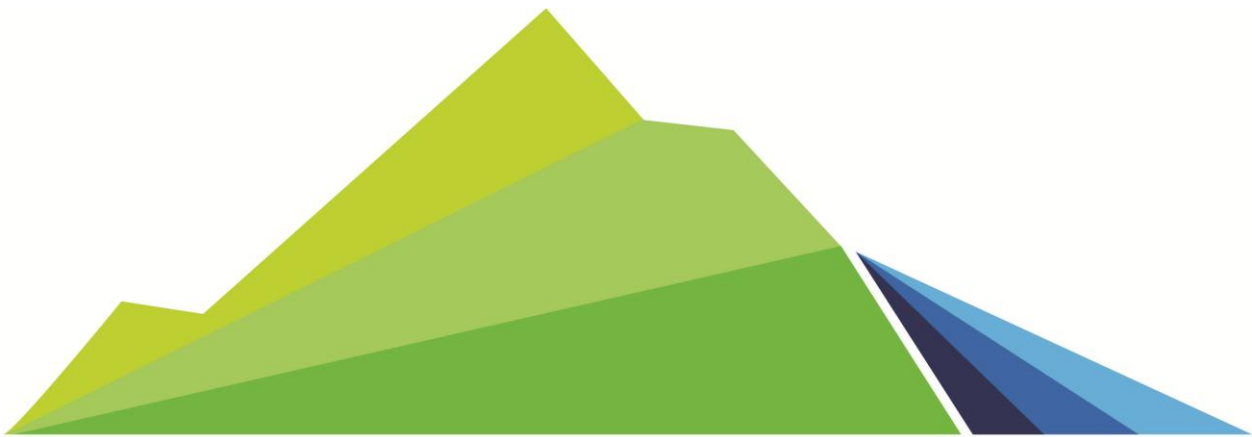


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This month:

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL TO BENEFIT IN THE REGION OF €50M UNDER THE HOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT FUND

Wicklow County Council welcomes the announcement made earlier today from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage of funding allocated to infrastructure projects supported in the first phase of the Housing Infrastructure Investment Fund (HIIF) programme.

These projects are the first to be funded as part of a major multi-annual fund committed to unlocking land and enabling the delivery of housing at scale. These infrastructure projects will unlock housing in towns and cities across the country.

Three projects across within County Wicklow will receive support through this first phase:

- **Rathnew Inner Relief Road, between €10m and €20m.** Directly unlocks lands for 418 residential units and indirectly supports a further 186 residential units.
- **Fassaroe - Pedestrian & Cycle Bridge across N11/M11, Bray, < €10m.** Bray MD and Environs LAP identifies capacity for 4,000 residential units in this area. The project also indirectly supports a further 3,000 residential units.
- **Fassaroe - Road Infrastructure N11 to Enniskerry, Bray > €20m.** The Fassaroe LAP identifies capacity for 4,000 residential units in this area. The project also indirectly supports a further 3,000 residential units

Administered by the new Housing Activation Office within the Department of Housing, the €1 bn Housing Infrastructure Investment Fund is the largest housing infrastructure fund announced in Ireland for many years.

The Housing Activation Office, will coordinate the multi-agency investment required at all levels, working directly with critical utilities and transport agencies, including Uisce Éireann and ESB Networks, to ensure that complementary investment is provided and that lands are fully serviced and ready to deliver housing.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL WECOMES ALLOCATION OF €10.72 MILLION IN FUNDING FOR ROADS DAMAGED DURING STORM CHANDRA

Wicklow County Council welcomes the recent announcement from the Department of Transport of €10.72m in funding allocated to address the damage caused to regional and local roads across the county by Storm Chandra earlier this year.

Minister for Transport Darragh O'Brien and Ministers of State Seán Canney and Jerry Buttimer allocated the funding as part of an additional €40 million provided to local authorities to undertake necessary work to restore the road infrastructure damaged during the storm.

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Social Development

Housing

	June 2026	June 2025
No. availing of Rental Assistance Scheme (RAS)	79	89
-		
No. in Long Term Leasing Accommodation	19	20
No. in Short Term Leasing Accommodation	18	19

Social Housing Applications

	June 2025	June 2026
Customer Care: New Applications	20	4
Customer Care: Awaiting Information	96	52
Customer Care: Awaiting Processing	56	2
Housing: Awaiting To Be Logged & Then Processed	62	138
Housing: Awaiting Further Information	75	93
Housing: Awaiting EHO	1	16
TOTAL	310	305

Social Housing Stock

	June 2025	June 2026
Tenancies Occupied	5066	5176
Total Weekly Rent Accrual	€344,720.88	€361,313.24
Arrears	€2,961,669.56	2,067,544.75

Rent

- Income based Differential Rent Scheme - Last Review – 2019. A full rent review will be carried out this year.
- 2 Schemes in the County – one in Bray and one for the rest of the County (new tenants in Bray now go onto Wicklow Scheme)

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Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS)

Under CAS, the Department is accepting applications for capital funding for the delivery, through either construction or acquisition, of housing accommodation, to cater for priority groups including:

- elderly.
- homeless persons (including “care leavers” exiting State care on reaching the age of 18).
- people with a disability, with particular emphasis on moving people with disabilities from congregated settings into community-based living.

Assessment criteria

CAS funding operates in partnership with Local Authorities and Approved Housing Bodies.

Local Authorities assess the specific need for CAS funded housing being cognisant of the actual housing need of the CAS groups identified in the latest Social Housing Assessment, consultations with suitable local inter-agency/co-ordination groups that deal with special needs, such as the housing and disability steering groups, national policies and guidelines, including the National Housing Strategy for Disabled People.

June 2026, Wicklow County Council continues to work in partnership KARE, St John of God & Sunbeam to deliver properties under the disability category of social housing need. Wicklow LA also continues to work with Sunbeam House Services and NAHVI/Positive-Futures, to bring active projects to completion.

Areas of delivery below:

CAS Acquisitions 2026	No. of Units	Delivery Schedule	Scheme
Rathnew	1	Delivery Q2 2026	CAS
Arklow	1	Delivery Q2 2026	CAS
Tinahely	1	Due to be Delivered Q3 2026	CAS

2016 Tenant (Incremental) Purchase Scheme

	To Date	June 2026
Applications Received	502	2
Completed	127	0
Declined	280	0
Ongoing	15	15

Voids / Re-Letting Programme

MD	Not Started	In Progress	Completed but not yet tenanted	TOTAL Vacant	TOTAL Completed in 2026
Arklow	4 (-1)	5 (+1)	1 (0)	10 (0)	6 (0)
Baltinglass	3 (+2)	8 (-2)	8 (0)	19 (0)	7 (+3)
Bray	4 (0)	7(+1)	5 (-2)	16 (-1)	9 (+2)
Greystones	3 (0)	4 (+1)	3 (+1)	10 (-2)	7 (+2)
Wicklow	9 (+4)	8 (-2)	6 (0)	23 (+2)	11 (+3)
2026 Totals	23 (+5)	32 (-1)	23 (-5)	78 (-1)	40 (+10)
2025 Totals					142
Total Vacancy as % of Total Stock		Figures in brackets indicate change on previous month			1.4 (-0.1)

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As part of the Voids Funding Programme, the Council can recoup a maximum of €11,000 per house from the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) on a once off basis. The cost of refurbishing and re-letting social housing stock in Wicklow is currently averaging €42,275 per property.



