed as a place of peace and tranquillity with a variety of colours, textures and surfaces to provide visitors with a wide variety of sensory experiences in ways that may not usually be encountered. It provides numerous opportunities to stimulate all the senses and will be of particular benefit to those with sensory processing issues.

ARKLOW MUNICIPAL DISTRICT AWARDED FUNDING FOR ABBEY LANE REGENERATION PROJECT

Arklow Municipal District has been awarded €81,000 from Failte Ireland under the Local Authority Weatherproofing and Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Scheme which will be used to enhance the outdoor dining experience in Arklow.

Abbey Lane was identified as an area of opportunity to become a much-needed outdoor community space within the town centre. It is hoped to transform this under-utilised space into an all-day family friendly, vibrant socialising hub by including a sheltered dining area with lighting and heating, murals, various greening options and some sit and chat areas.

A small decking area will also be introduced for buskers, street performers, poetry recitals, heritage and cultural talks. Local artists and craft designers could also make use of this space creating another venue for tourists and locals. This area is ideally located for this project as it is well lit and very accessible for all.

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY

1. Social Housing Support

	September 2021	September 2020
No. on list for Social Housing Support – (includes RAS & HAP)*	4470	4,519
No. availing of Rental Assistance Scheme (RAS)	254	309
No. availing of Housing Assistance Payment	2386	2022
No. in Long Term Leasing Accommodation	16	15
No. in Short Term Leasing Accommodation	31	17

2. Allocation of Social Housing

	Sept 2021	September 2020
Wicklow County Council (including Bray MD)	21	150
Approved Housing Bodies (including Bray MD)	33	10

3. Social Housing Stock

	September 2021	September 2020
Tenancies Occupied	4654	4,525
Total Weekly Rental Accrual	€305,526.86	€ 299,845.01
Arrears	€2,862,880.65	€2,462,059.80

4. Housing Supply – Programme of Delivery

SCHEMES COMPLETED	UNITS	CURRENT STATUS
O'Byrne Road, Bray	1	Completed and allocated
Old Library Arklow	7	Completed and allocated
Avondale Heights Rathdrum	20	Completed and allocated
Delany Park, Arklow (Phase 1)	17	Completed and allocated
16A Oak Drive, Blessington	1	Completed and allocated
Druids Brook, Kilcoole	2	Completed and allocated
Whitehall, Baltinglass	34	Completed and allocated
Farrenkelly Greystones Phase 2	24	Completed and allocated

Convent Lands	51	Completed and allocated
Urban Villas (FCA Hall), Wicklow Town	8	Completed and allocated
Jameson Heights, Kilmacanogue	20	Completed and allocated
Kilmantan Place, Bray	4	Completed and allocated
Carnew Rapid Build	30	Completed and allocated
Rathnew RAPID BUILD	47	Completed and allocated
Kilbride Court (Bray)	42	Completed and allocated
Total	308	
Schemes on Site	units	CURRENT STATUS
Delany Park Arklow (Phase 2 + 3)	47	Completion anticipated Quarter 4 2021
Hawkstown Park (Ashtown Lane), Wicklow	40	Completion anticipated Quarter 1 2022
Ard na Greine, Bray RAPID BUILD	31	Completion anticipated Quarter 1 2022
Mountainview, NTMK RAPID BUILD	26	Completion anticipated Quarter 1 2022
Greenhill Road Wicklow RAPID BUILD	36	Completion anticipated Q3 2022
Sheehan Court	7	Completion anticipated Q3 2022
TOTAL	187	
Pipeline Schemes	Units	Current Status
Avondale Phase 2 RAPID BUILD	20	Site start anticipated Q3 2021
Cedar Court Bray RAPID BUILD	14	Site start anticipated Q4 2021
Three Trouts Greystones RAPID BUILD	40	Site start anticipated Q2 2021
Merrymeeing, Rathnew, Phase 2	21	Site start anticipated Q1 2021
Ballard Shillelagh	20	Site start anticipated Q2 2021
Burgage More Blessington	106	Part of PPP bundle 3 with NDFA. Preparing part 8 submission.
Lott Lane, Kilcoole	75	Stage 1 Application made to Dept. of Housing
TOTAL	296	

2021

It is expected that 25 Part V units will be delivered in 2021 however this is subject to a number of factors including the duration and number of any further Covid 19 lockdowns, including the current restrictions and then how quickly the Developers can remobilise and complete units.

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The Council nominated a number of Essential sites which included Part V's which are due to be completed shortly. This includes the following Part V units:

Location	No. of Units	Due for Delivery	Method
Enniskerry	2	Completed end March 2021	WCC
Wicklow	4	Scheduled Q4 2021	WCC
Greystones	2	Scheduled Q 4 2021	WCC
Wicklow	3	Scheduled Q2 2022	WCC
Delgany	3	Completed May 2021	WCC
Baltinglass	1	Completed 2021	WCC
Dunlavin	4	Completed 2021	WCC
Rathdrum	5	Scheduled Q4 2021	WCC
Delgany	1	Scheduled Q4 2021	WCC

Potential units

Wicklow County Council currently has agreements in place for 43 units in Delgany, Bray, Rathnew, Wicklow, Baltinglass, Dunlavin and Enniskerry with delivery ranging from 2021-2023. This includes the 25 units listed above. WCC is in negotiations in respect of over 90 further units with delivery dates yet to be confirmed.

Wicklow County Council is currently holding discussions with a number of developers at preplanning and planning stage. There are over 100 potential Part V units with planning permission but it's difficult to determine whether they will all proceed or even on what timescale.

Turnkey

Location	No. of Units	Due for Delivery	Method
Ballinaclesh	2	Completed Q2 2021	WCC
Tinahely	2	Completed Q1 2021	WCC
Tinahely	1	Q4 2021	WCC

- Negotiations are ongoing with a number of Developers and AHB's in relation to acquiring further Turnkey units.
- Approval has recently been received from the Department in respect of 2 Turnkey units in Baltinglass. Units have not commenced construction.



- Approval received from Dept. for 5 Turnkey units in Tinahely. 2 Purchased in October 2020 2 purchase in Quarter 1 2021 with 1 further unit due in Quarter 4 2021 (listed above).
- 2 further Turnkey units have been allocated in Ballinaclash.
- A new call for Turnkey units has been advertised with a closing date of 30th September 2021
- Approval has recently been received from the Department in respect of 3 Turnkey units in Roundwood. Expected delivery is 2022.
- Approval recently been received from the Department for 13 turnkey units in Rathdrum.

Capital Advance Leasing Facility (CALF)

The Approved Housing Bodies are actively pursuing a number of potential CALF projects and are liaising closely with the Council on a regular basis. The members will be kept updated.

- Construction completed on 40 units (including 4 Part V) via CALF Turnkey in Dunlavin.
- Construction ongoing on 28 units in Arklow.
- Acquisition by AHB of 16 Turnkey units via CALF in Baltinglass with a further 48 units (including 4 Part V units and 8 CAS units) to be completed in 2021.
- Construction ongoing on 28 units in Wicklow (including 3 Part V) due for delivery in 2022.

Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS) Wicklow County Council is continuing to support acquisitions under the Capital Assistance Scheme with Dublin Simon, Circle Housing, Ark Housing and Peter McVerry Trust.

Expressions of Interest – Social Housing on Council lands - A preferred proposal has been identified.

5. Home Improvement/Adaptation

Mobility Aid Grants / Housing Adaption Grants / Housing Aid for Older People

- › Grant funding for private house - €1,952,700 (€1,236,950.47 spent to date)
- › Grant funding for social house - €1,168,200 (€458,274.74 spent to date)

137 open applications (some carried over from 2020)

204 approvals (some carried over from 2020)

Many of the approved applicants are experiencing delays in having the works carried out due to Covid and the inevitable back logs it has caused for contractors.

Co. Wicklow Strategic Plan for Housing People with a Disability



The Housing and Disability Steering Group has prepared the new draft Co. Wicklow Strategic Plan for Housing People with Disability 2022-2027.

Housing for Older People - Age Friendly Schemes

During recent works on Casual Vacancies/Relets, the Council fenced large sections of existing social housing gardens this resulted in three infill sites to develop Age Friendly schemes in Greystones. It is proposed to build small A rated units, specifically designed for the older tenant, which will be offered to eligible tenants in the local area, who wish to downsize. The larger property will return to the council for reletting to a family, and the tenant will benefit from being able to remain in their community, in an age friendly designed home with high comfort and low utility costs.

Millbank, Mill Road - Two 2 bed properties	Part 8 Closed. CE report completed and signed. Submitted to Greystones MD on 27 th July and approved.- detailed esigh has commenced
Castle Villas - Two 2 bed properties	Part 8 Closed. CE report completed and signed Submitted to Greystones MD on 27 th July and approved. Detail design has commenced
Carraig Eden - 14 age friendly apartments	stage 2 underway for submission to the Department for approval to go to Part 8 Part 8 drawings almost complete – design ongoing
Kilcoole Health Centre 4 no 2 bed apartments	Submitted to Greystones MD on 27 th July for information. Part VIII was advertised and last date for receipt of submissions has passed . CE reported being drafted

Vacant Homes Scheme

There are now 10 CPOs underway on long term vacant houses around the county.

Oral Hearings

- 108 Charnwood, Bray – Determination by An Bord Pleanála due on 30th November following oral hearing on 17th August.
- 6 Ashleigh, Ashford – objection submitted to An Bord Pleanála – this will result in an Oral Hearing (date yet to be notified to us).

Negotiations are also ongoing to purchase some of the houses currently under CPO, by agreement. Further long term vacant properties have been identified for future batches of CPOs.

There were 2 reports relating to Co Wicklow on www.vacanthomes.ie in Sept 2021 – both were investigated. So far in October, there have been a further 3 reports via the website.

Housing Maintenance - Heating Upgrade Programme

C. 65 gas and oil boilers have been replaced in Council housing stock in 2021 at a cost of over €150,000 54 were replaced in 2020.

New oil / gas heating has been installed in 28 houses so far this year with a further 2 pending.



6. Purchase Schemes

Rebuilding Ireland Homeloan

Received	Approved	Declined	Expired	With HA for FI	Incomplete/ ineligible
414	127	162	42	43	40

2016 Tenant (Incremental) Purchase Scheme

	To date	September 2021
Applications Received	334	5
Completed	73	1
Declined	216	5
Ongoing	45	45

7. Addressing Homelessness

Addressing Homelessness			
	As at 30/09/2021	Year To Date	As at 30/09/2020
No of New Presentations	18	293	41
No. of Repeat Presentations	8	40	12
No. of Families (Minimum 1 Adult + One Child)	9	117	11
No. of Individuals (Single	14	205	34

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Adult, no children)			
No. Of Couples (2 Adults, no children)	4	13	1
No. of Children	18	198	31
NTQ/Asked to Leave/Landlord selling	8	50	7
Family Circumstances	9	133	21
Leaving Prison/Hospital Care	0	8	0
Mental Health	3	8	0
Risk of Homelessness	6	44	11
Arrears/Loss of Income	0	13	1
Addiction Issues	0	18	2
DV/DA	0	12	3
Medical Issues	0	4	0
Overcrowding	2	21	1
Unsuitable/Voluntarily Left	0	21	2
ASB:	1	3	0
Rough Sleeping*	1	21	1
Sofa Surfing*	3	28	2
Staying with Family*	7	88	9
Staying with Friends*	3	27	5

*(Recorded as a Consequence of Homelessness as opposed to a Reason for Homelessness)

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Own Door Temporary Accommodation at 30/09/2021	
Families	18
Adults	36
Children	44
Single individual	2

Bed & Breakfast Accommodation - No. of Homeless Emergency Accommodation Placements & Duration @ 30/09/2021								
	No. of Households	No. of Adults	No. of Children	< 3 mths	3-6 mths	6-9 mths	9-12 mths	>12mths
Household breakdown	16	16	18	7	1	5	2	1
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Household breakdown	15	19	15	5	4	3	1	2



COVID 19

The Homeless Team continues to provide key support by phone, - Bed and Breakfast properties currently retained by Wicklow County Council are continuing to provide emergency accommodation for homeless clients –All Covid 19 protocols are in place in these facilities

Self Isolation Units

A number of vacant units that were in the process of being refurbished for re-letting have been prepared and furnished in anticipation that there may be a

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Homeless HAP

The Homeless HAP Placefinder provides assistance in:

- seeking out potential properties suitable for households currently identified as homeless or at risk of homelessness;
- liaising with specific households to establish their specific needs;
- establishing relationships with local property agents and landlords; and,
- supporting those homeless households to (a) prevent the necessity to enter emergency accommodation or (b) to exit emergency accommodation and secure a tenancy.
- To date, 358 households (265 families & 93 singles) have been assisted under the Homeless HAP Scheme in Wicklow County Council from the inception on 1st October, 2018 to 30th September, 2021. (161 homeless cases, 190 prevention cases to date and 7 direct provision). 115 properties were sourced by WCC.

Addressing Homelessness in partnership with Approved Housing Bodies

Homeless Supported Temporary Accommodation – Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow

There are 11 clients supported in the Kilmantin Hill facility, operated by Dublin Simon, with continuing transition by the clients to suitable, alternative accommodation.

Homeless Family Service – Fitzwilliam Road, Wicklow

Dublin Simon are the successful tenderer to operate and manage the facility at Fitzwilliam Road, Wicklow as a Family Homeless Service. - Refurbishment works on the facility are complete and snagging is under way and it is anticipated that the facility will be fully operational by end of November 2021.

The family service envisaged is a 6 month STA(Supported Temporary Accommodation) with key working support to enable family's transition from homelessness into Homeless HAP or alternative longer term accommodation.



Homeless Supported Temporary Accommodation – San Remo, Bray

A key focus of Wicklow County Council in addressing homelessness was to identify and provide a high supported, temporary accommodation unit in Bray/North Wicklow to address the accommodation and support needs of a particular homeless cohort. This cohort was identified from the presenting population and those currently known to and accessing homeless services in Bray/North Wicklow.

The acquisition and upgrade of a former nursing home in Bray has completed and the facility opened to clients in October. The facility, operated by Dublin Simon, incorporates a service model where there are a number of emergency/cold weather Beds (restricted during Covid) and Supported Temporary Accommodation Beds (STA) There is on site key working support linking in with clients.

The Neighbourhood Liaison Committee is now operational and meets monthly.

Homeless Supported Accommodation - Carraig Eden, Greystones

The Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government (DHPCLG) approved funding to upgrade the building to provide 35 ensuite bedrooms within the existing building, with associated kitchens and common areas, as well as the upgrade of Fire Protection.

The refurbishment completed in March and the facility is fully operational. Wicklow County Council are making arrangements with the AHB to run and in-reach service with the clients in the service to support them as they continue their journey.

Other Homeless Supported Accommodation

Wicklow County Council owned properties in Wicklow, Bray and Arklow, leased to AHBs, provide 12 units of low to medium supported accommodation targeted to the particular support needs of the clients. There continues to be a number of move ons from these properties, signalling the success of this model.

Housing First

Housing First recognises that a stable home provides the basis for recovery in other areas.

Peter McVerry Trust has been appointed as the Housing First Programme Implementer for the Mid East Region and Wicklow County Council is committed to working with them to achieve the targets identified in the programme. Properties will be provided by both Wicklow County Council and Peter McVerry Trust for the programme.

Wicklow County Council has, to date, successfully accommodated 7 clients under Housing First. Other clients proposed for Housing First have been assessed by the team and are availing of key support work pending finalisation of sourcing of accommodation.

8. Traveller accommodation

Capital Programme

Ballintekin – 3 houses	Detailed design stage and tender documents completed, stage 3 approval has been received –tender to be advertised in the near future
Avondale Heights, Rathdrum – 4 houses	Approval received for funding from Department, draft design now agreed with the proposed tenants – part VIII documents being drafted



Barndarrig Group Housing scheme for 2 houses	Revised Stage 1 approval received March 2021. Survey of utilities in the area has commenced.
DPG Woodview,	completed
Ballintekin,	Stage 1 for a disability extension has now gone to Department for approval.