A Local Area Term Maintenance Framework for Planned Building Maintenance and Refurbishment Works was setup in 2024 and has a 2-year term. 17 contractors were appointed under this Framework to cover Wicklow's five Municipal Districts for works such as housing refurbishments works, repairs and adaption grants. Also, the Housing Direct Labour Team complete a proportion of housing upgrades as part of the Voids Programme. This framework will be renewed in Q3 2026.

Traveller Accommodation (TAU)

Scheme	Current Status
Barndarrig Group Housing scheme: 3 group housing units and 17 social houses	This three-unit group housing scheme forms part of the Housing Capital Works Project at Barndarrig. The Part 8 planning application for this project was approved in October 2025. Design team appointed in March 2026.
Vale Road, Arklow	This is a two-unit group housing scheme. The Part 8 planning process is complete. TAU funding approved and design team appointed.
Ballintесkin – 2 extensions	The tender for the construction contract has been awarded, and the contractor has commenced works. It is expected to reach substantial completion by Q4 2026.

Infill Sites/Age Friendly & Disability Schemes

Scheme	Units	Current Status
1A Mill Road, Greystones- Age Friendly	4	Construction works are ongoing and it is expected that the works will be completed in Q3 2026

Energy Retrofit Program

As part of our ongoing Energy Efficiency retrofit programme, housing services are undertaking works across the county. This includes, depending on house surveyed, and not limited to external wall insulation, attic insulation, heat pumps and upgraded windows and doors. These works comply with our policy on energy fabric upgrades which went through the SPC in 2023.

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The driver of this programme is the improvement to energy efficiency of local authority properties (BER – B2 or better), energy cost savings and sustainability. The move from solid fuel to more sustainable, energy efficient and cost-effective heating systems contributes to the climate change agenda and dramatically improves the comfort levels of tenants in these properties.

A new Framework has been developed and contracts are moving towards tender stage to deliver on projects in 2026, in line with DHLGH requirements.

EERP	Numbers carried out as - 2026
Houses complete	0



Energy Retrofit works completed at Seamount Drive Kilcoole 2025.

Regeneration Projects/ Special Projects

Hillview, Wicklow Town

Wicklow County Council have initiated meetings with the DHLGH regarding the inclusion of Hillview Estate, Wicklow Town as one of the first potential schemes under the new Delivering Housing Building Communities Housing Regeneration Fund. This estate has been identified as a location that would benefit from a housing regeneration project, due to the complexity of issues both structural and social. It is proposed to develop a suite of proposals for this housing development in Q3 2026 and apply for funding when the DHLGH Regeneration Programme is open.

Farrankelly Close, Greystones

Stock condition surveys (+Adjust) have been completed at Farrankelly Close. Phase 1 of the works to install new windows and doors to 11 properties has been delivered with associated improvements to insulation and ventilation completed by the Greystones MD team. The contract was recently awarded, and it is expected that the windows will be installed in Q3/Q4 2026.

Disabled Person Grant (DPG) and Housing Adaptation Grant (HAG/MAG/HOP)

Grant	Home Adaptations
Disabled Persons Grant (DPG) completed May 2026	4
Housing Adaptation Grant complete May2026 (HAG/MAG/HOP)	223

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Includes: Housing Adaptation Grant / Mobility Aid Grant /Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant complete in 2026

Private Rented Accommodation Regulation & Enforcement

The Targeted Inspection programme on private rented accommodation continues. Housing For All requires 25% of all private rented properties to be inspected annually. This equates to approximately 1560 properties in County Wicklow every year. Target properties are selected using a Risk Based approach. The Council is responsible for enforcing the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2019 (SI 137 of 2019).

Private Rented Inspections	Numbers carried out 2026 to date:
Targeted and complaint inspections	145

So far in 2026, the following Notices have been served by Wicklow County Council in relation to breaches of SI 137 of 2019:

Notice Type	Notices currently active:
Improvement Notice	10
Prohibition Notice	4

Prohibition Notices are published on the Council's website. Note that in the case of properties subject to HAP, service of Prohibition Notice results in the HAP payment being stopped as per Section 41(2) (d) (i) of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2014 and this happens within a maximum of 13 weeks.

Stock Condition Surveys (SCS)

Wicklow County Council completed 404 stock condition surveys on local authority properties to date. This formed the basis of drawdown of planned maintenance funding from the DGLGH in terms of surveys, electrical inspections, electrical upgrade works, heating upgrade works and replacement of windows and doors.

Mortgage to Rent (MTR)

The Local Authority Mortgage to Rent scheme is a government initiative to help homeowners who are at risk of losing their home due to mortgage arrears. The scheme enables householders to continue to live in their home as a tenant of either an Approved Housing Body or a Local Authority.

There are currently 111 households in the County availing of this scheme.

Wicklow County Council (MTR) Tenants	Approved Housing Body (MTR) Tenants	In Progress
59	52	11

Local Authority Home Loans up to 30th June 2026

Received	Approved in Principle
14	1

Local Authority Home Loans up to 30th June 2025

Received	Approved in Principle
30	7

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Homeless Services

Homeless Figures for June 2026

Addressing Homelessness			
	As at 31/05/2026	Year To Date	As at 31/05/2025
No of New Presentations	41	225	14
No. of Repeat Presentations	50	136	5
No. of Families (Minimum 1 Adult + One Child)	36	101	6
No. of Individuals (Single Adult, no children)	76	314	15
No. Of Couples (2 Adults, no children)	12	36	4
No. of Children	58	160	10
NTQ/Asked to Leave/Landlord selling	22	108	3
Family Circumstances	36	120	5
Leaving Prison/Hospital Care	9	31	2
Mental Health	11	16	1
Risk of Homelessness	41	136	12
Arrears/Loss of Income	0	0	0
Addiction Issues	8	27	1
DV/DA	5	10	1
Medical Issues	4	10	1
Overcrowding	9	12	4
Unsuitable/Voluntarily Left	0	4	0
ASB:	4	8	0
Rough Sleeping*	1	10	4
Sofa Surfing*	7	34	1
Staying with Family*	6	24	0
Staying with Friends*	3	20	2

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

Own Door Temporary Accommodation at 31/05/2026	
Families	16
Adults	35
Children	44
Single individual	13

Bed & Breakfast Accommodation - No. of Homeless Emergency Accommodation Placements & Duration @ 30/06/2025								
	No. of Households	No. of Adults	No. of Children	< 3 mths	3-6 mths	6-9 mths	9-12 mths	>12mths
Household breakdown	24	28	26	8	3	3	3	8
Bed & Breakfast Accommodation - No. of Homeless Emergency Accommodation Placements & Duration @ 30/06/2026								
	No. of Households	No. of Adults	No. of Children	< 3 mths	3-6 mths	6-9 mths	9-12 mths	>12mths
Household breakdown	30	47	29	20	3	6	6	10

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The Homeless HAP Place finder 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, 717 households (502 families & 213 singles) have been assisted under the Homeless HAP Scheme in Wicklow County Council from the inception on 1st October 2018 to 30th June 2026. (279 homeless cases, 390 prevention cases to date and 48 direct provision). 180 properties were sourced by WCC.

	June 2026	June 2025
No. availing of Rental Assistance Scheme (RAS)	79	89
No. in Long Term Leasing Accommodation	19	20
No. in Short Term Leasing Accommodation	18	19

Addressing Homelessness in Partnership with Approved Housing Bodies

Homeless Supported Temporary Accommodation – Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow

Kilmantin Hill has 11 rooms to support persons either homeless, exiting a higher support facility, or in danger of becoming homeless.

There are 10 clients supported in the Kilmantin Hill facility, operated by Dublin Simon. There is continuous transition by the clients to suitable alternative accommodation.

A report is being undertaken at present to cost the refurbishment of the current rooms with a view to making them all ensuite. More details will be available over the coming months.

Homeless Family Service – Fitzwilliam Road, Wicklow

Dublin Simon are engaged by Wicklow County Council to operate and manage the facility at Fitzwilliam Road, Wicklow as a Family Homeless Service. The building comprises of three 1-bed units, two 2-bed units, and two 3-bed units.

It is envisaged that families will avail of the service for circa 6-months STA (Supported Temporary Accommodation) with key working support to enable families to transition from homelessness into Homeless HAP, or alternative longer-term accommodation.

Homeless Supported Temporary Accommodation – San Remo, Bray

San Remo is operated by Dublin Simon and incorporates a service model whereby there are a number of emergency/cold weather initiative beds 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.

Bi-monthly meetings are held with Dublin Simon and Wicklow County Council staff.

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Homeless Supported Accommodation - Carraig Eden, Greystones

This facility provides 35 ensuite bedrooms with associated kitchens and common areas and is fully operational. Wicklow County Council run an in-reach service with the clients to support them as they continue their journey into more permanent accommodation.

Other Homeless Supported Accommodation

Wicklow County Council owned properties in Wicklow, Bray, and Greystones, leased to Approved Housing Bodies, provide 12 units of low to medium supported accommodation targeted to the particular support needs of the clients. Six of these persons living in shared accommodation have now successfully moved into their forever homes and this in turn created space to move further people out of homelessness.

A homeless outreach service has been rolled out in Bray and is proving very successful.

Housing First

Peter McVerry Trust has been appointed as the Housing First Programme Implementer for the Mid-East Region. Wicklow County Council is committed to working with them and has now reached and surpassed the targets identified in the programme. Housing First recognises that a stable home provides the basis for recovery in other areas.

Properties will be provided by both Wicklow County Council and Peter McVerry Trust for the implementation of the programme.

Wicklow County Council has, to date, successfully accommodated 19 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. The main issue facing this programme is the availability of 1-bed units in suitable locations with easy access to required services.

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Community

Community Awards Scheme (CAS) 2026

As part of its commitment to supporting local community development, Wicklow County Council operates an annual Community Award Scheme.

The fund for 2026 was available as grant aid to successful community groups and local organisations wishing to undertake community projects in their area.

The maximum grant amount of €1,000.00 per organisation for small projects and group running costs.

Payments of grants are issuing during July.



Local Enhancement Programme (LEP) 2026

This funding will provide capital supports that are essential for many small community groups and organisations, particularly those who serve disadvantaged communities in rural and urban areas.

The scheme is designed to ensure local priorities are identified and met, to improve and enhance community facilities for all. Funding has been offered to a diverse range of community groups including, but not limited to, community centres, parish halls and local voluntary groups.

The Wicklow Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) is responsible for allocating funding through this scheme and applications were required to link to one or more key priority areas identified in the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) to be eligible for consideration.

The Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht awarded €199,043.66 as part of the 2026 Programme, and all successful applicants have now been notified of their award.

Payments of grants will be made in the coming weeks.

Sale of Void Properties

Following approval by Wicklow County Council of a new policy on the sale of Council owned void stock, the first property under this policy is set to be sold by Auction and Private Treaty.

10 Mill Road, Greystones will be auctioned at DNG Online Auctions on Friday 31st July.



IPB Pride of Place Competition 2026

Wicklow County Council invited expressions of interest earlier this year from local community groups who would like to be considered for nomination to the 2026 IPB Pride of Place Competition, delivered in partnership with Co-Operation Ireland.

This much-loved annual all island competition, run in collaboration with local authorities, shines a spotlight on the incredible work happening in communities across Ireland. It celebrates the people who roll up their sleeves, work together, and make their local communities vibrant, welcoming, and inspiring places to live.

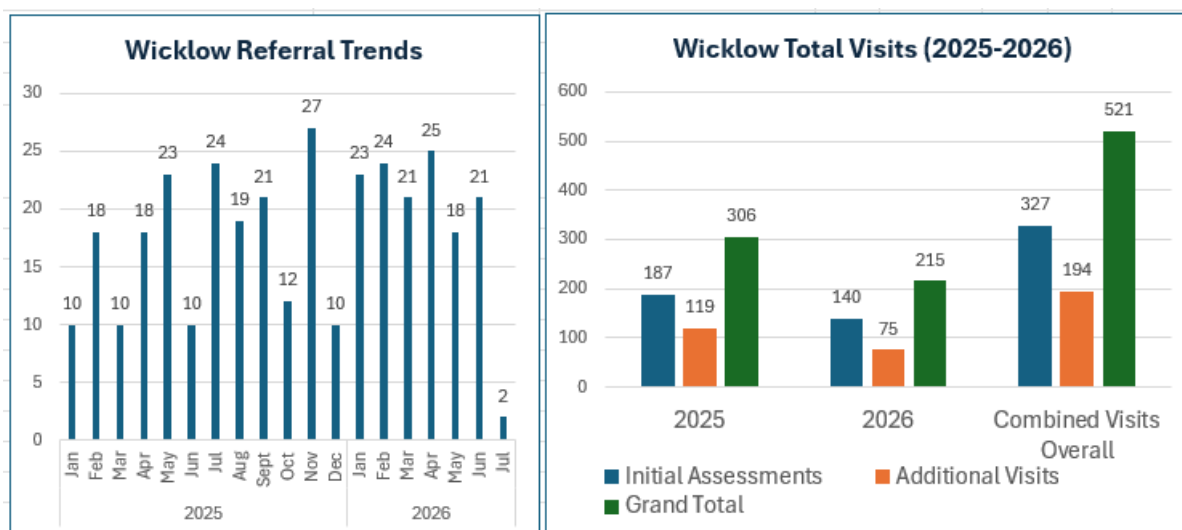
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The standard of applications this year was exceptionally high, and the selection process was extremely competitive. Wicklow County Council have nominated the following five entries to represent the county in the national awards in October. Judging by the Cooperation Ireland judges will take place on 19th, 20th and 21st August. The final awards will take place on Saturday 24th October in the National Convention Centre, Dublin.