Fire safety on Halting sites were completed by members of the Housing section IN October 2021.

Covid 19 Update

Wicklow County Council has put a number of arrangements in place to provide, among other things, services to previously un-serviced sites which will facilitate better sanitation and social distancing.

Welfare facilities were provided at a number of unauthorised sites.

Three families from unauthorised sites were provided with housing units.

Hygiene packs were distributed to all authorised sites and further facilities provided in March.

9. Energy Efficiency

Solar Panel Carport – Enerpower have commenced on site and last for a duration of 9 weeks.

Energy is to be supplied over a 20 year period at a fixed unit rate

Enerpower are planning on installing additional EV Car Chargers within the system also.

Energy Efficiency Fabric Upgrade Phase 1

Lot 1 88 houses in Bray and Greystones – completed.

Lot 2 90 houses in Arklow, Wicklow and West Wicklow commenced in December 2020 and works are ongoing

Energy Efficiency Fabric Upgrade Phase 2

Works on 20 properties in Wolfe Tone Square West, Bray, nearing completion.

Works have commenced 23 properties in West Wicklow and Rathdrum

Works on the remaining 34 properties around the County will commence in the near future.



10. Community, Cultural & Social Development

Chambers Ireland excellence in local government awards 2021

Wicklow County Council has been shortlisted in the 17th annual Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards 2021 for the following projects:

- **"Include Me" Visibility Campaign** in Best Practice in Community Engagement
- **Virtual Couch to 3K- Walk to Jog Programme** in Health & Wellbeing
- **Inclusive Online Easter Camp** in Disability Services Provision
- **Wicklow and the War of Independence: The Historians' Project** in Commemorations & Centenaries

County Wicklow Library Services

Opening of Wicklow library & County Archives

Wicklow County Council was honoured with the visit of 2 ministers to perform the official opening of Wicklow library & County Archives + Local Studies on August 30th. Ministers Heather Humphreys (DRCD) & Darragh O'Brien (HLGH) performed the joint task of officially opening the library. In order to ensure Covid restrictions were adhered to, the launch proceedings took place in the grounds of Wicklow Gaol. It was then followed by organised visits to the new library & archives in pod groups. The library opened to the public the following day, with a great response from its users.





Mending Workshops Bray Library

In a world of fast fashion, mending favourite garments is a practical, accessible and enjoyable way to engage with the ethical path of repairing, reusing and recycling. Bray Library hosted three Zoom workshops in early September, each one focussing on an aspect of mending. Included were the practices of visible mending, darning and slow stitch.

Neuro-divergent Webinar Series, Bray Library

Wicklow County Council Library Service, in partnership with Healthy Ireland hosted a series of webinars on the topic of "Parenting Neuro-divergent Children". The facilitator was Claire O'Neill who is a coach with 'Thriving Autistic', a Deputy Principal, an autistic person and a parent to autistic children. Claire's broad range of experience shone through each evening, as she answered questions from parents with compassion, humour and insight.

Dúchas Schools Collection, Dunlavin Library

The Dunlavin Dúchas Collection is now available for viewing in its entirety in Dunlavin Library. It launched during Heritage Week and is bound to be a valued part of the Local Studies Collection. This really interesting collection of stories and folklore is available online but due to the effort involved in downloading each essay, is often overlooked. Having this collection in physical form allows the work of the 1930's teachers and students to be fully appreciated.

Junior Explore Walks at Dunlavin, Blessington and Baltinglass Libraries

Family nature walks which are being funded through DRCD "Dormant Accounts Funding" are beginning to be organised at various locations in the county. The first three have taken place in Dunlavin, Baltinglass and Blessington. Children and their parents or guardians, led by environmentalist Patrick Hunt were brought on a guided Nature Walk around their locality. Patrick described the flora and fauna encountered on each walk and engaged with the children, answering a myriad of questions and encouraging them to show their various finds. Each child received a Junior Explorer Kit containing a butterfly net, reference booklets to do with trees, flowers, birds and butterflies, a notebook and an insect magnifier/viewer. This project was designed with the aim of encouraging families to be out and about experiencing their natural surroundings.

Mobile Library Visit to Rathmore Direct Provision Centre

The Mobile library recently visited families living in Direct Provision at Rathmore, Ashford. The theme of the day was Nature and Biodiversity. Librarian Karen Downes, delivered a story time based on this theme and Susie Fortune of White Doodle art engaged with the children, giving an excellent painting workshop in which the children were inspired to create insect paintings. The weather was beautiful, allowing this event to happen safely outdoors and the children each received a Junior Explorer Kit, complete with booklets, an insect viewer and a Butterfly Net.

Seed Ark extending to all County Wicklow Libraries- Heritage Week

All libraries in the county now have access to an operational Seed Ark. A Seed Ark is a self-sustaining collection of open pollinated or heirloom seeds that is free for community use. Gardeners "borrow" seeds



from the library and then at the end of the growing season, they save the seeds and return a portion of the seeds to the library. These seeds can then be borrowed by any Wicklow library member, they just need to email their seed needs and the librarian will arrange to have the seeds ready for collection.

New Wicklow Library update + national statistics

Since opening to the public on August 31, the new Wicklow library is being greatly appreciated by the public, both in person and on social media. This is reflected in the following stats for the new library:

Visits for September: 8,290

Items checked out: 7,340

Total membership of Wicklow Town: 3,339 – (751 of which are new members since August 31).

In total, 2,001 of the 3,339 borrowers used our library services since August 31.

Although library usage has not yet returned to the high stats of 2019, our county compares well with the national statistics - Wicklow Co Co had an issue figure of 29,896 for September. The national figure was 608,337. This reflects 4.9% of national total statistic, whereas Wicklow's population is just below 3% of the national total.

Wicklow Co Co Library Service and Healthy Ireland were delighted to host renowned sex-educator Sarah Sproule for a Zoom webinar on "*Embracing the Awkward - talking to children in your care about sex*". Sarah gave a fantastic and engaging presentation, before answering a wide range of anonymous questions from caregivers to children of all ages. Thirty five participants attended. Those who couldn't attend will receive a link to view her presentation in the coming weeks. We are currently creating a reading list for attendees of the talk, which will supplement advice given by Sarah and include her recommended reads.

Wicklow County Council library Service is delighted to contribute again this year to **Wicklow Naturally's October Feast** programme of events. This year we hosted Santina Kennedy and chef Tadhg Byrne for a series of culinary related library interviews. The team will visit Ballywaltrim library, Blessington library and culminate in a live event in the new Wicklow library on October 26 as part of their quest to find out more



about cooking local dishes & growing your own vegetables.

Our interviews are posted every Tuesday for the month of October on the "Wicklow Naturally" Facebook page.

Culture Night – Dunlavin Library Events

Despite ongoing Covid restrictions, Dunlavin Library staff used their initiative in availing of the enclosed public park right across the road from the library, in conjunction with Wicklow Arts office, to provide some family events for Culture Night. First up was a Bodhrán Buzz workshop with Robbie Walshe. There were 36



bodhráns to try out and every single one was in use. This was followed by a Puppet Show with the very talented Julie Rose McCormick who managed to get parents and children to join in with great gusto as she brought the tale of 'Beauty and the Beast' and brought out the old favourites 'Punch & Judy'. The final event was 'The Mobile Music Machine' in Concert - Gerald Perigrine Cello, Ross Scanlon Tenor and other fabulous Wicklow Musicians entertained the audience with wonderful classical and operatic favourites.

County Wicklow Archives and Genealogy Services

Wicklow County Archives & Local Studies Services welcomes school groups



Now located at the new Wicklow Library & Archives, Wicklow Town – we were delighted to welcome the first of the school groups to visit our services. The students from Wicklow Educate Together Secondary School were introduced to Wicklow archives collections such as Wicklow Town records from the 1600s, workhouse registers from Famine times, and school group photographs from the early 1900s. They learned about the

importance of records for the study of history and the work of the archivist in preserving them and making them accessible. They also learned how to start researching their family tree. The Local Studies librarian showed the children special collections such as the early newspapers featuring adverts and photographs, Wicklow map resources, postcards and a wide array of sources for the study of Wicklow local history.

The archives and local studies services are planning a comprehensive schools programme to include school visits, projects and resources to assist at Junior and Leaving Certificate work levels. This will introduce the students to Wicklow sources and support their work as part of the history curriculum, particularly in relation to the emphasis on the use of primary source material in history project work.



Wicklow Sports & Recreation Partnerships

Older Adults Stretch & Mobility Programme

A Mobility & Stretch Programme starting Thursday 14th October at 11.30a.m in the Pastoral Hall, Wicklow Town for 6 week. This programme will be delivered by a Siel Bleu instructor.

Online Yoga for Teenagers with Lucena Clinic – Child and Youth Mental Health Services

A 6 week programme started in October for Teenagers who are clients with Lucena, Wicklow Town and Bray Clinics.

Courses

Safeguarding 1	22nd October	Zoom
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Healthy Ireland



Healthy Blessington

- **Daily Mile Signs**

Daily Mile Signs were purchased for national schools for the recommencement of the school term in September. The aim of the Daily Mile is to improve the physical, social, emotional and mental health and wellbeing of our children- regardless of age, ability or personal circumstances. Once a school registers the Daily Mile is simple and free and gets children out of the classroom for fifteen minutes every day to run or jog at their own pace.





- **Signage for Promoting Positive Mental Health in Blessington**

In collaboration with Blessington & District Forum four road signs have been funded under the Healthy Blessington action to promote positive mental health. Each sign has a different word i.e. Love, Courage, Hope and Faith which are dispersed in different areas of the Blessington area.

- **Cool Dudes Programme**

The cool dude programme was developed to educate children the importance of a healthy diet and to help improve the nutritional knowledge, attitudes and behaviour of young people. The programme takes place over 5 weeks and targets 5th/6th class students. 13 students from St Josephs, Valleymount will be the first in the area to do the programme and are starting on 22nd October. Kilbride National School and Blessington No 1 National School have also showed interest in participating in the cool dude programme.

Community Engagement

- **Tennis Posts & nets**

Together Cllr Paul O'Brien, WSRP and Healthy Wicklow purchased and delivered new tennis posts and nets to the residents in Woodside, Rathnew and to the playground at Ballynerrin which will improve the amenity for all.

- **Pause & Play Free Fun Day**

A Pause & Play family fun event took place on 26th September at the Duck Pond Arklow. Healthy Wicklow funded tutors for Pound classes and Family Fun HIIT for this free Community Event.

Pride of Place

The Co-operation Ireland Pride of Place competition 2021 judging was held by way of virtual calls in September. The following groups were nominated under these two categories -

- ❖ Kiltegan under Population under Population Category 1- 300
- ❖ Neighbourhood Network – Time Capsule under Community Wellbeing Initiative Category.

Kiltegan Village made their impressive presentation to the judges on the 28th September 2021, on a Zoom call. Two days later by Zoom again, Neighbourhood Network presented their novel project of the intergenerational time capsule to the judges.

The Awards Ceremony for the Pride of Place Competition will take place in Killarney, Co.Kerry on 12th February 2022.

Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP) SICAP:

Mid-Programme Review & Statement of Priorities: The mid-programme review has been completed by both Partnerships and new Statement of Priority documents have been drafted for the SICAP extension period to end 2023.

Priority Groups: The needs of Refugees, Asylum Seekers, Travellers, Older People and the issue of mental health are all being prioritised for the next two years.

Annual Plans 2022: Planning for next year's SICAP Annual Plans and overview of key performance indicators for both SICAP areas currently underway.

Annual Plans: Bray Area Partnership and Co. Wicklow Partnership continue to implement their SICAP Annual Plans 2021 and work towards meeting all targets and key performance indicators.

SICAP Audits: The audit of Co. Wicklow Partnership's 2020 SICAP programme took place the week of August 23rd and the audit of Bray Area Partnership's 2020 SICAP programme will take place the week of

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September 13th. These annual audits are carried out by Crowleys DFK on behalf of the LCDC and Wicklow County Council.

Mid-Programme Review: Work has commenced on the SICAP 2018-2023 Mid-Programme Review. This review will inform a new statement of priorities set out by each Partnership detailing the marginalised groups they intend to prioritise over the next two years.

PPN:

Elected Reps: Meet Your Local Elected Reps online. Meetings facilitated by Wicklow PPN: Wicklow MD 21/10; Greystones MD 28/10. See website for details.

Consultations: Recreation & Sports Facility Needs Assessment for Greystones MD; Delgany Public Realm Plan; Wicklow LSP - Women's Sheds Get Active Survey; Coast watch Survey; National Disability Authority Survey.

Funding Opportunities/Competitions: Charity Impact Awards; Life Programme Funding (Prog. For Environment & Climate Action); EPA Event Support Funding; EU Funding for Sports Bodies training & other events; Arts Centre Funding; WCC Tree Planting Grant; Covid 19 Response Fund.

Social Inclusion: Wicklow PPN supporting Signal Arts Centre, County Wicklow Partnership and Auhrim Community Sports Centre Committee to develop and run a community networking event week of Oct. 17th. This will bring together diverse communities of all ages to celebrate community resilience and to explore how community activity can be supported going forward.

Elected Reps: Meet Your Elected Representatives currently being organised for October/November. See website to be involved.

Online sessions: Live online training and networking events now available every Thursday night through: <https://countywicklowppn.ie/free-online-sessions-book-your-place/>

Consultations: Wicklow County Development Plan; Age Friendly Houses Killincarrig; Enniskerry Village Renewal; Survey on Insurance Reform; National Disability Authority Survey on the accessibility of websites and Apps.

Funding Opportunities/Competitions: EIL Seed Funding; Artist in the Community Scheme; Mitigating against Educational Disadvantage Fund; Meet and Code 2021; Town Twinning and Networks of Towns.

CLÁR 2021 Projects Funding Approved

County	Community Facility Name	Project Description	Amount of CLÁR funding approved
Wicklow			
Wicklow	Knockananna Hall Committee	Garden allotment.	€9,747.00
	Askanagap Community Group	Astro Turf	€50,000.00



LECP UPDATE September 2021

Goal 1: Develop community capacity in disadvantaged communities and engage in urban and rural regeneration

Town & Village Funding Scheme to Revitalise Towns and Villages 2021

The Town and Village Scheme objectives are being refocused to align with commitments within ‘Our Rural Future – Rural Development Policy 2021-2025’. The 2021 Scheme will prioritise the objectives of this policy such as tackling vacancy in towns and villages, remote working and supporting town centre living. Other projects which will be welcomed include regeneration projects that support active and vibrant town or village centres, upgrading shopfronts and street facades, and green spaces and parks, etc.

Grant Levels:

For the 2021 Scheme, the minimum grant which is available is €20,000. The maximum level of grant funding available is being raised to €500,000 in respect of one application from each Local Authority. A maximum of €250,000 will apply in respect of 2 applications and €100,000 in respect of 4 applications. **2 applications must** be in respect of Towns/Villages that have not previously received funding under the Standard Town & Village Renewal Scheme

Town and Village Applications Submitted July 2021

Town/Village	Project
Kiltegan	Transform a derelict vacant site into a multi purpose community facility. The project aims to purchase the site and renovate the existing building to rehouse the community shop and café, provide community space, rehouse the CE scheme and provide a remote working hub.
Lacken	Refurbish a town centre building into a community shop, café and remote working hub. The project aims to maximise opportunity for economic benefit from the Blessington Greenway and from walkers and cyclists. It also aims to develop a heritage hub and a community space to create a resilient and socially cohesive community, using the Smart Village Model
Wicklow	This is a placemaking project to reconnect Wicklow centre to the port area by reanimating and revitalising the network of laneways with creative lighting, murals, riverside seating with canopy and parklet planting
Hollywood	Placemaking project to create a quality and environmentally friendly public space. This project aims to transform an underutilised space which is close to woodland so lends itself to a natural approach to designing a pocket park with associated walkway and car parking.
Ballinaclash	Renovate the community hall to revitalise the village by providing access to remote working facilities and community activities to the community and possible new residents. This includes the replacing a dividing wall with



	a movable divider, fitout of remote working space and insulation works to the building
Coolboy	A placemaking project to improve public space in Coolboy and maximise social and economic benefits to the area. It will rejuvenate the village green by resurfacing and upgrading existing paths to make them more accessible and age friendly and reconnect a small underused annex area. It will also see the addition of picnic benches, a bandstand and an area of planting and landscaping, improving the biodiversity of the area.
Donard	Rejuvenation of community hall to develop a community café and to provide remote working spaces.