Project / Group Name	Category
Enniskerry Village	Population 2000-5000
Made in Wicklow – For the Love of Creativity	Creative Communities
Care & Repair Helping Hands	Age Friendly Communities
Murrough Pump Track	Community Youth Initiative
Plot to Plate Sustainable Greystones	Urban Neighbourhoods & Housing Estates

Age Friendly Ireland Wicklow County Council Programme Delivery

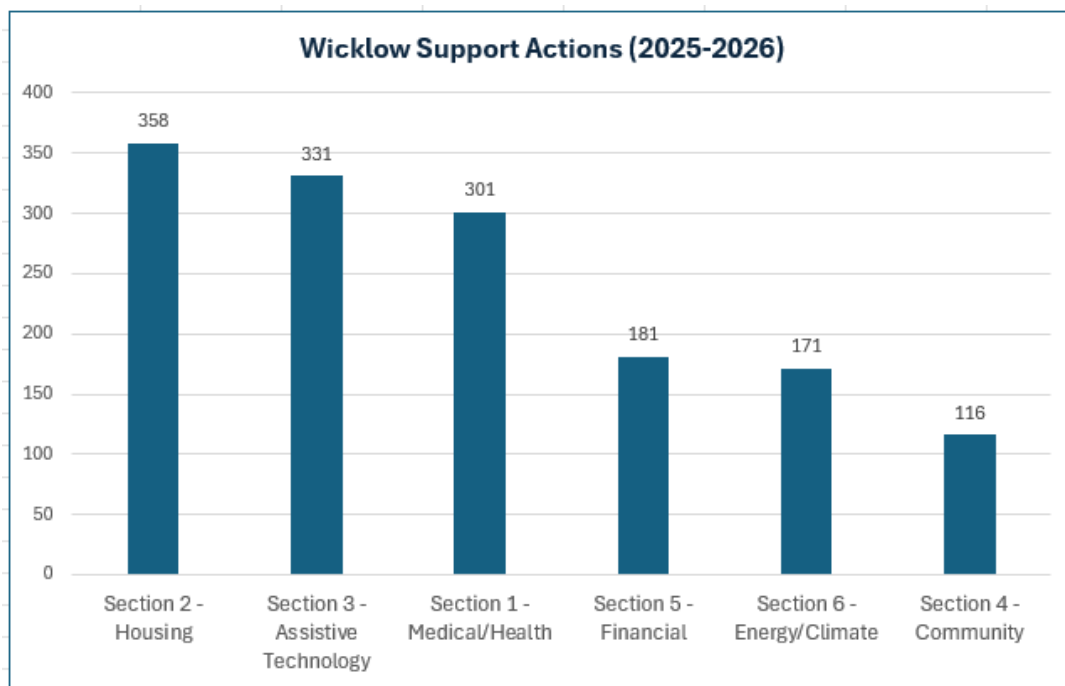
Outlined below are details of the number of older people in Wicklow who have been assisted by Healthy Age Friendly Homes to continue to live in their own home with dignity and independence. Since the 1st January 2025, 327 older people across Wicklow have benefited from support from Healthy Age Friendly Homes.



**Date of Data Extract: 09th July 2026*

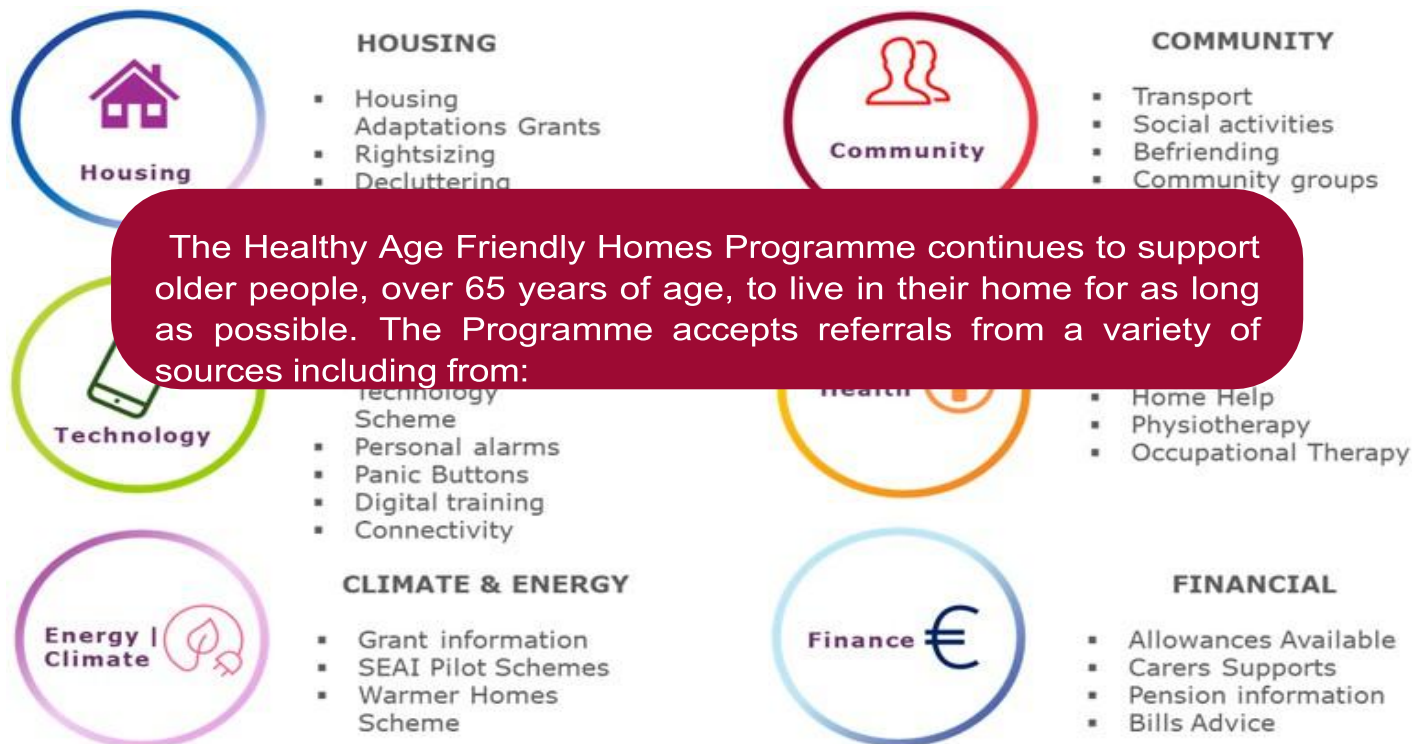
Total Number of Participants Awaiting a Visit	44
Total Supports Offered for: Medical/Health; Housing; Assistive Technology; Community; Finance and Energy/Climate (Jan 2025 – 09 th July 2026)	1,458

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The Local Coordinator conducts home-based assessments and works with the older person to develop a personalised action plan across six domains which can be broken down into the following areas housing, community, health, technology, finance, climate and energy. The list outlined in the infographic below is not exhaustive and is subject to the resources available in the respective county. If you require more details on the support provided, they can be obtained from the Regional Programme Managers or the National Office.

Programme Details:



Healthy Age Friendly Homes is a free service which is available to homeowners, private, Approved

Housing Body and Local Authority tenants. Local coordinators play a critical role in ensuring older people receive timely and appropriate support and reinforce the Councils commitment to the

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development of age friendly communities through measurable social benefit.

The older person – Self Referral
Family and friends
Elected representatives

Local Authority Staff
Public Health Nurses, GP's and Occupational
Therapists
Community Organisations

Please note, consent from the older person (verbal) must be obtained before the referral is submitted. Once the referral is received, the Local Coordinator will be in touch with the older person to arrange a free home visit.



County Wicklow Age Friendly Programme 30th June 2026

Wicklow Age Friendly Strategy:

Age Friendly Alliance: Met 19th June 2026 for second meeting in 2026. Gave update on Strategy actions so far this year. Alliance meet 4 times per year. Next meetings September and December.

OPC Executive Committee: Met 29th June, Clermont Buildings, Rathnew (photo below). There are 3 subgroups working on 4 actions in the Strategy. Next meeting 2nd September, with LCSP Public Consultation targeted for older people, following this meeting.