Announcement of the Rural Regeneration Development Fund Category 2

The Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, on May 12th, announced the third call for Category 2 applications to the €1 billion Rural Regeneration and Development Fund. This fund is for projects that will drive economic growth and footfall, combat dereliction, regenerate town centre and heritage buildings, develop pedestrian zones and outdoor spaces and make rural towns more attractive places to live, work and raise a family.

The €1 billion Fund is also part of the Department's Rural Development Investment Programme, which is funded under Project Ireland 2040. Projects that will be funded under Category 2 are those that require significant development before they reach the stage of being shovel ready.

RRDF Applications Submitted July 2021

Town/Village	Project
South West Wicklow – Shillelagh, Tinahely, Carnew	<p>Reimagining South West Wicklow</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maximise all opportunities for the area, arising from significant planned infrastructural investment and development of the Arklow to Shillelagh Greenway. 2. Revitalise Rural Towns in Southwest Wicklow to become vibrant sustainable SMART centres of commerce and attractive places to work, live and recreate in harmony with the natural environment 3. Maximise all economic & social opportunities arising from the Coolattin Footprint in line with the Irelands Ancient East brand 4. Maximise economic, social and environmental benefits from the critical mass of 'National Walking Loop Trails' already developed in the area.



Blessington	Regeneration of Blessington Renovation of the town centre and public space and significant development works to Russborough House to enhance visitor experience and maximise economic opportunities arising from the Blessington Greenway development.
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CLAR 2021 – funded projects

Area	Project	Funding
Askanagap	Astro turf	50,000
Knockananna	MUGA floodlights	22,510.13
Knockananna	Community garden	9,747

Goal 2: Promote Active Citizenship and Public Participation to improve governance, participation and enrich decision making

Age Friendly Programme

The national Age Friendly Primary care centre guidelines were launched in June. These guidelines were compiled by Kildare and Wicklow Age Friendly Programme managers. Walkability audits are to take place in a number of locations.

The Arklow Age Friendly Befriending Service is to launch soon following the final garda vetting process. This will be of huge benefit to the population of Arklow.

Regarding housing, we are looking into making Rathcoran Estates in Baltinglass an Age Friendly Estate. It was built by and will be run by Respond.

Comhairle na nÓg

The Comhairle na nÓg, through the Coordinator, are taking part in the COVID-19 Community Response Forum, bringing the perspective of young people to the table. They are also taking part in the Time Machine project which is an intergenerational project.

Funding has been secured from DCYA to continue to support the Comhairle na nÓg. Tablets were purchased for use by the Comhairle in each Municipal District, to help them to keep the youth council going during the COVID-19 restrictions.

Goal 3: Strategic Direction – Develop high quality integrated services, available to all communities, in particular, disadvantaged communities and vulnerable groups

1. Healthy Wicklow Strategy

Round 3 of Programme is underway but implementation has slowed down because of COVID-19. An extension to 31st December 2021 has been granted.



In 2021 the Healthy Ireland Programme has focused on the Keep Well Campaign which is coming to an end. The final round of reporting is being completed at present.

The HSE is launching the following:

The launch of the HSE National Office for Suicide Prevention Annual Report for 2020

Friday 3rd September 2021, 10:00am to 11:30am

The launch of Developing a Community Response to Suicide

Wednesday 15th September 2021, 3:00pm to 4:30pm

2. Slaintecare Healthy Communities Programme

The Slaintecare Healthy Communities Programme is a new initiative led by Slaintecare and Healthy Ireland in partnership with Wicklow Local Community Development Committee and other local stakeholders. The goal of the programme is to improve the long term health and wellbeing of people living in the most disadvantaged communities in Ireland. The programme is based in the Bray area of Wicklow. This is a holistic approach to health and wellbeing incorporating the physical and social determinants of health, that is, the conditions in which people are born, grow, work, live and age, and the wider set of forces and systems that shape the conditions of daily life. The programme will implement targeted initiatives to tackle these challenges from within these communities. This will be achieved through the provision of dedicated services to build sustainable improvements in the health and wellbeing of all those living in those communities.

A local implementation team will be formed in each area led by a SHCP Local Development Officer to be employed by Wicklow County Council.

3. County Wicklow Food & Beverage Strategy – Food Poverty and Sustainability

The County Wicklow Food & Beverage Strategy contains aims and objectives to tackle food poverty and food sustainability in the county. This is a long term issue but was highlighted through the work of the Community Response Forum during the COVID-19 pandemic.

A subgroup has been formed to work on this issue. Research has already been undertaken to establish the extent and nature of food poverty and the responses to this. Further research is now ongoing with a view to the development of a working plan going forward.

Goal 4: Develop a vibrant and innovative community and social enterprise sector

Social Enterprise Grant Scheme

Minister Humphreys launched on 6th of September 2021 a €1 million fund to be allocated nationally to the Dormant Accounts Fund Social Enterprise Capital Grants Scheme 2021. This scheme is to be rolled out by Wicklow LCDC. Wicklow has been allocated €28, 515.90. Grants can be applied for in the range of €2500 to €5000. The scheme is now open and will close for applications on the Wednesday 6th of October. Applicants will be assessed and shortlisted by Wicklow LCDC. This list will be sent to the Minister for Rural and Community Development who must approve each project before funding is awarded. Wicklow LCDC will inform successful applicants in November and final drawdown will be at the end of February. All applications must be completed in full, include three quotes and a copy of the Organisations Article of Association.



Bray Area Partnership

In addition to the ongoing work being undertaken by BAP in supporting the operation of social enterprise activity in the Bray and north Wicklow areas, some key developments to note are as follows:

1. A market research and feasibility study report is nearing completion with respect to the establishment of a social enterprise employing individuals having had interaction with the Probation Service and criminal justice system. Collaboration Ireland has been commissioned to undertake the report with funding being provided through the Probation Services Kickstart grants scheme and supported by the Dormant Accounts Fund.
2. As part of a collaboration involving BAP and two neighbouring LDCs, a support initiative, SEED 2, has been developed to work with social enterprises in the Bray/north Wicklow, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown and South Dublin areas. SEED 2 will cover Strategic Planning; Income Diversification and Governance guidance and supports using group training, individual mentoring and networking sessions. This work is being resourced by the Covid 19 Social Enterprise Regeneration Programme through the Dormant Accounts Fund and will run for six months, commencing in September/ October coming.
3. Work is continuing on developing the Care and Repair Action social enterprise initiative aimed at providing home supports to older people living in the Bray and north Wicklow areas.



Economic Development, Planning and Infrastructure

1. Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) (Economic)

The Economic Development Unit of the Enterprise and Corporate Services Directorate is charged with implementing the economic actions in the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP).

Retail

Bray Central

Due to Covid-19 there has been some impact on the works and program. These impacts have been assessed over the last few weeks and the main contractor has commenced back with works on site. The overall works are coming to a close and practical completion is anticipated to be before the 31st of January 2022. The crane removal has marked the end of large elements of the construction work. Heads of terms have gone out to several new retail and leisure tenants. To date, there is excellent interest from a number of operators for the smaller retail units.

Town Teams

Town Teams in Arklow, Blessington, Bray, Greystones and Wicklow continue to meet virtually where possible to progress various projects. Activity, particularly engagement with stakeholder groups has been curtailed due to Covid restrictions.

Arklow Town Team

Arklow Town Team has successfully secured €3,500 from the Town and Village Streetscape Enhancement Scheme. We are hoping to engage an Artist for a mural project along Main St and to remove unnecessary clutter from the Main Street.

The painted playground project at Kynoch's Park is progressing well. Rachel Tyrell and her team of volunteers have begun working on the project and it looks fantastic already. The painted playground has really uplifted this disused space. We are looking forward to seeing the final results. Well done to all.

The Harbour to Headwaters –Biodiversity Trail is in the final stages. In 14 locations across the region from the Harbour in Arklow right up along the river catchment to the Headwater of Glenmalure, you will find information panels specific to each of those points on the river network. In addition to this and online interactive resource will provide more information on local biodiversity with the option to take part in citizen science activities. The project team are now looking into developing a water, wildlife,



Warrior/Viking theme for the project and creating a mascot around it to make it more fun and interactive for children. This project will be a great base for the starting of future projects to promote our wonderful waterways.

Bray Town Team / Bray Town Recovery Team

The Bray Town Recovery Team will have its inaugural meeting following discussions with the Cathaoirleach of Bray Municipal District. The members of Bray MD have agreed the Terms of Reference.

Blessington Town Team

Blessington Tidy Towns continue to work in the back ground enhancing the local community. A number of new planted areas have been added throughout the town, and most recently over 3500 spring bulbs have been planted in various locations to brighten up our community in early 2022, all new bulbs are also pollinator friendly. Several new planters are being added at various locations as well to enhance the towns public realm. The group are also partnered with Blessington Community College and working with TY students on a number of projects. Other activities include the removal of weeds along the main street and other approach roads, and the cut back of verges and grass in a number of areas. The group have also added composters locally and created a number of leaf mulch collection areas.

Blessington Town Square

Baltinglass MD received €95,000 funding from the NTA Additional Outdoor Infrastructure measure fund, in June 2021. This funding has been used to pedestrianise a large area in the town square which is now open to the public. The works completed consists of the following:

- paving a large area of the square
- provision of public lighting in the square
- back light of the monument
- age friendly seating
- planters
- big belly bin

Shop Local / Support Local

Baltinglass Municipal District launched a shop local/support local campaign which commenced mid-June and will run until the end of September with the aim to support local businesses as they reopen following the recent Covid restrictions. This initiative is being run in partnership with the Blessington and District Forum and Blessington Town Team. West Wicklow Youth Project was invited to design a logo for the

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campaign and the winning designer was presented with a hamper at Baltinglass Municipal District office on Monday 12th July. The winner of the July and August draws have been announced and prizes presented to the winners.

Greystones Town Team

Greystones Town Team are in the final stages of forming and registering a company limited by guarantee (CLG) and updating their organisational structure. In the meantime members are preparing a list of priority projects and investigating sources of funding which the new CLG can endeavour to secure funding for.

Sub-committees have been set up to progress a number of interests and initiatives, including further development of website and social media channels and a new business network, which is currently working with other members to organise Christmas street lighting and activities for the holiday season, including an event to turn on the lights.

Wicklow Town Team

The AGM of Wicklow Town Team was held on the 29th September. Full reports from the Chairs of the working groups were circulated which outlined the various projects undertaken since the last AGM

The achievements during the year were highlighted which included the:

- Opening of Wicklow Towns Heritage Trail
- Successful application for funding to enhance outdoor dining
- Completion of feasibility study for Theatre (Oct 2021).
- Application for feasibility study for community power
- TII, NTA and WCC are progressing the Town Teams proposal for priority bus lane and park and ride
- Successful lobbying for action on Wicklow Court House,
- WTT worked very closely with WCC to bring all parties together for a successful outcome on the development of the Abbey Grounds.
- WCC together with WTT applied for funding to Failte Ireland under Animation Town, unfortunately this funding application was not successful.

Projects in progress for the coming year include the:

- Commitment to pursue funding for the EIS for the East Coast Greenway



- Proposals for improvement to gateways to the Town (Dublin road, Ashtown / Marlton, Glenturn) in conjunction with Wicklow Tidy Towns
- Connectivity from Quays to Town Centre application for funding from Town and Village Renewal in conjunction with WCC
- Progress proposals discussed with the Minister for Higher Education Simon Harris TD to make Wicklow Town the Centre of Excellence for Renewable Energy.
- Final conclusion and decision on Theatre site.
- Solution to Wicklow Court House
- Continue to support and help Codling Wind Park and promote Wicklow Port as their preferred location.
- Work with the relevant parties to secure a Digital Hub for Wicklow Town.
- Seek funding to preserve Rocket Cart (Coastguard Lifesaving Cart)

The Town Team welcomes new members and would be particularly interested in those in the age group of 18-40 to come forward. It is vital that this age group has a strong voice on the Town Team and has a say in shaping the future of the town.

Outdoor Dining

Fáilte Ireland earlier this year announced funding for Outdoor Dining:

Part One of the Scheme - Outdoor Seating and Accessories - supports individual hospitality businesses with grants of up to €4,000 for seating, tables and outdoor accessories. This scheme which is fully funded by Fáilte Ireland is administered by the Local Authorities. Where the tables and chairs are located in a public space, the business must apply for a Section 254 licence, if the equipment is located on private property, planning permission may be required. 120 applications have been received to date

Closing date for receipt of applications was extended from September 30th 2021 to the October 8th 2021.

All Local Authorities were invited to apply to Fáilte Ireland for funding under Part Two - Local Authority Weatherproofing & Outdoor Dining Enhancement Scheme - to develop streets and public spaces to facilitate outdoor dining in urban tourism centres, enabling access to outdoor seating for extended periods throughout the year.

Wicklow County Council applied for and was awarded funding for Outdoor Dining and Weatherproofing for Market Square in Wicklow Town (€119,000) and Abbey Lane in Arklow (€81,000).



Streetscapes

Six towns/villages in County Wicklow have been selected to participate in the Streetscape and Shopfront Enhancement scheme. The areas selected are Arklow, Baltinglass, Blessington, Enniskerry, Kilcoole and Wicklow Town.

The Streetscape Enhancement Initiative is a key part of the Government's 'Our Rural Future' and is designed to make our rural towns and villages more attractive colourful and vibrant places to live, work and visit.

Types of projects funded include: refurbishment of traditional shop fronts, artwork, murals, lighting, planting etc. The closing date for completed applications was extended to **14th September with the completion of works deadline also extended from 22nd October to 31st December 2021.**

Urban Animation Scheme

Wicklow Town's application for Urban Animation funding to enhance the links between the Main Street, Market Square and South Quay was unsuccessful however an application has been made for Town and Village Renewal funding for a similar but smaller project.

Tourism

Tourism Strategy and Marketing Plan 2018-2022

The strategy sets out a number of challenging but achievable priorities along with a series of detailed actions to be implemented over the next 5 years

The Key Priorities are:

1. Develop New Accommodation
2. Develop Key Towns as Visitor Hubs
3. Develop a Masterplan for Glendalough
4. Grow Thematic Experiences
5. Market our County by Developing A Common Narrative

EcoTrail Wicklow 2021 took place on 25th of September with more than 1500 registered. Feedback from participants has been extremely positive and this event is set to become an annual success.

We have produced more than 5000 photos and an array of video footage which will help showcase Wicklow as an outdoor destination not only the domestic market, but to the overseas market through the EcoTrail network of events and Tourism Ireland offices around the world.



The objective for 2022 is to increase the number of participants and bring back the international visitors to Wicklow.

Wicklow Passport Throughout the spring and summer, around 2500 passports sold and more than 10,000 distributed through a growing network of participating local tourism businesses.

The Wicklow Passport was heavily supported by Fáilte Ireland as one of the key tourism projects in the region and further joint promotional efforts are underway.

Efforts will be made in the coming months to introduce the Wicklow Passport to local schools. Also, there are plans to make the Wicklow Passport a training tool for all staff operating within the tourism industry in Wicklow.

Trail Digitisation: All trails featured on visitwicklow.ie website have now a digital Google map, with option to download a GPX file for people that want to use the track on their preferred walking app.

We are now working with the County Council to develop an online map to list and locate all the Wicklow walks. The map will come with sorting options were visitors can choose walk by length, location, difficulty, etc.

Tourism Itineraries: Wicklow Itineraries blog entries for visitwicklow.ie have been created. The objective is to record and package experiences and present various ways to 'do' Wicklow. Blog itineraries also offer a fantastic opportunity to generate content for social media and optimise visitwicklow.ie on search engines. Over the coming months new itineraries will be introduced with the opportunity to the local tourism trade to suggest and create their own itineraries.

See sample of itineraries:

- <https://visitwicklow.ie/wicklow-passport-tours-carnev-shillelagh-baltinglass-donard-tinahely/>
- <https://visitwicklow.ie/passport-itinerary-glenree-june-blakes-garden-hollywood-shekina-sculptures-garden/>

Destination Town Funding: An application to Failte Ireland on behalf of Wicklow Town was made in respect of Destination Town Funding and funding has been awarded to develop visitor amenities in the Abbey Grounds. Mosart, a local architect team which specialise in architecture, landscape and urban design, have been appointed to design the Abbey Grounds project with a view to increasing visitor numbers to Wicklow while maintaining this important oasis at the heart of Wicklow town. Work is underway to lodge a planning application for this development under the Part VIII process.

Glendalough Masterplan and Wicklow Visitor Orientation Study

This is a Fáilte Ireland funded project led by FI with strategic partners NPWS, OPW, Coillte and WCC. The Plan covers visitor attractions and activities available in the area and the first stage of stakeholder engagement has been completed.



The consultants team led by Consarc have prepared a draft plan and are now engaging with some of the key landowners to assess the feasibility of developing additional off road trails between Laragh and Glendalough and provision of additional parking. The process has identified a number of issues: congestion at key sites, concerns over security, capacity and quality of car parking and visitor services, issues with local access, and erosion and degradation of the environment.

Visitor Experience Hubs have been identified around the county where there is a particular focus of visitor attractions. Development of these hubs will build capacity, help disperse visitors across the county, encouraging longer stays and greater investment in the area. The team is developing detailed plans for walking, mountain biking, off road family cycling.

Measures have been taken this year to introduce additional temporary parking and to use traffic counters to improve parking management and signage. Traffic counts carried out on the June Bank Holiday Weekend demonstrate that 100k+ visitors visited Glendalough between 4th and 11th June. Other works that have been completed is an upgrade to the toilet facilities.

Rural and Urban Regeneration Development Fund Grant Applications

The following applications were submitted under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund Grant Scheme for Category 2 Funding;

Shillelagh/Carnew/Tinahely: Developing the villages for the eventual arrival of the Greenway – purchasing some of the old station buildings linking in with the Tinahely Trails and other tourist venues including the Tinahely Farm shop and the Orchard Farm.

Blessington: Redeveloping and resubmitting the proposal to design and develop the Square for when the N81 is re-routed and to make the town greenway ready to be able to cater for the large influx of visitors expected.

A call for Category 1 (shovel ready) proposals is to be made later in 2021.

URDF: Urban Regeneration Development Fund

The Wicklow Town URDF Project for the development of the library at the old Ulster Bank Building and the redevelopment of Fitzwilliam Square has been completed. Total cost for the development of the Library was €6 million, with €3 million funded via the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage URDF and €1 million from the Department of Rural and Community Development. €2 million matched funding was committed by Wicklow County Council.



The €2m Fitzwilliam Square refurbishment project, funded by an amount of €1.5m under the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government URDF scheme, has created a multi-functional space, improving accessibility and enhancing the presentation and public realm of the Town Centre at Fitzwilliam Square. A new outdoor venue for community events, performances and exhibitions, and outdoor dining is now available. The Halpin monument which was concealed is now made more visible and contributes to tourism and the town's maritime heritage. The newly created space is also now responding to the recent health and safety challenges associated with the COVID-19 pandemic and will go towards helping to support the recovery of the tourism and hospitality sector.

Part 1 of the Arklow URDF Project the refurbishment of the Courthouse and the development of an Enterprise Space in the former Town Council offices. Part 2 of the project the public realm works are currently underway.

Bray Public Transport Bridge

Submissions under the Part VIII process closed on Monday 6th September 2021, with over 150 submissions received. All the data received is being collated and reviewed, with the intention of preparing a report for the elected members.

As this is ongoing, An Bord Pleanála are reviewing the application and will determine whether an EIS is required.

Bray Harbour Area Integrated Regeneration

Funding of €7.14m has been announced for the Bray Harbour Area Integrated Regeneration Project from the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF) and this funding has the capacity to unlock the great potential of Bray Harbour and surrounding area. The harbour, its piers and adjacent lands are a major asset for Bray and this funding will facilitate an integrated scheme to develop the harbour and associated public realm works to provide a vibrant waterfront area with excellent connectivity between the promenade, the town centre the Dublin Road area and beyond. Wicklow County Council is in the process of appointing consultants to carry out additional survey work as part of the design process.

Work is ongoing to further develop the unsuccessful applications for Wicklow and Arklow Harbours. A meeting with the Department of Housing URDF Team has taken place, this will inform the resubmission of these applications. It is likely that the next call for URDF funding will be late 2021/early 2022.

Maritime

There are a number of Offshore Wind Energy projects proposed off the coast of County Wicklow

- Dublin Array – Bray and Kish Banks
- Cailleach – off Bray Head
- Codling Wind Park between Greystones and Wicklow



- Arklow Bank between Arklow and Wicklow Head
- Shelmalere just south of Arklow

Arklow Bank

SSE Renewables has submitted a planning application to An Bord Pleanála for the development of the landfall for two offshore export circuits underground high voltage connections, a new sub-station and transmission compound along with a 220kV overhead power line connection from Shelton Abbey to the transmission network.

SSER is planning to make its application to Wicklow County Council in respect of the O&M base at Arklow within the coming weeks.

Codling Wind Park

The Codling Wind Park has published its Onshore Infrastructure Scoping Report which covers the land-based elements of the Codling Wind Park project, such as the point at which the cables will come ashore (landfall), the routing of onshore cabling and any electricity substation(s) that may be required to connect the project to the national grid. It also describes how the operations and maintenance base for the project, which will be located at a port along the east coast, may be considered in the EIA.

The Codling Wind Park is expected to announce its decision regarding the development of an operations and maintenance base by the end of October.

Benefits to the local economy

- Each O&M base is likely to employ 80 people. There will be thousands employed during the construction phase this will benefit wide range of local companies in the supply chain.
- Both Codling and SSE are engaging with companies interested in participating in the supply chain.
- There will be extensive training and educational opportunities.
- Wicklow is in discussions about developing training facilities at Clermont
- There will be a substantial Community Contribution Scheme

Key Milestones

The enactment of the Marine Area Planning Bill, 2020 is expected in 2021

The Renewable Energy Support Scheme (RESS) Auction whereby the companies bid for a grid connection is expected in 2022

Food and Beverage Strategy

Funding of €175,000 has been secured via the LEADER Food Programme for a Food and Beverage Co-ordinator role for Wicklow Naturally CLG and a tender for the supply of event costs for the period 2021 - 2023 in support of Wicklow Naturally's Promotional Activities Plan. Wicklow Naturally will contribute 5% from subscriptions and it is proposed that Wicklow County Council will contribute €35,000 over the two year life of the project.



2. Local Enterprise Office

LEO Objectives
<p>To foster an enterprise culture and stimulate enterprise at local level by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Promotion of the enterprise message at local level. - Working with the relevant stakeholders in the county to foster entrepreneurship. - Delivering appropriate enterprise training and mentoring to entrepreneurs. - Providing funding options to entrepreneurs, early stage promoters and viable businesses to support growth and development of micro enterprises. - Developing a progression pathway for clients to Enterprise Ireland - Acting as a 'First Stop Shop' for business information and referral

METRICS: Grants	HISTORICAL	TARGETS	YEAR TO DATE
	2020	2021	2021
Grants Approved (number/ value) - Measure 1 - Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters	- 27/€663,778.00 - 3/€3,850	- Meet Demand - Meet Demand	-27/ €512,202 -2 / €3,150 (to date)
NB: Ability to meet demand is influenced by the amount of funding allocated to the LEO			

METRICS: Training/ Capacity Building	HISTORICAL	TARGETS	YEAR TO DATE
	2020	2021	2021
Total No. of All Programmes (Training/Networking/Events/Seminars)	64	60	54
Start Your Own Business Participant numbers (included in total training programmes)	75	75	89
Total No. of all Participants participating in above Programmes	1542	1000	726
Women in Business Network Number of Meetings	10	12	9

METRICS: Business Advice & Mentoring	HISTORICAL	TARGETS	YEAR TO DATE
	2020	2021	2021
Number of new clients added to database	1302	1000	672

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*criteria have been amended for this metric			
Number of One to One Business Advice meetings including Businesses assigned a mentor	803	600	432 (Including Brexit 1-1 Mentoring)

METRICS: Student Enterprise Programmes	HISTORICAL	TARGETS	
Academic Year	2020/2021	2021/2022	Year to Date
No. of Secondary Student Participants	953	1000	

METRICS: Irelands Best Young Entrepreneur	HISTORICAL	TARGETS	
Academic Year	2020	2021	Year to Date 2021
Number of Applications	Programme review	Programme review	Programme review

Trading Online Voucher	HISTORICAL	TARGETS	
No of Trading Online Vouchers approved	2020	2021	Year to Date 2021
Trading Online Vouchers	430	70	116 (Total value: €245,630)

Lean For Micro Project	HISTORICAL	TARGETS	YEAR TO DATE
	2020	2021	2021
No. of Companies who have undertaken a Lean for Micro Assessment by a Lean Expert	8	11	8

Microfinance Ireland	HISTORICAL	TARGETS	YEAR TO DATE
	2020	2021	2021
No. of Companies who have submitted a MFI loan application through the LEO	21	23	7



September/October 2021 Activities

- The September Network of Entrepreneurial Women network meeting took place via Zoom
- Applications are open for Showcase 2021 (craft industry wholesale exhibition Jan 2022), in conjunction with the Design and Crafts Council of Ireland and LEO Wicklow.
- The 'Stimulus' and 'Green for Micro' consultancy programmes are in train, offering expert guidance to approximately 50 growing LEO client businesses in 2021.
- The Owner Manager Development Programme commenced, with 21 participants.
- The LEO is continuing to help clients work through their customs queries with a further customs training course and one to one clinics scheduled for the autumn to help companies adapt to new regulations following Brexit.
- There continues to be a high level of demand for business advice clinics which are currently being run remotely. Additional Clinics are being provided to ensure that demand is being met.
- Fortnightly newsletter is circulated to clients on supports, training courses, events and other relevant information.
- Social media and LEO website updates are carried out a number of times a week to raise awareness and promote the LEO supports.
- Applications for the Trading Online Voucher Scheme continue to be submitted with 116 approved to date for 2021, at a value of €245,630). The grant has now reverted to 50% from 1st January 2021.
- The LEO national #LookforLocal campaign continued to support the re-opening of the economy and showcasing local businesses in order to stimulate investment in local economy through digital marketing channels and e-newsletter. A #LookforLocal digital promotional day took place Friday 10th September while campaign is now wound down.
- An extensive Export Development programme has been developed for role out in partnership with LEO Kildare in Q3/4 2021 to assist first time exporters get ready. Seven Wicklow businesses are registered to participate. This event is part of our strategic focus on assisting longer established clients to successfully develop new markets.
- LEO Wicklow and Kildare are taking the lead on organising one national virtual event for National Women's Enterprise Day to take place on Thursday 7th October. An events co-ordinator has been appointed to project manage the event on behalf of the LEO network. The programme features a strong line up of female entrepreneurs and workshop sessions covering topics such as internationalisation, competitiveness, digitalisation, sustainability and inspirational case studies of LEO clients. The event was launched on 8th September with the theme #Build the Future.
- LEO Wicklow is the lead LEO for the East region Food Academy Programme with 10 food producers from the east region booked on. First workshop took place in July and is continuing throughout the remainder of the year with another 4 workshops and a Supervalu buyer pitching session. A number of Wicklow producers are participating in an online Food Starter training programme led by LEO Limerick.
- LEO Wicklow (together with LEO offices in Clare, Leitrim, Kildare and Fingal) is participating in a LEO Pilot programme in conjunction with Chefs Network and UNIFY ORDERING which aims to connect local producers with Foodservice Outlets in the local area. Recruitment of 4 Wicklow suppliers for the Pilot programme to participate in the project to take place in the coming weeks.
- The Student Enterprise Programme is in full swing in second level schools around the county with in class sessions being delivered by the Student Enterprise co-ordination team. LEO Wicklow are



running an extra competition focused on Idea generation with a prize being awarded per school in November.

Business Skills and IT skills Training Programme

The Autumn Winter 2021 business skills training programme is now open for bookings through our online portal on www.localenterprise.ie/wicklow. An extensive training delivery procurement exercise preceded the organisation of the programme.

Autumn Winter Business Skills Training Courses now added to our website for booking include:

- ✚ Start Your Own Business course, 31st August (Full and commenced)
- ✚ Trading Online Voucher Seminar, 2nd September (27 participants)
- ✚ Export Development Programme – Joined programme between LEO Wicklow and Kildare, starting September. (7 participants)
- ✚ Tax & VAT for Start Ups, 13,15 & 17 September, 11 participants booked on.
- ✚ The Owner Manager Development Programme, 21 participants booked on, commenced in first week of September.
- ✚ Effective use of Social Media, Beginners level: 22 September 2021
- ✚ Prepare your business for Customs, 12th October
- ✚ Employment Law, 30 September 2021

LEO Wicklow recognises the opportunity present within the tourism industry as a significant opportunity to build a business due to the increasing numbers of Irish and International tourists visiting Wicklow for its natural beauty and has organised a Start Your Own Business programme for potential new businesses in the tourism, recreation and hospitality sectors, with a focus on Greenways and Blueways. The programme will create an ongoing peer support network and cluster of SMEs who are focused on projects within the same sector. There is the added possibility of collaboration in terms of new product or service development as you explore the ideation process. Participants may also support each other in the early years of business through referrals and other sales and marketing collaboration.

The 10-week programme will be delivered online commencing Thursday 7th October to Thursday 9th December 7.00pm to 10.00 pm.



3. Planning and Development

Forward Planning

County Development Plan Review

Notice to review the current County Development Plan 2016 - 2022 and prepare a new County Development Plan 2021 - 2027 was given on the 6th November 2019. Closing date for submissions was Friday 10th January 2020. 156 submissions were received.

The First Chief Executive's Report was issued to the Elected Members on Friday 12th June 2020. This Report forms part of the statutory procedure for the review of the existing plan and the preparation of the new plan. Its purpose is to report on the outcome of the statutory consultation process and to set out the Chief Executive's opinion on the issues raised in the submissions received.

At Council meetings held on the 10th and 17th May, the Members voted to amend the proposed draft plan.

The draft Plan as amended by the Members and associated environmental reports is currently on public display since the 4th June for 12 weeks plus 2 week extension. The Draft Plan and associated documents was available to view and download from the consultation portal to Monday 30th August 2021 (2 week extension as per decision of members at meeting held on Tuesday 27th July 2021). Submissions or observations regarding the Draft Plan and the associated Environmental Report were invited from the public and interested bodies.

Section 9 A (5) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) - Extension to period of review of County Development Plan –

At Council meeting held on Tuesday the 27th July 2021 it was agreed by the members as follows:

That Wicklow County Council under section 9A(2) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as inserted by the Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2021), having regard to the extraordinary circumstances arising from the risk to public health posed by the spread of Covid-19 and the disruption to the completion of the review of the development plan and the preparation of a new development plan caused by restrictions introduced in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, that a further period of one year (12 months) is necessary to complete the review and to prepare and make the new development plan in particular having regard to the need to ensure adequate time to complete the remaining stages of the plan process, including providing adequate opportunities and time for the public to engage with the process'.

The consultation period ended on 30th of August 2021. The next stage will be issuing of the Chief Executive's Report on draft development plan following consideration of the submissions received during the consultation period. This is currently anticipated to be at the end of November.