Meetings Held 2026	Future Meetings
23 rd January 20 th March 22 nd May 29 th June	2 nd September
4 & subgroup meetings	6

Wicklow Partnerships Care & Repair services launch: 8th June at County Buildings (photo below)

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Age Friendly Ireland Public Realm Steering Group: This group is updating the current Age Friendly Ireland Public Realm Guidelines and consists of the Wicklow Age Friendly Programme Manager/Access Officer, along with key national stakeholders. Consultants are O'Herlihy Access Consultancy. Next meeting 7th July

Older People's Council Executive Committee training: 2nd June Communications training, Kilkenny

Age Friendly Champions: Wicklow Library Service branch AF Champions meeting 4th June

National Age Friendly Recognition & Achievement Awards: two nominations made, Maitland Street Bray and County Wicklow Partnership Helping Hands Care & Repair projects.

Housing & Disability Steering Group: 18th June, gave presentation on Access Officer role in Wicklow County Council. I am now a member of this group.



Comhairle na nÓg

- Regional Comhairle Networking event: Dublin Wednesday 8th July
- Youth Council have received over 250 responses to their transport survey already. The survey is open to anyone of any age who uses transport in Wicklow.
- The group are also twinning with a diverse group in Dublin California, an area that comprises of 55% Asian American and 13% white American. Young people are seeing their friends impacted and are aware of the importance of mental health at these times. -1 Good Thing Dublin is a planned joint project.
- Group have a representative on the Climate and Biodiversity SPC
- LCSP (Local Community Safety Partnership):
 - Awaiting approval for representation on this group
 - Supported the promotion of the LCSP Youth survey

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Access Officer: Disability & Inclusion

- Disability & Inclusion Steering Committee (DISC) Next meeting 1st July
- Website Accessibility: AsIAM 10th June link in, to discuss possibility of updated visual guides for Wicklow Co Co buildings, with South Dublin Co Co having a great example of this done previously. Met with Communications team to progress accessibility of current website and plans for new Wicklow.ie website 26th June Next meeting planned in August.
- Access Officer queries: dealing with ongoing queries for support and/or information, linking in with WCC staff including Laura O'Callaghan weekly and externally, as appropriate.
- The Sunflower Lanyard aims to support people with hidden disabilities.
- Playground Communication Boards: In place for Wicklow and Arklow MDs. Work ongoing to have 3 remaining MDs playgrounds ordered, delivered and erected, with Greystones MD next.



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Social Farming

Throughout the month of July, four placements will engage in the Social Farming project on Violet Kavanagh's farm in Tinahely. One client is participating in a one-to-one placement, and Social Farming has been one of the few activities with which she has engaged consistently over a long period of time. The three other placements are participants from Cheshire Home which marks the first time this engagement has taken place between Cheshire & Social Farming in the Wicklow area, representing an important new partnership and an opportunity for participants to access community-based activities in a rural setting.

Period Poverty

Deriving from the latest allocation of Period Dignity approved by the Department of Health, Healthy Wicklow has partnered with Wicklow Library Service to provide free period products in all 13 public libraries across County Wicklow. This initiative aims to improve access to essential menstrual products, promote period dignity, and help address period poverty by ensuring products are freely available in welcoming and accessible community spaces.

Sláintecare Healthy Communities-Bray



1. Children's Wellness Hub

The evaluation of the Children's Wellness Hub is now complete, following almost two years of work between Mary Immaculate College and multiple local stakeholders. The evaluation provides a strong evidence base for the work being

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delivered in Bray and reinforces the importance of trusted, community-based early intervention supports for children and families. The project has entered its second year of SEED funding, with a further €75,000 secured to support continued development. The Hub continues to expand, with three staff now in place and workshops ongoing with both children and parents. Planning is underway for a formal launch of the evaluation findings in early September, involving key stakeholders, services, organisations, and Wicklow County Council.

2. Bray Traveller Project

The Bray Traveller Project continues to progress positively under the current phase of Genio funding. The Housing Accommodation Officer role is now well embedded and continues to support Traveller individuals and families across housing advocacy, homelessness, tenancy sustainment, repairs, and wider wellbeing initiatives.

There has been strong progress in a number of priority housing cases. One priority homelessness case has received a housing offer and is due to move shortly. A priority overcrowding transfer has successfully moved into a new home, while a priority medical transfer is expected to receive an offer shortly. A downsizing transfer is also progressing, which will allow a family home to be reallocated to a daughter currently living in gross overcrowding. One homeless service user was supported through assessment and documentation to secure a HAP tenancy and move into accommodation.

Interagency working with Housing Officers, the Traveller Social Worker, Clerks of Works, Simon Community, and the Homeless Team has strengthened significantly. Advocacy is also ongoing with the Department of Housing in relation to funding for a private five-bedroom property for a priority overcrowding case.

Additional progress includes:

- 2 disability adaptation works completed
- 4 disability adaptation works in progress
- 12 basic repair works completed
- 5 new social housing applications submitted
- 7 Tier 1 homelessness cases
- 8 Tier 2 homelessness cases
- 17 tenancy sustainment interventions

Health and wellbeing initiatives continue alongside the housing work, including targeted supports for young Traveller men and women, healthy food and budgeting work, and a Chronic Health Assessment Clinic delivered with the HSE Social Inclusion Unit.

3. Period Poverty Initiative

The Healthy Communities Period Poverty Initiative has secured funding for 2026. This will support the continued provision of free menstrual products through community organisations and services working with vulnerable individuals and families in Bray. It will also support the delivery of targeted menstrual health education workshops within disadvantaged communities, promoting awareness, dignity, and longer-term wellbeing. At present, at least four workshops / talks are being planned across community settings and secondary schools in Bray.

5. Physical Activity for Health Hub / Ballywaltrim Sports Pavilion

Work also continues in relation to the Physical Activity for Health Hub and wider community infrastructure in Ballywaltrim. The PAFH Hub remains an important SHC-supported initiative in Bray, focused on improving access to tailored physical activity programmes for those living with chronic conditions and those experiencing health inequalities.

In parallel, the final stages of the Ballywaltrim Sports Pavilion grant are being progressed. The original €20,000 Sláintecare allocation supported refurbishment of the pavilion, with €15,000 already released and the final €5,000 currently being finalised subject to receipt of the required supporting documentation and confirmation that expenditure

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remains in line with the original grant purpose and SLA conditions. This will support the close-out of a long-running community capital project linked to participation, recreation, and local wellbeing in the Ballywaltrim area.



The members of Wicklow's Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP) were officially appointed by the Minister for Justice on 1 December 2025. The first meeting was held on 4th December 2025.

Chair: Cllr Tom Fortune

Vice-Chair: Selena McKenzie

Meetings held in 2026:

- LCSP – 4 meetings
- The first public meeting of the LCSP was held on 15th June at Kilian House, Greystones, in conjunction with a public consultation.
- LCSP Steering Group – 6 meetings
- Domestic Violence Working Group – 2 meetings
- Roads and Road Safety Working Group – 3 meetings
- Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group – 2 meetings (next meeting scheduled for 2 September 2026)
- Safe and Secure at Home – 1 meeting

The adopted minutes of both the Partnership and Steering Group meetings are published on the Wicklow County Council website under the Local Community Safety Partnership page in the Community section:

<https://www.wicklow.ie/LCSP>

Progress to Date

- A property-marking machine has been purchased by the LCSP. Training on the use of the machine will be delivered on 18th July to members of AGS, IFA, PPN, LCSP members and others. The machine will be on view at the Tinahely Show and property marking days are being planned for Sept.
- The LCSP has secured a grant of €16,500 from the Department of Agriculture to provide Tractor Driving Safety Awareness training for young people aged 14 years and over. Two sessions are fully booked on 20th and 21st July, and more dates are being planned for Aug and Sept.
- The LCSP are working with Wicklow Youth Services and Pyscare Ireland to deliver a Night-Time/Nightlife Preparedness course for young people aged 18+ in the coming months.