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06 Nov 2019	<p>Advertise intention to review existing plan and prepare new plan. Call for submissions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Notice given to Minister, the Regional Assembly and any relevant Government and local organisations // boards/ officials, infrastructure providers etc. - Planning authority takes whatever additional measures it considers necessary to consult with the general public and other interested bodies. - Public meetings held.
10 Jan 2020	<p>End of consultation period, last date for submissions.</p> <p>Chief Executive prepares report on submissions and matters arising out of consultations.</p>
12 June 2020	<p>Chief Executive's Report on submissions / consultations issued to members.</p> <p>Consideration of the Chief Executive's Report by the members.</p>
07 Sept 2020	<p>Latest date for directions by members.</p> <p>Preparation of proposed draft development plan</p>
16 March 2021	<p>Proposed draft development plan issued to members for their consideration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consideration of draft development plan by members. - Draft development plan may be adopted or amended by resolution.
17 May 2021	<p>Draft development plan made</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Notice and copy of draft plan sent to Minister and any relevant Government bodies/ boards/ officials. -Notice of preparation of draft plan published in newspaper.
04 June 2021 10 weeks (extended + 2)	<p>Display of draft development plan commences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Draft plan on display for not less than 10 weeks, during which time written submissions invited - Notice served on the owners / occupiers of protected structures of the proposed addition / deletion of structure from the record of protected structures.
30 Aug 2021 12 weeks	<p>End of display of draft plan, last date for submissions.</p> <p>Chief Executive prepares report on submissions received on draft development plan and submits report to members for consideration.</p>
22 Nov 2021	<p>Chief Executive's Report on draft development plan issued to members.</p>
12 weeks + 9 days over Christmas	<p>Consideration of draft plan and Chief Executive's Report by members.</p> <p>Latest date for completion of consideration of draft plan by members and draft plan</p>



24 Feb 2022	accepted or amended.
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Members
Accept Draft

Members Seek to Amend Draft

Date	Action
3 weeks	If proposed amendment is a material alteration of the draft plan, notice of proposed amendment is published in newspaper and written submissions are invited.
16 March 2022	Latest date for notice of proposed amendment. Proposed amendment on display.
4 weeks	
12 April 2022	End of display of amendments, last day for submissions
4 weeks	Chief Executive prepares report and submits it to members for consideration.
09 May 2022	Chief Executive's Report on amendments issued to members
6 weeks	Members consider amendment and Chief Executive's Report
19 June 2022	Latest date for completion of consideration of amendments by members and members make the plan with or without the proposed amendment.

Members Make Development Plan

<p>4 weeks</p> <p>24 March 2022</p>	<p>4 weeks</p> <p>16 July 2022</p>	<p>-Publish notice of the making of the plan in newspaper</p> <p>-Plan put on display.</p> <p>-Copy of plan sent to Minister and any relevant Government bodies/ boards/ officials.</p> <p>-Notice served on owner / occupiers of protected structure of addition or deletion of structure from record of protected structures.</p> <p>Development Plan has effect</p>
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Wicklow Heritage & Biodiversity Office

Community Monument Fund (CMF). Wicklow county council has received a funding allocation of €65,000 for Wicklow archaeology projects under the CMF2021 from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. The seven successful projects are as follows; Baltinglass Hillforts, an assessment of archaeological significance; Whitfield Graveyard access improvements; Wicklow Town Community Archaeology Initiative; Dunganstown Castle conservation advice, Kilbride archaeological investigations, Arklow Castle conservation report and the development of Conservation Management Plans for historic graveyards (Ballymacroghue, Mullinacuffe and Whitefield). All projects are underway and are being coordinated by Heritage Officer. Final reports and recoupment due 19th November.

Protected Structures Grants: Heritage Office is co-ordinating these on behalf of planning section. There are two successful projects under Historic Structure Fund (HSF); Killruddery Clock tower repairs approved for €50,000 and Conservation works to the 'weir' at Russborough House approved for €50,000. A total allocation for county of €72,000 received for projects under BHIS (x 10 individual projects). Five BHIS projects complete others underway. Heritage Officer is carrying out inspections and monitoring progress on all projects. Next progress report due to DHHLG 17th Sept and final recoupment is due on 26th November.

Wicklow Heritage Forum meeting on 8th Sept to oversee implementation of County Heritage Plan programme. Heritage Plan allocations received from The Heritage Council for the implementation of the County Wicklow Heritage Plan actions in 2021 (€27,000). Next meeting scheduled for 10th November.

Digital Upskilling course for individuals involved in community heritage projects and activities due to commence on 22nd October. This is a free, course run over seven online workshops and is co-funded by the Heritage Council and Wicklow County Council through the County Heritage Plan.

County Wicklow Geology Publication, currently being edited by HO and GSI. Based on County Geological Sites audit, this will be a coffee table, user friendly format for general release and sale. Co-funded by the Heritage Council and Wicklow County Council through the County Heritage Plan.

Glendalough Community Archaeology Project: WCC supported a 2 week community excavation 3rd – 13th Aug in association with UCD and the Glendalough Heritage Forum. 50 +participants. Online archaeology talk held for Heritage Week. HO working with the Glendalough Heritage Forum on production of a Lego model reconstruction of monastic city project, funded by the Heritage Council.

Wicklow Biodiversity Action Funding of €29,950 allocated under the National Biodiversity Action Plan fund based on application submitted by Heritage Officer. Three projects are being funded to enhance conservation management of council owned properties, 1 at Brittas Bay, 2 at selected historic graveyards and 3 at Kilmacanogue marsh. All projects commenced June- July with botanical, bat and invertebrate surveys. Public open event held on Sat 18th September at Brittas Bay. Access improvements planned in Kilmacanogue Marsh in association with Bray MD in Oct. Recoupment and Final reports due in November.

Biodiversity Awareness programme: Coastwatch community workshop held in Wicklow Town 29th Sept. HO is co-ordinating this volunteer citizen science survey for County Wicklow. Programme of nature themed zoom evening/ lunchtime talks (8 in total) held in partnership with Wicklow Library Service held from Feb- July. Other activities include production and free distribution of publications (Wicklow Wildlife posters and Gardening for Wildlife booklets and other Wicklow habitat guides)

County Wicklow Swift Project; Survey work and public engagement elements complete. To date swift boxes have been deployed through this project to 17 towns and villages around county Wicklow, a



total of 36 individual locations. The total number of boxes involved is 72, of three types: single, double (Zeist plywood), and triple (Genesis, magnesium board) boxes. Of Council owned properties, nesting boxes and calling systems have been installed at the following libraries; Tinahely, Arklow, Wicklow Town, Baltinglass and Dunlavin, while they have also been installed at County Buildings, Wicklow Town, Arklow Municipal District Offices & Depot and at Arklow Courthouse.

Our Wicklow Heritage: 'Daoine agus Áit – Connecting our communities'. Joint project, co-funded with Healthy Ireland, in partnership with National Museum of Ireland, Clare and Galway county council's heritage offices. 19 Community groups (45 persons) participated in photography and creative writing workshops to produce bespoke postcards for their local area. Postcards produced and distributed for Heritage Week along with short videos from each group.

National Heritage Week 15th- 22nd August. 45+ projects registered online for County Wicklow on www.heritageweek.ie. Wicklow County Council projects registered include Wicklow Swift Project; Daoine agus Ait Connecting Communities; River Liffey Stories Film Project

Development Management

Planning Applications

Total valid applications received	30 th Sept 2020	30 th Sept 2021	% Increase
Received (Valid)	1053	819	29%

A total of 100 valid applications were received during September as follows:

Type of Development	September 2021 Number Received
Individual Houses	24 (20 refer to rural house applications)
Housing Developments*	08
Agricultural Structures	04
Commercial	04
Other Developments**	60
Total	100

* Large housing development

PRR 21/1106 Pinehurst, 9 units, Pinehurst, Monastery Road, Enniskerry

PRR 21/1117 Conor Furey & Assoc., 92 units, Bawnogues, Baltinglass

PRR 21/1119 Glenveagh Homes Ltd, 84 units, Broomhall, Rathnew

PRR 21/1182 Liam Carroll, 18 apts, Main Street, Blessington

PRR 21/1141 DL Residential Properties Ltd, Pound Road, Dunlavin



***Other Developments include, Porch/Sunroom, Extensions, finger sign post, Well, change of use, Hoarding, relocation of vehicular entrance, extend the appropriate period of permission, various amendments/modifications to previous planning permission, conversion, retention, boundary screen wall, attic conversion, reclamation of land, effluent treatment system & percolation area.*

Decisions issued in respect of 130 applications in September, being:

Type of Development	Number of Decisions
Housing Developments	03
Individual Houses	23 (20 refer to a rural house)
Other Developments	104
Other Developments Requiring EIA	00
Total	130

In relation to decisions issued between January to September 2020, in comparison to the same period for 2021, the details are as follows:

	30/09/2020	30/09/2021
Total Number of decisions issued	654	879
Total Number of decisions to grant	569	744
% Grant Rate	87%	85%
No of applications withdrawn		14

Applications Lodged with An Bord Pleanala

Strategic Housing Development

ABP-307230-20, Ballinalea, Ashford (122 Units) – Members meeting 23/3, CE report submitted to Bord 19/4.

ABP-311181-21, Former Bray Golf Club Lands, (591 Units) Members meeting 7/9, CE report due by 14/10

Strategic Infrastructure Development

An Bord Pleanala has received an application for approval under section 182A(1) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended -ABP-310090-21- Proposed development will comprise the onshore grid infrastructure including 220kV export cable circuits and fibre optic cables, new 220kV GIS substation at Shelton Abbey and overhead line connection and all associated ancillary works. In the townlands of Johnstown North, Johnstown South, Seabank, Ballymoney, Killiniskyduff, Templerainy, Coolboy, Kilbride, Shelton Abbey, Ballyrairie Lower and Ballyrairie Middle, in Co. Wicklow

An Bord Pleanala has received an application for permission under section 37E of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended -ABP-309991-21 - Development and operation of an inert landfill facility to backfill the existing quarry to original ground level; progressive restoration of the backfilled



quarry to longterm grassland/scrub habitat: establishment and operation of a construction and demolition waste recovery facility; installation and operation of a soil washing plant and all associated site works at Ballinclare and Carrigmore townlands, Kilbride, Co. Wicklow

Planning Enforcement

Enforcement

New Files	18
Advisory Letters	15
Warning Letters	10
Enforcement Notices	3
Legal Files	0
Closed	13

District Court	1 case heard in September. Judge directed compliance with the Enforcement Notice, imposed a fine and awarded costs to the Council 1 case listed for mention in October for a plea
Circuit Court	7 cases are due before the Court in October
High Court	2 cases listed for mention in October

Vacant Sites

No. of sites on Register	23
No of sites on appeal to ABP Section 18	2
No. of sites on appeal to Valuation Tribunal	3
Levies received to 30 th September 2021	€12,687.50

Municipal District	No of sites on Register
Arklow	6
Baltinglass	2
Bray	2
Greystones	5
Wicklow	8

Derelict Sites

No. of sites on Register	3
No of sites - oSection 8 Notices of Intent	1

Municipal District	No of sites on Register
Wicklow	1
Baltinglass	1
Bray	1

Short-term Letting

No. of applications for registration received to date in 2021	45
Total no. of applications received to date (2019-2021)	93
No. of complaints received in 2020	3
No. of complaints received in 2021	4
No. of warning letters issued	19
No of enforcement notices issued	4
No. of legal proceedings instigated	1
No of open UD files	17

4. Environmental Services

Waste Management

Litter/Waste Enforcement

Litter/Waste Enforcement

No. of Complaints Created	152
No. of Cases Closed, Resolved or Completed	149
No of Litter Fines Issued	21
No. of Waste Management Files Opened	7
No. of Warning Letters Issued	2
No of Abandoned Car Notices Issued	11
No. of Burning Applications Granted	15
No. of Temporary Signs Granted	0
No. of Notices Issued under Section 14 of the Waste Management Act	6
No. of Notices Issued under Section 18 of the Waste Management Act	0
No. of Notices Issued under Section 55 of the Waste Management Act	0
No. of Fixed Penalty Notices issued	0
No. of files prepared for Court and included in Court Lists	50
No of cases in court under the Litter Pollution Act	2
No of cases in court under the Waste Management Act	2
Income - Litter	€3,200
Income- Waste Management	€3,475

Anti-Dumping Initiative (ADI)

Seven projects were completed during August and September as part of the ADI 2021 funded by the Department of Environment, Climate and Communication. These comprised three hazardous waste collections, two mattress amnesty collections, one waste clean-up project and a bike-for-Africa project. The total expenditure was c. €77,000.



Whitestown Remediation Project

Wicklow County Council has employed Fehily Timoney & Company to advise on the remediation of the site at Whitestown, in accordance with the judgments of Mr. Justice Humphreys

- Draft remediation plan was lodged with Brownfield restoration Ireland Limited (BRIL) on 27th November.
- Following the receipt of submissions from a number of prescribed bodies, the High Court instructed WCC to incorporate the requests contained in the submissions into the draft plan and to commence surveys required for an Appropriate Assessment.
- Surveys of the qualifying interests, as agreed with NPWS are ongoing and due to be completed in December 2021.

Recycling Centres

A review of all of the Recycling Centres in line with the National Review document recently published on the DECC website is underway to assess how these Civic Amenities are operating with respect to both the service provided and VFM.

Climate Action

The annual return on progress of the actions in the Climate Adaptation Strategy to CARO was completed.

Following tender process, Consultants are being appointed to undertake a base line study for the Arklow Decarbonisation Zone and to assist in drawing up a draft Decarbonisation Zone Implementation Plan before the end of 2021.

LA Electrification of Fleet and EV charging - A Guidance Document was published on 17th August. One of the key recommendations from this guidance document is for each LA to prepare an EV and EVCP Strategy for their administrative areas to progress the fleet transition and implementation of suitably located EVCPs.

The draft Tree Management Policy was presented to the members of the Climate Action and Biodiversity SPC and discussed at the SPC meeting on the 9th September. Submissions have been received from the members of the SPC and are being addressed. A revised policy document will be discussed with the SPC on 22nd October.



Upper Avoca Catchment. Funding for this has still not been sourced and we are awaiting a call for Climate Action Fund Applications.

Energy

BEC 1121 application as set out below have been approved and with the support of 3 Counties Energy agency all projects are being progressed.

All paperwork for submission to SEAI to claim the grant is being collated with a deadline of 15th October.

The following Contracts have been put in Place:

PV Panel – Solar Electric – Site Surveys complete and installation complete.

BMS – Lawler Sustainability - Site Surveys complete and installation complete.

Lighting Upgrade – Safeco Electric – Works Complete

EV Chargers – Works ongoing.

Location	Project	Status
Clermont	Heating Controls	Complete
	PV Panel	Complete
Wicklow Town Hall	PV Panel	Complete
	Lighting Upgrade	Complete
Bray Civic Offices	PV Panel	Complete
	Heating Controls	Complete
	Lighting Upgrade	Complete
Bray Depot	PV Panel	Complete
	Lighting Upgrade	Complete
Tinahely Area Office and Fire Station	Lighting Upgrade	Complete
	Insulation Upgrade	Complete
	Insulation Upgrade	Complete
	PV Panel	Complete
Greystones Library	Lighting Upgrade	Complete



Coral LC Wicklow	Heat Pump Upgrade	Removed as tender was significantly higher than expected.
County Buildings	BMS	Complete
7 No. EV Chargers.	EV Chargers - Double Socket	Ongoing.

Sustainable Energy Committees

Work continues on the Energy Master Plans, EMPs for Newtownmountkennedy, Greystones/Delgany, Wicklow and Blessington. Greystones/Delgany and Newtownmountkennedy are almost complete.

Glenmalure has completed its EMP. The committee is now focused on identifying projects to implement. Laragh Energy Master Plan is also complete and has been presented to the Community. Payment was made and a claim for reimbursement from SEAI has been submitted.

The grant application for an Energy Master Plan by Enniskerry SEC has been processed and a grant agreement signed between Wicklow County Council and SEAI. Work by consultants has started.

A new application for a grant to undertake an energy master plan was received from High Park SEC with St Patrick's Missionary Society in Kiltegan. The application has been submitted to SEAI who have approved the EMP.

A new SEC group was formed in Arklow. The application is now complete and due to be submitted to SEAI.

Environmental Awareness

Judging has been completed in the annual Tidy Town, Estates and sustainable development awards. This year the awards referenced the sustainable development goals. Waiting for results from national competition to complete list with award for best in national competition.

A new Tree nursery project has been started. Training is being provided to community groups in Baltinglass, Laragh, Bray and Greystones on the production of trees locally from seed in a nursery bed.

The annual Tree Grant has been advertised with a closing date for the 8th of October. Grants of up to 75% are provided for trees planted.

The Relove Fashion competition 2021/2022 has been launched using a new web portal for entries allowing for the participation of schools across ten local authorities.



Teacher training is being provided on Green School on the 21st of October. 14 schools have now been awarded Green Flags.

A new containers has been installed in Arklow recycling centre for the Bikes to Africa project to allow bike be collected from all our recycling centres for repair and shipment to Africa with the Rotary Club.

Work is ongoing on an EPA funded project to develop composting solutions for the management of the high levels of grass production which must be lifted when green space is being managed for pollinators. Three Tidy Town communities have been selected for the project and started site selection and training. They are Greystones, Blessington and Grangecon. The project has been extended to include Hollywood, Delgany and Newtownmountkennedy.

Wicklow County Council is one of three local authorities involved in an EPA funded pilot on separate collection of textiles which will test different approaches for improving the collection of textiles.. Donegal and Clare will test new collection systems while Wicklow will use a communications campaign to increase use of existing textile disposal options. The communications campaign will target one town, for which we will use Arklow, focusing on the charity shops in the town and the recycling centre.

This year's LAPN funding call from the EPA has been made. Three project applications were submitted from Wicklow. The first will look at circularity in textiles linking too and developing on from the CRNI/CTC textiles research project above. The project will involve workshops on upcycling of clothes and a demonstration project on upcycling partnering with charities in the town. The second project for which funding will be sought will for a Wicklow Naturally webinar or event on the circular economy for food producers. This project will be delivered in collaboration with the Wicklow LEO, highlighting the Green for Micro programme. A third project will link to the Bikes for Africa project and involve delivery of workshops on bicycle repair in the three larger recycling centres.

A Transition Year Climate Action programme to guide schools on engaging students in action at local level is being developed. Partners in the project are Kildare, Meath and Louth local authorities and the CARO office. It will link up with the GAA Future Leaders programme.

Wicklow County Council is working with eight other local authorities to develop a series of short videos on dog fouling for use on social media. The campaign will include six animated video each of which shows the impact dog fouling has on others using a variety of scenarios. We will seek matching gifs which can be shared by residents associations more easily on Whats app groups and will serve as reminders of the main campaign. The videos are currently in production.



Control of Dogs

Dog licences

433 licence reminders were sent out during September for dogs due to have their licences renewed in September or early October. 47 licences were not renewed for September. 411 licences were issued, 382 being yearly renewals and 29 lifetime licences were purchased.

Control of Horses

During September 2 horses were seized whilst straying and subsequently reclaimed by their owner. . 2 horses were rehomed in September 2021.

Beaches

Wicklow County Council asked people who swim at beaches, lakes and rivers to tell them if they think they should maintain existing designated bathing waters designations or give a new official bathing area designation to areas that are commonly used for swimming, but not identified at the moment. 30 submissions were received by 28th August and are being reviewed.

Brittas Bay Carparks

The carpark operator in both Brittas Bay North and Brittas Bay South has ceased operating as the bathing season is now over.

A review of Waste Management and operations at the South Beach is underway with the intention of improving same.



Harbours and Ports

Activity at Wicklow Port

2021	Ships	Single (Import or Export)	Double (Import or Export)	Transactions	Imports	Exports
Jan	9	9	0	9	7	2
Feb	9	9	0	9	7	2
Mar	11	11	0	9	9	2
April	11	11	0	11	8	3
May	8	8	0	8	8	0
Jun	11	10	1	12	9	3
July	12	12	0	12	10	2
Aug	9	9	0	9	9	0
Sept	8	7	1	9	8	1

Pollution Control

Bathing Water Monitoring Programme

14 Bathing Water samples were collected and tested.

The Identified Bathing Waters were all excellent: Bray South Promenade Greystones South, Brittas Bay North, Brittas Bay South, Silver Strand and Clogga.

The Non-Identified Bathing waters were also all excellent: South of Bray Harbour, Kilcoole, The Murrough, The Cove Greystones, Wicklow Harbour, Arklow South and The Cove Arklow.

Pollution Response & Investigation

3 Water pollution complaints received and investigated.

7 Air pollution complaints received and investigated.

2 Noise pollution complaints received and investigated.



Private Water Supplies

Of the 41 Private water supplies monitored.

3 were found non-compliant with pH parametric values

7 were found non-compliant with microbiological parametric values

The water suppliers were informed of the non-compliance and advised to take remedial action.

2 boil water notices were issued in respect of non-compliant microbiological quality.

Water Framework Directive National Monitoring Programme

12 Lakes monitored involving for checking compliance with environmental quality standards

14 Rivers monitored involving 35 samples for compliance with environmental quality standards.

Water Framework Directive River Management Engagement and Investigative

The New Draft River Management Plan for 2022-2027 2021 has been published and submissions on the content of plan are invited.

A presentation on the New Draft River Management Plan for 2022-2027 will be given to the Council Meeting.

Water Framework Directive – River Basin Management Plan

The 3rd Cycle of the River basin Management Plan will commence soon with a public consultation phase. The Draft RBMP has been published by the Minister. The Council will publicise it and give presentations to MD meetings and the main council meeting about the plan to promote public interest and engagement in October and November.

Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plants – Ambient Monitoring

36 River/Lake samples taken and analysed upstream and downstream of discharges of public wastewater treatment plants

Petrol Vapour Recovery Regulations

- 1 Petrol vapour installation was issued certificate of installation.
- 1 Petrol vapour installation was issued certificate of testing.
- 1 Petrol vapour installation was inspected.

Septic Tank Inspections - National Inspection Plan 2021

1 inspection plan prepared.

2 septic tank inspections were carried out and deemed compliant.

Licensed Effluent Discharges to Waters/Sewer



2 licensed wastewater discharges to waters was monitored and found compliant.

2 self-monitored licensed wastewater discharges to sewers were reviewed.

1 licence application for wastewater discharge to waters received.

Planning & Development

8 environmental reports on referred planning applications/consultations were completed concerned agricultural, commercial and forestry development.

Well Grants

Number of New Applications	15
Number of New Wells Granted	6
Number of New Pumps Granted	12
Number of New Equipment (Filters etc.)Granted	20
Number of Inspections in advance/after works	26

Arklow & Avoca Flood Relief Schemes

The Compulsory Purchase Order was signed by the Chief Executive and nominated member on the 25th of May 2021 and the Environmental Impact Statement and application to An Bord Pleanala was submitted to An Bord Pleanala on the 31st of May 2021

An Bord Pleanala have indicated that they are collating the submissions and dividing them into “CPO” and “Section 226”, and they will forward them for our information. It is expected that there will be an Oral Hearing as there is at least one objection to the CPO by a landowner of a significant plot of land.

Arklow Municipal District has made a submission to the OPW requesting additional glass paneling to the Scheme at South Quay. Wicklow County Council has been working with the Law Department and the OPW in reviewing the submissions in order to prepare for the expected Oral Hearing

There were 21 submissions on the Planning Application and 9 submissions to the CPO, which are currently being considered.



5. Transportation, Water & Emergency Services

Public Lighting

The total number of public lighting faults currently outstanding stands at 300

For your information below is a comparison on the number of outstanding faults to same period in the previous three years.

Year	2021	2020	2019	2018
Date	04/10/2021	06/10/2020	07/10/2019	01/10/2018
No. of Outstanding Faults	300	330	378	427
Difference		30	78	127

	30th August 2021	6th September 2021	13th September 2021	20th September 2021	27th September 2021	4th October 2021
Access Issues (Attended)						
Cable Fault (Attend)	12	12	11	10	11	11
ESB Required (Attended)	4	4	4	2	3	3
Knock Down (Attended)	27	26	24	24	24	24
Materials required	3	3	3	2	2	2
No Supply	3	3	3	3	3	3
On Hold	6	6	6	8	8	8
Submitted	9	9	10	12	12	12
Traffic Management Required	159	143	168	186	182	229
TOTAL	12	12	12	13	13	8
Percentage of lights not working	235	218	241	260	258	300
	1.57%	1.45%	1.61%	1.73%	1.72%	2.00%

Status	ARKLOW MD	BALTINGLASS MD	BRAY MD	GREYSTONES MD	WICKLOW MD	Grand Total
Access Issues (Attended)		2	4	3	2	11
Cable Fault (Attend)	2				1	3
ESB Required (Attended)	10		5	2	7	24
Knock Down (Attended)		1	1			2
Materials required	1	1	1			3
No Supply	3	1	1	3		8
On Hold	2		3	3	4	12
Submitted	14	65	74	34	42	229
TMR	1	1		2	4	8
Grand Total	33	71	89	47	60	300
Percentage Not Working	1.13%	2.97%	2.67%	1.70%	1.66%	2.00%

Parking Income

Parking Income by Municipal District	EURO
Bray Municipal District	619,105
Greystones Municipal District	190,458
Wicklow Municipal District	208,875
Arklow Municipal District	125,194
Parking Permits	51,865
Parking Fines	236,115
Wicklow County Council	1,431,612

Transportation Statistics (General)

	Total 2020	Running total 2021	August	September
Solicitors Queries	842	738	80	83
Road Closure Applications	23	36	5	9
Road Opening Licences	1279	1288	112	127
Abnormal Load Applications	33	41	7	12

M11N11 Junction 4 to 14 Improvement Scheme

The online non-statutory public display of the Preferred Corridor that commenced on 30 August was concluded on 4th October. The initial public consultation period was set at 3 weeks but was subsequently extended by a further 2 weeks.

Engagement with the Project Team will continue throughout Phase 3 Detailed Design.

The Option Selection report will be finalised following the review of submissions received during public display and will then be made available to the public.

Both the project team and the Land Liaison team are continuing to meet virtually with the public and any interested groups.

Environmental Surveys are continuing on site, with field walkover surveys including Bat, Barn Owl, Hydro Surveys, Breeding Birds, to name but a few. Updates on the surveys that are being undertaken can be found on the project website www.n11m11.ie.

M11N11 Bus Priority Interim Scheme

An interim bulletin update is intended following the public display on the J4 to 14 scheme.

Arup Consulting Engineers are progressing with the development of the Phase 2 (Options Selection) and Phase 3 (Design and Environmental Evaluation).

A Section 85 agreement is being drafted between Wicklow County Council and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council.

N11 Parallel Service Road at Kilmacanogue –

Substantial completion of the construction contract certified for 24 September 2021. Completion of snagging and outstanding works will continue during October. The road works speed limit order was lifted on 01 October 2021, with the exception of the Parallel Service Road which will retain the RWSLO of 50km/h. The speed limit of 60km/h included in the current bye-laws will apply on the N11 mainline. It is intended to amend this bye-law to allow a 100km/h speed limit as intended by the Part 8 for the scheme. This will be further considered as part of the county wide review of speed limits.

N81 Knockroe Bend Realignment - scheme is complete. Some defect remediation works are still outstanding by the contractor on the road surfacing.



N81 Irishtown West, Whitestown Lower, Hangman's Bend and Tuckmill Lower "N81 Four Studies"

Following the completion of the Phase 1 (Feasibility Report) for the N81 Tuckmill Lower, Hangman's Bend, Whitestown Lower and Irishtown West projects (the 'N81 Four Studies'), Wicklow County Council has requested approval from TII to progress the scheme to Phase 2 (Route Selection) in accordance with the TII Project Management Guidelines (PMG).

N81 Pavement Capital Works - Resurfacing works of 4km of the N81 between Blessington and Rusborough House commenced during August and were substantially completed in September 2021.

N81 Capital Maintenance - Resurfacing works from Ballinacrow Upper to Saundersgrove Hill and at Hollywood Lower were completed in July 2021. Pavement repair (patching) was completed in Blessington in July

N81 Energy Reducing Public Lighting –

TII have provided funding for energy reducing public lighting schemes at N81 Lambs Junction & Hollywood Junction

Materials (head units) on order from Airtricity and are awaiting delivery

N81 TII Vehicle Restraint Systems (VRS) Programme 2021

The contract involves 9 complete barrier replacements and 6 barrier repairs. The contract also involves the provision of temporary traffic management at one site to facilitate a VRS survey and risk assessment.

The contract has been awarded to CHM who are current awaiting delivery of materials.

Sustainable Transportation Measures Grant Schemes

Bray Strand Road Cycle Route – Works are substantially complete on the Seafront Plaza with road marking, bollard installation, planting, minor repairs and snagging still to be completed.

Bray Dart Interchange – Atkins Consulting Engineers are currently finalising the detail design for this project. It is anticipated that the detail design will be completed in October.

Greystones Transport Study – The Contract for Consultants to undertake the Greystones Transport Study has been awarded to Ove Arup Consulting Engineers. Work has commenced on the preparation of the Baseline Assessment of the study area.

Arklow Transport Study – DBFL Consulting Engineers have carried out a Baseline Assessment of the study area and are drafting the Baseline Report. They have also commenced work on the Context Report which will identify the transport objectives and issues relating to the study area.

Delgany Village Accessibility Scheme – Tenders were advertised for Consultants to undertake the management of the project from Detail Design Stage to Project Completion. Two tenders have been received and these are currently being assessed.

Pedestrian Access Route Wicklow Train Station AECOM Consulting Engineers have completed the Options Assessment Report. Consultation is ongoing with landowners. Work is ongoing on the Preliminary Design for the scheme.



Bus Priority in Little Bray – Topographical and GPR Surveying work have been completed along with the traffic parking surveys. DBFL Consulting Engineers have commenced work on the concept development of the scheme.

Safe Routes to School – The Greenschools Infrastructure Officer is meeting with each of the three schools that are included in the first phase of the Safe Route to Schools Programme for Wicklow. User surveys will be carried out in each school and Delivery Plans will then be drafted.

Kilmacanogue to Southern Cross Road Greenway – RPS Consulting Engineers are working on the Revised Options Assessment Report. Topographical surveys have been completed and Ecological surveys are being undertaken. Site investigation works are to commence in the coming weeks.

Southern Cross Road Improvement Scheme – Barry Transportation has completed the Feasibility Report and have commenced the Options Assessment Stage. Topographical and GPR Surveys have been carried out.

NTA Active Travel 2021 – There are now 15 schemes listed under the Active Travel 2021 programme with overall funding allocation of €2.077M with Red Lane and Manor Kilbride Schemes now progressing under Active Travel. Gateway approval submissions have been made to the NTA for 12 of the schemes with further submissions anticipated in early October 2021. Construction Works have commenced on 7 of the schemes with further schemes to commence in the coming weeks.

Wicklow County Council Compulsory Purchase Chapel Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Infrastructure Improvement Scheme) No.1 Order, 2021

Wicklow County Council has prepared and lodged CPO documents with An Bord Pleanála in order to upgrade the existing Chapel Road by the provision of pedestrian and cycle infrastructure to improve traffic arrangements and pedestrian and cyclist accessibility.

The upgrade works include the improvement of the Chapel Road/Convent Road Roundabout, the upgrade of footpaths, the provision of cycle tracks facilities, pedestrian crossings, public lighting, traffic calming measures new road signs and road markings, new gullies draining to a new storm water collection system, the provision of a 250mm PE4 Bar main along the extent of Chapel Road, the construction of new boundary treatments, new entrances, and landscaping.

Oral Hearing for this scheme to be held by An Bord Pleanála on the 19th October 2021.

Newtownmountkennedy Town Centre Refurbishment Scheme

A consultant has been appointed to provide Technical Consultancy Services to bring the Newtownmountkennedy Town Centre Refurbishment scheme from Preliminary Design / planning and readiness for application for funding for construction. The scheme intends to undertake works to focus on the enhancement of Newtownmountkennedy town centre to address issues of physical and economic decline with significant levels of vacancy and a lack of focal points in the town centre. Significant traffic management issues have also been identified. At the same time Wicklow County Council intends to provide a relevant and necessary level of community facilities in order to build social cohesion and enable a resilient community.