Wicklow Local Community Safety Plan

- To date the youth survey has received 265 responses and the adult survey has received 435 responses. These will continue to be promoted until August.
- A domestic violence-focused consultation took place on 10 June.
- A consultation with the Older People's Council is being organised for 2nd September.
- Further focused consultations are being coordinated.
- Six public consultations for the Community Safety Plan were held in May and June as follows:

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6th May Carnew, 12th May Baltinglass, 14th May Bray. 19th May Newtownmountkennedy, 10th June Arklow, 15th June Greystones



Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP):

Mid-Year Review 2026: This is currently ongoing with assessments carried out by Wicklow LCDC and by Pobal. Analysis to date is very positive with good progress being made by both Bray & North Wicklow Area Partnership and by Co. Wicklow Partnership across the county in regard to KPIs, implementation of actions and budget spend. Once the review process is complete the Mid-Year Reports can be fully approved on the IRIS monitoring system and the next funding tranche released.

Wicklow Public Participation Network (PPN):

Membership is currently 520 community groups from across the county.

16 funding streams advertised and 3 local/8 national public consultation events open for submissions.

PPN Plenary meeting held on June 13th at Arklow Arts Centre. Session included presentation from Central Bank of Ireland (CBI) and Social Justice Ireland and group discussion on the challenges community groups face in accessing financial services.

Wicklow PPN will be involved at a national policy level on the issue of community groups and financial services through making submissions to the CBI; attendance at CBI's consultation event at its Dublin headquarters on July 1st; meeting with CBI Deputy Governor during visit to Wicklow on July 16th.

See www.countywicklowppn.ie and Wicklow PPN Facebook page for further information on above, including newsletters, funding streams, public consultations, events, daily updates and membership.

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Planning, Economic & Rural Development

Forward Planning

County Development Plan

The Wicklow County Development Plan 2022-2028 was adopted in September 2022 and came into effect in October 2022. The County Development Plan has been subject to five variations since 2022, and the consolidated updated County Development Plan is available to view here:

<https://www.wicklow.ie/Living/Services/Planning/Development-Plans-Strategies/National-Regional-County-Plans/Wicklow-County-Development-Plan-2022-2028/Stage-7-Adopted-Plan>

Local Plans

There are 5 settlements / areas with Local Area Plans (LAP) / Local Planning Frameworks (LPFs) in Co. Wicklow – 'Bray Municipal District', 'Wicklow Town - Rathnew', 'Greystones – Delgany & Kilcoole', 'Arklow' and 'Blessington'.

LAPs/LPFs have been adopted for Wicklow Town – Rathnew, Greystones – Delgany & Kilcoole and 'Blessington' and can be viewed at the following link:

<https://www.wicklow.ie/Living/Services/Planning/Development-Plans-Strategies/Development-Plans-Strategies>

Draft Arklow Local Planning Framework (Proposed Variation to the Wicklow County Development Plan)

This Proposed Variation to the County Development Plan is to incorporate the draft Arklow Local Planning Framework. The draft LPF went on display from 01 October 2025 to 12 November 2025 with submissions invited. A public information day was held in Arklow MD Office on the 23 October 2025. 67 submissions were received. A Chief Executive's (CE) Report on submissions received was prepared and issued to the Elected Members. The CE Report was considered by the Elected Members at the Wicklow County Council meeting of the 13 April 2026. Proposed Material Alterations were on display from 01 May 2026 until 29 May 2026 and 22 valid submissions were received. A Chief Executive's Report on submissions received was prepared and issued to the Elected Members in June 2026. This report is due to be considered at the Council meeting on 6th July 2026 and to consider making the Variation/LPF.

The submissions can be viewed here:

<https://www.wicklow.ie/Living/Services/Planning/Development-Plans-Strategies/Development-Plans-Strategies/Arklow/Arklow-Local-Planning-Framework-Variation-to-the-Wicklow-County-Development-Plan-2022-2028/Proposed-Material-Alterations/Submissions-made-to-the-Proposed-Material-Alterations>

Bray Municipal District (including Enniskerry and Kilmacanogue) Local Planning Framework/ (Proposed Variation to the Wicklow County Development Plan)

The pre-draft public consultation for this plan has been completed, and work is being carried out on preparing the draft LPF. The LPF will be done through a variation of the County Development Plan. There is no specific date to publish the Draft Bray Municipal District LPF.

More information can be found here - <https://www.wicklow.ie/Living/Services/Planning/Development-Plans-Strategies/Local-Area-Town-Settlement-Plans/Bray/Bray-Municipal-District-Local-Area-Plan-2025>

Call for Sites

In response to the new NPF Housing Target Guidelines, Wicklow County Council has undertaken a non-statutory '**Call for Sites**' consultation inviting landowners, homebuilders and other interested parties (including members of the public) to make submissions, identifying possible sites that they suggest could be considered for zoning for new housing development and could meet the objectives of the Guidelines in terms of contributing to the acceleration of housing delivery over the next 15 years.

A 'Call for Sites' consultation portal was created to assist those wanting to send in a submission. Drop -in services were also held in County Buildings to provide assistance during the consultation stage. The "**Call for Sites**" consultation was open from December 2025 to 27th February 2026. Over 200 submissions were received and are currently being reviewed, with the view to preparing a Proposed Variation of the County Development Plan. It is anticipated that this Proposed Variation will be commenced in Q3 2026.

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More information is available here: <https://call-for-sites-wicklow.hub.arcgis.com/>

Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT)

The Government's [Housing For All – A New Housing Plan for Ireland](#) has introduced a new tax to activate vacant land for residential purposes as a part of the 'Pathway to Increasing New Housing Supply'.

The final RZLT maps for lands liable in 2026 were published on 31 January 2026 and can be viewed here: <https://www.wicklow.ie/Living/Services/Planning/Residential-Zoned-Land-Tax>

Submissions to Final 2026 RZLT Maps. The final map for 2026 identifies land that may be liable for the tax in 2026. Owners of such land are invited to make a request to Wicklow County Council to change the zoning of this land until 1 April 2026. If certain conditions are met, a landowner may be exempt from the 2026 liability on foot of such a request. One submission was received in 2026. WCC is currently assessing this submission and will communicate in writing to the landowner its decision on whether to progress with an intended variation to the statutory land use plan by 30 June 2026. WCC has assessed this submission and a determination letter issued on 26th June, 2026.

More information is available here: <https://www.wicklow.ie/Living/Services/Planning/Residential-Zoned-Land-Tax/Draft-Residential-Zoned-Land-Tax-2026/Making-a-rezoning-request>

The annual draft RZLT maps for 2027 were published on 31 January 2026 and can be viewed here: [Wicklow > Living > Services > Planning > Residential Zoned Land Tax > Draft Residential Zoned Land Tax 2026 > Residential Zoned Land Tax 2027 > Liable Land](#)

Submissions to Draft 2027 RZLT Maps. The draft map for 2027 identifies land that may be liable for the tax in 2027. Owners of such land – and interested third parties – were invited to make submissions by 01 April 2026 regarding the inclusion of land on this draft map. Eight submissions were received. WCC is currently assessing these submissions and must notify the owner of its decision not later than 1 July. WCC assessed these submissions and determination letters were issued on 26th June, 2026

The following link provides some general information on the RZLT process including a short information video: <https://www.wicklow.ie/Living/Services/Planning/Residential-Zoned-Land-Tax/RZLT-General-Information>

A frequently asked questions document has also been prepared and is available to view here:

Residential Zoned Land Tax — FAQ's:

<https://www.wicklow.ie/Portals/0/adam/Documents/5Cn831T6AES8TXmR2C3i4A/Link/RZLT%20FAQs%20Your%20Questions%20Answered.pdf>

Vacant Site Levy

The Vacant Site Levy has been replaced by the Residential Land Zoned Tax. There are currently 17 sites remaining on the Vacant Sites Register. Levies have been applied up to and including 2024, and no further levy demands will issue. All outstanding levies are actively being pursued.