A meeting with the local community has taken place to hear their expectations / main issues.



Arklow Parade Ground Public Realm

Under the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund Wicklow County Council received funding for the construction of the Arklow Parade Ground Public Realm. A consultant was appointed to provide Technical Consultancy Services to bring the Arklow Parade Ground Public Realm scheme through all stages. This involves public realm and streetscape improvements to the Parade Ground area and Main Street, amendments to the existing parking arrangements and bus stop on Arklow Main Street.

A contractor has been appointed and the works started in September 2021

Blessington Inner Relief Road

Wicklow County Council is currently advancing on proposals to complete the Blessington Inner Relief Road Project. The completion of the Blessington Inner Relief Road will provide a safer transport facility and will take traffic away from the busy town centre. The project will involve the construction of a northern and southern section, which will tie in with existing sections west of the town centre. A consultant has been appointed for the scheme to bring it through all stages of the design / planning and land access.

High level environmental assessments are currently being carried out of the emerging preferred option.

Arklow Shillelagh Greenway

Wicklow County Council issued letters to all landowners along the above route advising that updated additional environmental surveys are required in advance of planning and environmental reports. These will be carried out in October 2021 and documents for planning updated after that.

Bray Sustainable Transport Bridge

Wicklow County Council held a public consultation of the Part 8 process for Bray Sustainable Transport Bridge Project.

This process is currently suspended while An Bord Pleanála considers the request that an Environmental Impact Assessment is carried out for the scheme.

Baltinglass Town Centre Plan

Consultants are progressing through the detailed design of this Public Realm improvement scheme with the intention of inviting tenders for construction Q4 2021.

Cunningham's Corner

As part of Specific Road Improvement Funding, realignment of a bend is required on the R755 Roundwood to Kilmacanoge Road (near Djouce golf club) where there have been a number of incidents over the years. Consultants are completing final design option. Agreements have been signed with both affected Landowners. Tree and hedge removal and construction has commenced on site.

Sally's Bridge

Construction has commenced at Sally's Bridge to widen the existing junction to improve sight lines and turning movements. Due to insufficient junction width, the bridge parapet wall is being



continuously damaged. Drainage works are required as part of this project and are substantially complete.

Bridge Crew works

The Bridge crew is currently finishing off re-building a section of damaged parapet at Rednagh bridge, Aughrim. Ballinaclash cappings have been replaced after a strike. Tombreane bridge parapet was repaired after being hit by a vehicle and scour repairs have been completed at Boley Bridge, Shillelagh in September.

Machinery Yard – Working with Climate team in relation to installing EV chargers in Council depots across the county. Nissan and Peugeot Electric Vans have been road tested within the Municipal Districts. The Maxus e deliver 3 and e deliver 9 were on trial in the last few weeks. Feedback from all Departments expected later this week.

The EV charger contractor has been appointed. SEE Airtricity is the preferred contractor. EV chargers to be installed in 6 depots across the county. Works have commenced on site.

Capital replacement programme for replacement of the fleet is currently being worked on and with the Environment Sectin on the purchase of a new truck for the Pure Project.

As part of compliance with RSA regulations, trial of Fleet Maintenance systems is ongoing in the Machinery Yard.

Pro Works – trial has proved very successful. Pro-Work to roll out to the roads section and Municipal Districts. Tablets have been rolled out to some staff in Roads. Training took place in October.

Surface Dressing: Surface Dressing commenced on the 30th May in the Arklow District, and has moved between each Municipal District as planned. The weather has been favourable for most of the season, except for week ending 25th July when Road temperatures reached 50 degrees and above. Surface dressing was stood down due to high temperatures. Works programme for 2021 complete and after care sweeping has finished also.

PLEEP – (STET) The tender for the appointment of a Consultant to manage the process from Stage (i) preliminary report, Stage (ii) preparation of Tender Documentation including any design works and Stage (iii) Tender for the “Works” (was published on e-tenders on 23 October 2020. 3 tenders received by return date of 24 November 2020. ARUP was appointed. Draft tender documentation issued to WCC for review at the end of June and comments returned. The target for the publication of the tender for the “Works”- Stage (iv)-(V) is the end of July 2021 with tender return at end of October 2021. Award date of Works contract will be mid Q1 2022.

Emergency Services/Fire Service

Operational Fire Statistics September 2021

	TOTAL	Bray	Greystones	Wicklow	Rathdrum	Arklow	Blessington	Dunlavin	Baltinglass	Carnew	Tinahely
Call sign		1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.9	2.1
Two Stations Mobilised											
Fire Domestic Persons Reported	0										
Fire Domestic	6	1	1	2	1	1					
Fire Caravan	0										
Road Traffic Collision (RTC)	15	4	5	1			3	2			
Fire Vehicle (HGV /motorway)	2						1	1			
Hazardous Materials Incident	0										
Fire Industrial / Commercial	0										
Fire Barn / Shed / Prefab	3		1	1		1					
Fire Alarm or CO ₂ Activation	23	13	5	3	1						1
Fire Outdoor: Gorse / bushes / trees	17	3	1		2	2	3	3	1	2	
Fire Chimney	0										
Fire Small / bin / skip / bonfire	32	20	4	6	1	1					
Fire Vehicle	0										
Flooding	0										
Trees Down, Make Scene Safe	2		1	1							
Ambulance Assist	7		2	2	2	1					
Garda Assist	3	1			1		1				
Electrical Incident	2			1						1	
Gas Leak	0										
River / Water Rescue	0										
Fire Oil / Petrol	0										
Explosion	0										
Entrapment / Rescue / Lift	0										
Oil Spill / Road Hazard	0										
Animal Rescue	0										
Lock In / Lock Out	1	1									
False Alarm – Good Intent	2			1						1	
Malicious False Alarm	0										
Mobilised into other County	2						2				
Times Stations mobilised	117	43	20	18	8	6	10	6	1	4	1

* 19/09/2021 Crew from Naas assisted Blessington at an RTC.

There were **104 incidents** attended during the month of September 2021. Individual Fire Stations were mobilised on a total of **117 occasions** including 2 incidents in other counties. There was no



occasion during the month when an Incident Commander requested an additional crew above what had been predetermined for the incident type to deal with the incident.

Operational activity for the month of September **decreased by -4% on the preceding month** (August 2021 – 122 mobilisations). Small outdoor fires started maliciously continue to be an issue particularly in the Bray area (approximately 5 per week). They represent 50% of all incidents in Bray and 27% across the county. Of total incidents in the county alarm activations represented 20%.

In spite of the spate of malicious outdoor fires and gorse fires operational activity for the month of September 2021 **decreased by -24% on the equivalent month in 2020** (September 2020 – 153 mobilisations). This is mainly accounted for by a decrease in gorse fires, down from 34 to 17 and a reduction in calls to other counties, down from 11 to 2.

Sample Incidents (September 2021)

- 10/09/2021 Crews from Bray and Greystones attended a tumble drier on fire in a shed to the rear of the house in Oldcourt, Bray. The shed was adjacent to the plastic oil tank for central heating.
- 11/09/2021 Crews from Greystones and Wicklow Town attended a 2-vehicle RTC at Monalin on the R765 to Roundwood, 1-person trapped.
- 12/09/2021 Crews from Dunlavin and Blessington attended a 1-vehicle RTC near Donard on the N81. 1 occupant trapped, air bags deployed.
- 18/09/2021 Crews from Dunlavin and Blessington attended an RTC on the N81 near the Poulaphouca Dam involving a motorbike and a truck.
- 21/09/2021 Crews from Wicklow Town, Arklow and Greystones (tanker) attended a hay barn fire in Redcross.

Incidents mobilised outside County Wicklow (September 2021):

Kildare (2-incidents):

- 09/09/21 Blessington crew assisted firefighters from Naas at a domestic fire in Ballymore Eustace. 2 occupants of the house were taken to hospital by ambulance.
- 18/09/21 Blessington crew assisted firefighters from Naas at a 2 vehicle RTC in Ballymore Eustace. One vehicle was in a field with one person trapped.

General

Three new Recruit Fire-Fighters started on 21st September, one each in Bray, Carnew and Tinahely.

The following courses were delivered at the Bray Training Centre

- National Breathing Apparatus Instructor Course run by NDFEM (5-days)
- National Instructor Course organised by Cork City Fire Brigade (5 Days)
- National Module 1 Officer Training organised by NDFEM (5 Days)

Emergency Services Driver Training and Assessments were delivered in Blessington.

Wicklow contributed to the new Fire Service 5 Day QQI Transportation Incidents Course held in Trim.

Tender documentation for two Water Tankers were completed, tenders will be published in October.

Fire Prevention Statistics September 2021

Application type	Received	Deemed Invalid	Requested additional information	Inspections	Recommended Grant
Fire Safety Certificates	5		2		3
Regularisation Certificates				1	
FSC as part of 7 Day Notice					
Disability Access Certificates	2		2		4

Note: An extension of time was agreed with the applicant on 13 occasions during the month

Licensing	Received	Inspected	Further info / adjourned	No Objection letter
District	10	59	1	56
Circuit				
Dangerous Substances Act		1		
Explosive Act				

Commencement Notices for Sept 2021:

Commencement Notices Submitted: 39

- 8 Commencement Notices with Compliance Documents
- 23 Opt Out Declarations
- 5 Commencement Notices without Compliance Documents
- 3 Seven day Notice

Submission Statistics

- 59 % of Commencement Notices - Opt Out
- 70 % of Commencement Notices Revised Information required & requested = 28 No. Commencement Notices (CN) of which
 - 5 are Compliance Documentation (18%)
 - 17 are Opt Out (61%)
 - 3 Without Compliance Documentation (11%)
 - 3 Seven Day Notice (11%)
- 27 Valid Commencement Notices

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- 61 new build residential Units (23 of which are one off houses)
- Invalidated CNs for September = 0

- **Certificates of Completion processed in September 2021**

- 17 New No. of CCC submitted
- 21 No. Validated
- 0 No. Invalid

Submission Statistics

21 No. Validated CCCs related to;

- 15 No CCCs submitted in September 2021
- 5 No CCCs submitted in August 2021
- 1 No CCCs submitted in July 2021

7 Revised Info Requests from September

**BCA not notified on completion of opt out developments

Submissions of Certificate of Compliance on Completion have continued at high volume in September as the private construction sector catches up on units due for completion earlier in the year. From observations during onsite inspections, this increased volume will continue through the end of 2021 and into 2022.

Building control has focused on site inspections including One Off (Opt Out) dwellings in September to continue to promote compliance with Building Regulations. Section 11 Compliance requests have been issued to sites where non-compliances have been observed during inspections. Method statements for remedial works and photographic evidence of remedial works have been also been requested. Responses will be assessed upon submission to Building Control.



Organisational Development and Financial Matters

1. HR and Corporate Services

Recruitment

The following interviews were held in September:

- Assistant Planner
- Executive Technician
- Temp. Broadband Officer (Confined)
- Temp. Executive Solicitor
- Executive Engineer Permanent & Temporary
- Assistant Chief Fire Officer
- Assistant Civil Defence Officer

Employee Numbers	Q1 2021	Q2 2021
Managerial/Administrative	296	297
Professional/Technical	123	118
Outdoor	268	264
Temporary/Seasonal	51	71 (increase relates to lifeguards)
Non DOHPLG	8	8
Total	746	758

Access to Information

F.O.I. Requests

September 2021: 12	September 2020: 8
Jan – September 2021: 72	Jan – September 2020: 103



Ombudsman Requests

September 2021	3
January to September 2021	20

September 2020	1
January to September 2020	18

Press Releases

September 2021 – 10 Press Releases

Register of Electors

The 2021/2022 Live Register was published on 1st February 2021 in line with statutory regulations. Due to the ongoing Covid-19 Emergency we are limited in the number of areas we can distribute the Register to. The Register is available for inspection in each of the Municipal District Offices and at the Customer Service Hub in County Buildings. The Political Extract was generated and issued to all Council Members, TD's and Senator via email. The total number of Electors on the 2021/2022 Live Register of Electors is 102,346 and there are 206 polling stations in Wicklow.

The Franchise staff will continue to strive for excellence on the Register of Electors database. We are continuing to accept applications from 18 year olds and new residents moving into the county in the event that an electoral event occurs and there is a requirement for a Supplement Register. We will continue to make contact with new housing developments and urban areas where new developments are coming on stream in an effort to get new residents register and have had a good response from new housing developments in the past 2 months.

We will continue to work on areas where there is a lack of Eircodes and dates of birth. Wicklow Co. Co. are now the lead authority in terms of Eircode coverage on the register with over 99% of the electorate having an Eircode attached to their Register of Electors entry. We are continuing to assist the LGMA in their exercise to have other Local Authorities achieve similar Eircode coverage on their own Register of Electors. Approximately 1500 letters have issued to electors for whom we have no date of birth or an anomaly in their date of birth entry. We are also working very closely with the Department of Heritage, Planning and Local Government as one of the lead authorities on the Electoral Register Reform Bill.

We will be commencing a print and social media presence in the coming weeks to seek applications to entry on the Register of Electors along with postal vote applications for the elderly and vulnerable if they wish to have a postal vote. It is hoped still that once Covid restrictions are lifted that we will be in a position to establish voter registration days in schools, shopping centres and libraries.

Communication

I am delighted to inform you that out of our 19 submissions to LAMA All Ireland Community & Council Awards, **16 have been shortlisted to the final.** Well done to all.



Wicklow County Council shortlisted Project:

Category 1 : Community Initiatives:	Proposed Submissions
Arts/Culture incl. Festival's & Events	Summer Songs Inland and by the Sea Wicklow Passport (promote culture)
Community based Initiatives	Covid Care Concerts (Wicklow Nursing Homes)
Community Volunteer of the Year	Jason Mulhall – Blessington Tidy Towns
Category 2 : Economic Development Initiatives:	
Beat Local Authority Innovation for attracting Inward Investment	Arklow Courthouse Enterprise Hub
Category 3 : Facility/Infrastructure Initiatives:	
Disability Access and Inclusion	Customer Service Hub Changing Places Wicklow Library
Best Public Park	Dog Park Arklow
Best Social Housing Project/initiative	The Carraig Eden project
Category 4 : Collaboration and Leadership Initiatives:	
Best Tourism Initiative	Wicklow Passport Refurbishment of Fitzwilliam Square Samuel Hayes Bridge
Best Community Health Initiative	San Remo Project
Best CSR Community programme (Corporate Social Responsibility)	Rathcoran House Project Wicklow Library – Read Rainbow
Category 5 : Environmental Initiatives:	
Best Environmental/Ecological Project/Initiative	WCC mapping tool – Sustainable Development Goals

The final will be held on Saturday 27th November 2021

Customer Service Innovation Hub

2021 - Quarter 3			
Communication	No.	Public Counters	Transactions
No. of Phone Calls	34,452	Motor Taxation	2,084
No. of Emails	2,929	Revenue	604
No. of Elected Members	458	Social Housing Applications	192
CRM Cases	2,319		



2. I.C.T.

Implementation of Backup and Disaster Recovery Solution

- Successfully implemented new Backup and Disaster Recovery Solution, both hardware and software
- Testing of Solution and training of staff ongoing

IT Helpdesk

- The IT Helpdesk continues to streamline the workflow for the technical support team with an average of 30 tickets a day, providing assistance for both in-house and remote workers.
- Examination of system upgrades potential is underway.

Domain Migration

- Server migration is almost complete.

Implementation of ePlanning

- Systems and Project Plan in Place to rollout ePlanning

GIS & Data Collection Systems

- Development of an interactive walking trails portal is ongoing.
- Online consultation portal for the N11/M11 upgrade has gone live and is available to view in County Buildings and online.
- New OGC standards WMS/WMTS from the OSI has been integrated into our GIS systems.
- Post processing of datasets procured from BlueSky is ongoing. New Aerial photography from 2020 has been processed along with DTM/DSM datasets.
- Arklow Municipal District's Road's Section is collaborating with the inhouse Applications Development Team, to design and develop a new generation of "Smart" mobile data collection applications.
- Migration of certain datasets to the cloud environment has been completed.