The Vacant Sites recorded on the Vacant Sites Register as of 30 June 2026 are as follows:

Municipal District	No. of Sites on Register
Arklow	6
Baltinglass	1
Bray	2
Greystones	2
Wicklow	6

More information is available here: <https://www.wicklow.ie/Living/Services/Planning/Derelict-Vacant-Sites/Vacant-Sites>

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Development Management

Planning Applications

Total valid applications received	To 30 June 2025	To 30 June 2026
Received (Valid)	523	568

A total of 110 valid applications were received during June as follows:

Type of Development	Number
Individual Houses	16 (15 Rural)
Housing Developments*	05
Agricultural Structures	03
Commercial	08
Other Developments**	75
RED III	03
Total	110

**Other Developments include, Porch/Sunroom, Extensions, finger signpost, 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 114 applications in June 2026;

Type of Development	Number of Decisions
Housing Developments	01
Individual Houses	02
Other Developments	110
RED III	01
Total	114

Decisions issued between January to June 2025, in comparison to the same period for 2026.

	30 th June 2025	30 th June 2026
Total Number of decisions issued	456	538
Total Number of decisions to grant	368	478
% Grant Rate	81%	89%
No of applications withdrawn		3 (1 refer to rural house)

Applications Lodged with An Coimisiún Pleanála

Strategic Infrastructure Development

An Coimisiún Pleanála has received a planning application for permission by Sure Partners Limited for offshore wind energy development – Arklow Bank Wind Park 2 located off the coasts of Co. Wicklow and Co. Wexford under Section 291 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended – ABP-319864-24 refers. Further Information requested 10 April 2025.

An Coimisiún Pleanála has received a planning application for a strategic infrastructure development in respect of proposed material recovery/recycling facility and inert landfill Ballinclare & Carrigmore near Kilbride, Co. Wicklow – ABP-321255-24 refers. Granted 19 February 2026

An Coimisiún Pleanála has received a planning application for proposed development of a soil recovery facility in the townland Kilmartin, Coyne's Cross, Co. Wicklow – ACP-324033-26 refers.

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Substitute Consent

An Coimisiún Pleanála has received an application for substitute consent for development that consists of a sand/gravel extraction pit including extraction areas, processing areas, stockpiling areas and ancillary works (circa 23.7 hectares). The development also includes a sand/gravel washing/screening plant & buildings comprising workshop/machinery shed, tools storage container, pump – house, 2 no. portable office buildings, 1 no. portable office/canteen/WC, Sand processing plant electrical control room, 3 no. storage containers, sand processing plant electrical control room, 3 no. storage containers, sand processing plant control cabin, bonded oil storage tanks, diesel generator container & electrical substation (all totalling circa 376sqm) The application is accompanied by a remedial EIAR and remedial NIS. Lands at Ballinabarnay North & Bolagh Lower, Redcross, Co. Wicklow.

E-Planning Project

The E-planning system has been in place since 17th April 2023.

From 1st January 2026 to June 2026 a total of 556 applications were received of which 12.95% were hard copy applications and 87.05% were received online.

For the month of June, a total of 106 planning applications were received of which 16.04% were hard copy applications and 83.96% were received online.

Due to the complexities of larger applications, it has been necessary to request one hard copy for larger multi-unit developments.

There has been a mix of application types received during the month of June via the E-planning portal including:

- A number of one-off rural dwellings throughout the county
- Change of use to a number of properties throughout the county
- Extensions, demolition and alterations to existing properties throughout the county
- RED III Category 1 - extension of the operational life of the Ballycumber Wind Farm
- Construction of 91 dwelling units comprising Vevay Road, Church Road & Churchlands Road
- Development of 45m² games cabin and associated siteworks in Delgany
- Secure dog park in Ballydowling
- Construction of a prefabricated part-time childcare building at Parkmore Road
- 4 no. residential units in Delgany
- 12 residential units, extensions, and alteration to the existing dwelling on site, in Roundwood
- Permission to construct a grain store / machinery shed in Shillelagh

Planning Enforcement – June 2026

Enforcement Files	Total
New Files	20
Advisory Letters	23
Warning Letters	2
Enforcement Notices	2
Legal Files	0
Closed	3

Derelict Sites as of 30th June 2026

Municipal District	No sites on Register
Baltinglass	2

A number of properties in Wicklow Town and a property in Ashford are under consideration for formal Section 8(2) Notices.

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Heritage Office

County Heritage Plan (CHP) Work Programme: Local Authority County Heritage Plan Fund 2026 allocation of €60,000 awarded from the Heritage Council for two projects. Confirmation of €20,000 funding received for the Community Archaeology role and €40,000 for County Heritage Plan allocation.

Historic Towns Initiative (HTI): Application for Heritage-led Regeneration Plan for Wicklow prepared in association with Wicklow Town Team, submitted to The Heritage Council. Confirmation that application was successful, €50,000 secured. Tender documents issued and heritage consultants appointed.

Wicklow Heritage Forum: Four meetings scheduled for 2026. First meeting held on 25th March in Russborough House, next meeting to take place in Arklow Maritime Museum on 21st July.

Built Heritage Funds (Architecture): Co-ordination of the annual Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) and Historic Structure Fund (HSF) grant schemes for 2026.

BHIS 2026 allocation of €175,000 for County Wicklow confirmed for 18 projects, with four projects completed to date.

HSF 2026 funding confirmed for two projects as follows:

- Russborough House €101,817 to support a programme of extensive and essential stone repairs; and
- Old Lacken Schoolhouse €66,433 to repair timber windows, overhaul of cast-iron rainwater goods, lime repointing, re-rendering in lime plaster and stone repairs.

Built Heritage Funds (Archaeology): Applications to the Community Monument Fund secured a total allocation of €544,415 from National Monuments Service for seven projects as follows:

- Kilpipe Medieval Church €130,000 to repair and consolidate ruins;
- Kilmacanogue Old Church €105,038 for phase 2 programme of masonry repairs;
- Drumgoff Barracks €130,000 for phase 2 repairs to early 19th century building associated with the Military Road construction;
- Black Castle, Wicklow Town €100,000 for conservation and stabilisation of the upstanding masonry remains;
- Killoughter (Old) Church and Graveyard €23,724 for a Conservation Management Plan, including archaeological, architectural, engineering, ecological and arboricultural assessment;
- Killadreenan Church €25,695 for a Conservation Management Plan, including assessment of significance, condition and vulnerability, and the development of conservation policies and a prioritised schedule of works to guide future conservation and management; and
- Castletimon Church Ruins €30,000 for small-scale, preventative conservation works to include consolidation of collapsed masonry and targeted stabilisation.