Customer Service Delivery

- Support for the Customer Service Innovation Hub is ongoing. The Customer Service project requires a high level of IT collaboration with both hardware and software elements integrated into the Hub.
- Work continues with the business process mapping and DPIA's are being carried out for each process as it arises.
- Avaya IP Office Phone System has been modified to integrate the Avaya Contact Centre Select Hardware Appliance and software. This has led to greater integration with call reporting systems and has improved customer service delivery.

eServices

Wicklow.ie – pageviews from September 1st, 2020, to August 31st, 2021, were 1,399,500. This indicates a decrease of 64,738 pageviews compared the same period the previous year.

- Social media accounts – followers to date
 - Facebook (Wicklow County Council) – 10,304 followers. This is an increase of 142 followers or 1.4 % on the previous month.
 - Twitter (@WicklowCoCo) – 7,396 followers. This is an increase of 45 followers or .6% on the previous month.
 - Instagram (@WicklowCoCo) – 2,488 followers. This is an increase of 241 followers or 10.7% on the previous month.
- The Online Consultation Hub on Wicklow.ie continues to feature in enhanced consultation campaigns. These have included–
 - o Part 8 – The Library Baltinglass



- o Part 8 – Abbey Grounds Wicklow
- o Main Street Kilcoole
- Social media campaigns have continued over the last month.
 - o #KeepWell
 - o #OutdoorsForEveryone

Response to COVID-19

The IT Department continue to support all the systems setup to respond to the additional business needs arising from the response to COVID19:

- Small Business Assistance Scheme – Support for applications and backend systems integration continues.
- Community Call Helpline remains in place with support to the helpline staff
- Remote Working Requirements for staff of Wicklow County Council
- Blended model for return-to-work arrangements
- Government Networks
- Phone Systems
- Call Conferencing
- Communications and awareness
- Laptops procured and configured to support remote working for key staff in vital business areas.
- Remote working licencing has increased in all business areas with ~300 WCC users now having the facility to work remotely using a combination of Citrix and Cisco.



FINANCIAL

Revenue Account

REVENUE ACCOUNT							
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2021							
	EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET
	Actual Expenditure	Adopted Full Year Budget	% Budget Spent to Date	Actual Income	Adopted Full Year Budget	% Budget Spent to Date	Actual Expenditure / (Income)
	€	€	%	€	€	%	€
Housing and Building	20,977,684	28,035,818	75%	(24,052,169)	(33,580,464)	72%	(3,074,485)
Road Transport & Safety	15,505,354	22,299,168	70%	(9,792,986)	(15,497,938)	63%	5,712,368
Water Services	3,815,726	5,823,666	66%	(4,573,025)	(6,857,035)	67%	(757,299)
Development Management	10,552,048	11,471,622	92%	(6,907,356)	(6,226,652)	111%	3,644,691
Environmental Services	8,718,578	11,897,222	73%	(1,531,007)	(2,069,370)	74%	7,187,571
Recreation and Amenity	5,786,420	7,946,046	73%	(849,380)	(882,197)	96%	4,937,040
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	959,461	1,496,632	64%	(659,117)	(834,228)	79%	300,344
Miscellaneous Services	15,836,315	10,447,823	152%	(14,117,715)	(7,747,758)	182%	1,718,601
Central Management Charges	14,243,959	19,212,563	74%	(762,799)	(1,000,000)	76%	13,481,160
Local Government Fund				(9,005,174)	(12,006,898)	75%	(9,005,174)
Pension Levy				0	0		0
Commercial Rates				(24,058,515)	(32,078,021)	75%	(24,058,515)
	96,395,545	118,630,560	81%	(96,309,243)	(118,780,561)	81%	86,302

Cashflow/Overdraft

Wicklow County Council manages its cashflow requirements on a daily basis and did not avail of its overdraft facility during the period 1st September 2021 to 30th September 2021.

Capital Account

CAPITAL ACCOUNT					
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2021					
	Opening Balance at 01/01/2021	Actual Expenditure	Actual Income	Transfers to/from Reserves	Closing Balance at 30/09/2021
	€	€	€	€	€
	Housing and Building	17,611,344	43,119,561	(44,959,154)	(356,500)
Road Transport & Safety	(44,050,309)	12,011,389	(7,854,003)	27,083	(39,865,840)
Water Services	(11,018,071)	287,500	(974,448)	(10,000)	(11,715,019)
Development Management	(8,802,936)	484,597	(363,101)	(810,308)	(9,491,748)
Environmental Services	1,504,016	1,756,069	(1,821,300)	(346,250)	1,092,535
Recreation and Amenity	(1,312,600)	2,207,823	(2,043,554)	(95,500)	(1,243,830)
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	(1,234,386)	112,754	0	(115,743)	(1,237,375)
Miscellaneous Services	(16,085,971)	2,054,422	(1,873,426)	(18,999)	(15,923,975)
	(63,388,913)	62,034,115	(59,888,986)	(1,726,217)	(62,970,002)



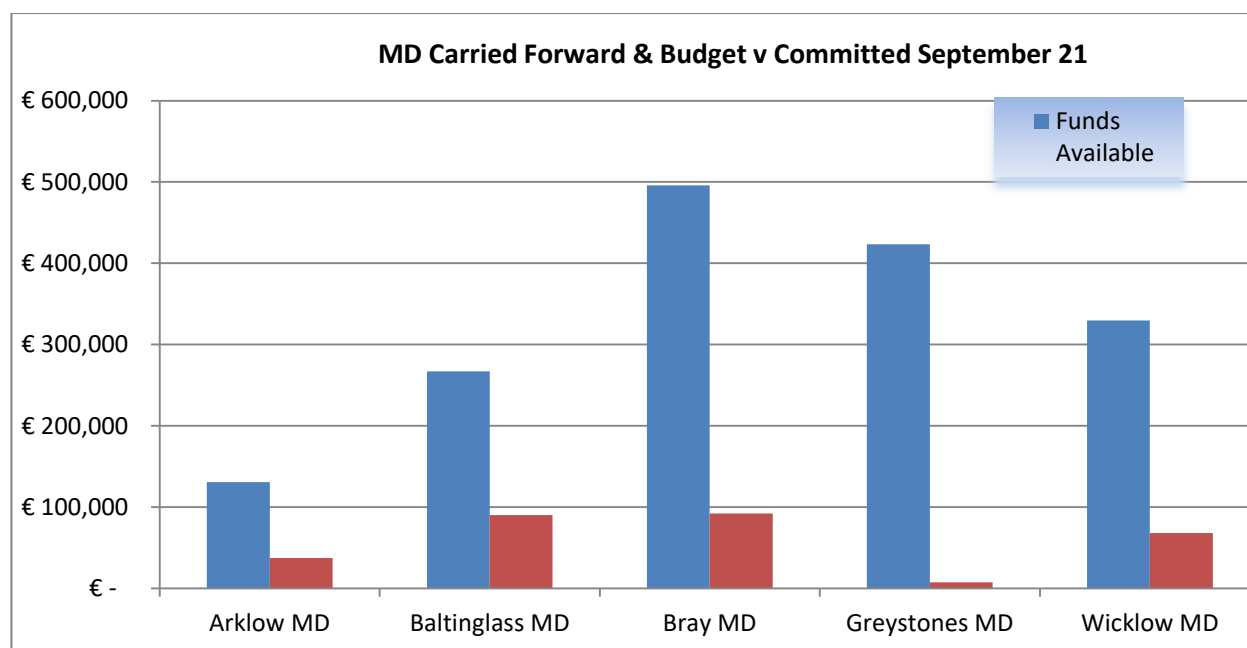
Commercial Rates, Rents and Loan Collections

SUMMARY OF MAJOR COLLECTIONS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2021										
Income Collection Area	Opening Balance 01/01/2021	Accrued	Vacancy Property Adjustments	Write Offs	Waivers	Total for Collection	Collected	Closing Arrears 30/09/2021	Specific Doubtful Arrears	% Collection
Rates	8,194,672	32,065,945	2,110	4,710	(7,442,235)	32,825,203	(20,394,372)	12,430,831	1,910,455	66%
Rents & Annuities	2,735,687	12,854,354	0	(30,683)	0	15,559,359	(12,256,167)	3,303,192	0	79%
Housing Loans	446,214	1,356,317	0	0	0	1,802,531	(1,539,502)	263,030	0	85%

Twelve Month Rates Waiver: A waiver of commercial rates was applied to specified businesses for the first, second and third quarters of 2021. This 9-month waiver has modified criteria and accordingly is a separate, standalone waiver scheme to the previous 2020 scheme. There was no application process required for this scheme. Wicklow County Council automatically applied a 100% credit in lieu of commercial rates for the quarter periods to eligible properties. An extension to the commercial rates waiver was announced in Budget 2022. This waiver is for Q4 2021 and will be “targeted at the hospitality, arts and certain tourism related sectors.”

General Municipal Allocation and Discretionary Fund 2021

The Discretionary Funding allocation for 2021 was decreased in line with the 2021 LPT rate reduction. The 2021 funding provision consists of mainly General Municipal Allocations used to support local groups and initiative etc. There was no public realm funding allocated this year, however unspent monies in this area from 2020 have been made available to Municipal Districts in 2021. The Level 5 Covid restrictions on construction which were in place up to May 4th prevented any public realm works being carried out up to that date.





Municipal District	C/F from 2020	Adopted Budget 2021	Funds available to MD	Committed	Balance to Expend
	€	€	€	€	€
Arklow MD	76,907	54,000	130,907	37,308	93,599
Baltinglass MD	245,041	22,000	267,041	90,187	176,854
Bray MD	433,456	62,500	495,956	92,360	403,596
Greystones MD	392,553	31,000	423,553	7,300	416,253
Wicklow MD	296,693	33,000	329,693	68,110	261,583
Total	1,444,650	202,500	1,647,150	295,265	1,351,885

Capital Investment Programme 2020-2022

The Capital Investment Programme 2021-2023 for Wicklow County Council which details proposed capital expenditure projects over the next 3 year period, subject to available funding, was approved by the Members at the Council meeting of March 1st 2021.

The table below outlines the proposed capital expenditure by programme group.

PROGRAMME GROUP	Expected Outlay				Proposed Funding				
	2021	2022	2023	TOTAL	Dev Charges ¹	Loan	Grant Aid ²	Other ³	TOTAL
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
HOUSING AND BUILDING	149,460,000	148,060,000	147,760,000	445,280,000		30,000,000	360,740,000	54,540,000	445,280,000
ROAD TRANSPORT & SAFETY	33,009,134	16,435,578	14,227,500	63,672,212	11,045,290	7,795,000	41,907,749	2,924,173	63,672,212
WATER SERVICES	150,000	150,000	150,000	450,000			450,000		450,000
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT	2,340,000	8,178,000	6,300,000	16,818,000	1,097,800	-	10,114,200	5,606,000	16,818,000
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	1,250,000	4,010,000	11,775,000	17,035,000			16,210,000	825,000	17,035,000
RECREATION AND AMENITY	4,583,594	25,749,891	17,823,000	48,156,485	9,439,775	-	37,696,710	1,020,000	48,156,485
AGRICULTURAL, EDUCATION, HEALTH & WELFARE	1,150,000	25,320,000	27,062,946	53,532,946	4,647,869		43,837,209	5,047,869	53,532,946
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES	1,950,000	2,200,000	2,200,000	6,350,000			2,325,000	4,025,000	6,350,000
OVERALL TOTAL	193,892,728	230,103,469	227,298,446	651,294,643	26,230,734	37,795,000	513,280,868	73,988,042	651,294,643



Capital Funded Projects

Project Scheme	Project Name	Project Cost	Match Funding
NRGF	Blessington Greenway	€15,000,000	€0
URDF	Arklow Historic Town Core	€3,134,684	€783,671
URDF	Wicklow Town - Library and Fitzwilliam Square	7,034,879	€2,407,470
URDF	Bray Public Transport Bridge	€8,600,000	€1,000,000
URDF	Bray Harbour Area Integrated Regeneration	€9,520,000	€2,380,000
RRDF 2019	Blueprint for Baltinglass	€3,566,968	€891,742
RRDF 2020	Placemaking Newtownmountkennedy	€477,000	€119,250
REDF	Wicklow County Campus - Content Creation Hub	€3,500,000	€2,000,000
Fáilte Ireland Destination Towns	Abbey Grounds Wicklow Town	€620,000	€120,000
Fáilte Ireland Outdoor Dining Scheme	Market Square Wicklow Town	€119,000	€19,000
Community CCTV Scheme	Greystones CCTV	€115,000	€75,000
Community CCTV Scheme	Blessington CCTV	€115,000	€75,000
WCC	Mill Road, Greystones Masterplan	€50,000	€50,000
ORIS 2018	Avonmore Way Link Bridge	€490,000	€98,000
ORIS 2018	Vartry Reservoir Walks & Car Park	€197,131	€39,426
ORIS 2018	St. Kevin's Way	€200,000	€40,000
ORIS 2018	The Spinc	€200,000	€50,400
ORIS 2019	Wicklow Way Infrastructure Enhancement	€25,000	€5,000
ORIS 2019	Baltinglass Road Cycle Trails	€11,000	€2,200
ORIS 2019	North Wicklow Trails Network Development	€310,700	€38,140
ORIS Measure 1 2020	Avondale Avonmore	€20,330	€2,033
ORIS Measure 1 2020	Trail Digitising	€19,600	€1,960
ORIS Measure 1 2020	Tinahely	€20,000	€2,000
ORIS Measure 1 2020	Stratford	€20,000	€2,000
ORIS Measure 1 2020	Long Distance Video	€21,400	€2,140
ORIS Measure 1 2020	Brockagh Mountain Access	€11,100	€1,110
ORIS Measure 1 2020	People Counters	€22,000	€2,200
ORIS Measure 1 2020	Sean Lenihan	€21,200	€2,120
ORIS Measure 1 2020	Glenmalure Bridge	€12,500	€1,250
ORIS Measure 3 2020	Bright light Blueway	€554,820	€55,482
Sports Capital Programme	Charlesland All Weather Pitch Refurbishment -	€59,271	€5,927
LSSIS	Wicklow Swimming Pool	€1,646,052	€493,816
LSSIS	Charlesland Running Track	€411,674	€123,502
CLAR 2019	Rathcoyle NS	€55,556	€2,778
CLAR 2019	Knockananna	€46,000	€3,000
CLAR 2021	Knockananna community allotment	€10,830	€1,083
CLAR 2021	Askanagap	€55,557	€5,557
CLAR 2021	Knockananna	€27,514	€2,501



Project Scheme	Project Name	Project Cost	Match Funding
T&V 2018	Blessington	€100,000	€20,000
T&V 2018	Wicklow	€150,000	€30,000
T&V 2019	Dunlavin	€26,216	€2,623
T&V 2019	Coolkenno	€30,000	€3,000
T&V 2019	Aughrim	€119,500	€17,925
T&V 2019	Redcross	€100,000	€20,000
T&V 2019	Delgany	€37,000	€3,700
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Bundled	€28,000	€2,800
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Dunlavin	€4,950	€495
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Roundwood	€40,000	€4,000
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Ballinaclesh	€44,000	€4,400
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Enniskerry	€44,000	€4,400
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Laragh	€27,000	€2,700
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Tinahely	€5,500	€550
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Baltinglass	€10,000	€1,000
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Arklow	€39,500	€3,950
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Wicklow	€44,444	€4,444
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Greystones	€44,444	€4,444
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Rathdrum	€27,000	€2,700
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Broadband Connection Points	€44,444	€4,444
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Kilcoole	20,000	2,000
T&V 2020 Main	Stratford	€200,000	€22,222
T&V 2020 Main	Avoca	€100,000	€11,111
T&V 2020 Main	Enniskerry	€100,000	€11,111
T&V 2020 Main	Annamoe	€100,000	€11,111
	Sub-Total	€57,807,764	€11,099,887