Irish Community Archive Network (iCAN): Co-ordination of *Our Wicklow Heritage* (County Wicklow online community heritage archive) plus a network of 11 groups in County Wicklow in association with WCC Archives and library services and in partnership with National Museum of Ireland and the Heritage Council. Regional meeting held in Donard on 29th April. Three Wicklow groups (Blessington, Delgany and Donard) awarded iCAN grants for equipment and activities.

Historic Graveyards: Working with Community Archaeology service to undertake digital headstone recording and creation of digital story maps and in situ information boards at selected sites.

Placenames Project 2026: Local heritage initiative co-ordinated by Pat Reid, with Expressions of Interest opened in June.

Wicklow Creative Ireland Programme: HO working with CI Team on 2026 work programme.

Biodiversity Working Group and Climate Action Teams: HO participation in internal working groups to support implementation of the County Biodiversity Action Plan, launched in February, and integration of heritage into the Climate Action Plan delivery.

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Town Regeneration

1.0 Town Teams

There are currently eight Town Teams in County Wicklow: Arklow, Baltinglass, Blessington, Carnew, Greystones, Newtownmountkenedy, Rathdrum, and Wicklow. Newcastle is about to begin the process of becoming a Town Team.

2.0 Town Centre First Masterplans

- 2.1 Blessington Town Centre First Masterplan
- 2.2 Newtownmountkenedy Town Centre First Masterplan

3.0 Town Centre First Measure 3 Suite of Support

Two applications have been approved for funding under the Town Centre First – Measure 3 Suite of Supports: one for Blessington and one for Wicklow Town. Both projects were originally required to be completed and all associated claims submitted by 30th September 2025. However, an extension has been granted.

a) Blessington:

This project involves developing plans to transform Market Square into a high-quality public space. It includes commissioning professional services to carry out a pre-development study of the site as a de-risking exercise ahead of a potential construction phase, subject to future funding.

Update: Three public consultation workshops were held between August and October 2025, giving the community opportunities to contribute ideas and share their vision for the future of Market Square. The first draft of the final plan was presented to the Elected Members of the Baltinglass Municipal District in December 2025 and is expected to be finalised and published later in 2026. A briefing meeting is to be held for Baltinglass elected members in June.

b) Wicklow Town:

This project will develop a comprehensive design plan aimed at enhancing the public lands surrounding the Black Castle. The work will also include an assessment of the structure and condition of the Castle itself.

Update: The final plan was presented to the Elected Members of the Wicklow Municipal District and published in December 2025. A Part VIII application is being prepared.

4.0 Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2023

Wicklow County Council was awarded €725,000 from the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht under the 2023 Town and Village Renewal Scheme, with three projects successful in securing funding. The selected projects were originally required to be completed, with all associated claims submitted by 31st October 2025. Extension requests were submitted to and approved by the Department for each project to allow additional time for delivery.

- a) **Kirikee, Glenmalure** - Renovation works are planned for the Community Centre, including upgrades to the roof, windows, ceilings, and walls. Construction works are progressing. Works are almost complete and a case study is being prepared in advance of Department drawdown.

The works are now complete and the keys handed back to the community.

- b) **Lacken** - The old schoolhouse will be renovated and transformed into a community centre featuring a café, community shop, and a small heritage section. Construction works are complete with case study and final drawdown to be finalised.

5.0 Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2025

Six applications were submitted of which two were successful and awarded funding.

Main Scheme Funding

- a) Rathdrum RDA hall – grant funding of €225,000 secured which will be used to replace the electrical system to ensure compliance with current safety standards and to refurbish the existing toilet block, including the installation of a fully

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wheelchair-accessible facility. These works are essential to ensuring the hall remains safe, functional, and inclusive, and continues to meet the needs of Rathdrum's growing population.

Tendering on Supply gov is due to take place shortly for contractor to complete the works as asbestos survey has been completed

Project Development Measure

- b) Arklow St. Mary's Park – grant funding of €49,500 has been awarded to engage a professional consultancy to prepare a detailed design for the regeneration of St. Mary's Park in Arklow. The project aims to create a vibrant, multi-functional public space capable of accommodating community gatherings, events, outdoor dining, and markets, thereby boosting footfall and supporting local employment along Main Street. The proposed design will enhance the park's amenities, visibility, and green infrastructure, ensuring sustainability, accessibility, and stronger integration with surrounding civic and cultural assets.

Full brief has been prepared; site plans are being completed. Successful tenderer has been chosen and kick start meetings to begin in August 2026.

Health checks

Quotations were sought for Health checks for two towns: Carnew and Wicklow

Successful tenderers, Studio Myco. Walkability survey was carried out on the 21st of June, and public consultations are due to take place on the 23rd July in St. Brigids Hall, Carnew-

There was a fantastic response to the consultation day for Carnew health check which took place on the 23rd July. Report is now pending from Studio Myco.

The health check for Wicklow starts with a walkability audit on the 7th July with the consultants, members of the municipal district and the town team.

Rural Regeneration Development Fund Grant Applications (Department of Rural and Cultural Development and the Gaeltacht, DRCDG)

- Category 1: Applications for large-scale, ambitious capital projects that are ready to proceed to construction with all necessary planning and consents in place.
- Category 2: Provides smaller grant funding to help develop project proposals so they can be submitted for Category 1 funding in future calls.

Blessington RRDF (Category2)

Category 2 funding is for design and consent processes only to enable a project to move forward to Category 1 funding application which is for construction.

A meeting between WCC's Capital Delivery Team (CDT) the Department's RRDF Team of the took place on the 25th February 2026. The Department requested some further information on the Councils proposals for Blessington and how they align with the original RRDF Application and grant of funding. The Department were accepting of the fact that a Town Centre First (TCF) Plan had been developed in line with the Departments guidelines since the awarding of the RRDF Grant and that it had been prudent to wait until that process had been completed to progress the RRDF further during the same time period to ensure the RRDF complimented the TCF Plan. The requested further information was sent to the Department on the 9th March and a response is expected during the week commencing 16th March. Despite numerous reminders, no response has issued from the Department to date. A meeting was held with the Department to try and address their questions; further information was requested by the Department.

Baltinglass RRDF (Category 1)

The original RRDF grant was awarded in 2019. It was a category 1 application and included the cost of works. The costings for Baltinglass Gateway to Southwest Wicklow came in over budget on both the public realm and the Courthouse refurbishment. The proposals have been revised, and the necessary technical plans are complete in order for the works to commence. Works on the Public Park and playground are completed.

The required Quality Audit process on the design of Public Realm has been completed in late February 2026. Some minor changes to the designs are required on foot of the outcomes of the QA process. Tender documents will be uploaded to eTenders as soon as they are completed by the consultants. A briefing is to be held for Baltinglass elected members in June.

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The Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht, Dara Calleary TD, has announced the Sixth Call for Category 1 proposals for the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF) is now open. This is a call for projects which are shovel ready.

Discussions have taken place with regard to potential RRDF project entries. Deadline for entries is 28th July 2026.

Urban Regeneration Development Fund Grant Applications (Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage, DHLGH)

- Category A: Applications for projects that are "ready to go" and have the necessary consents (like planning permission) in place to begin in the current year.
- Category B: Applications for projects that require further development work to enable them to become eligible for Category 1 status in subsequent funding call.

Bray Harbour Improvements – URDF Wic0004 (Category B)

A revised business case was sent to DHLGH in December 2024. A tender brief is currently being prepared for the procurement of engineering consultancy services to produce detailed designs, environmental reports and an application to An Bord Pleanála for both the proposed land based and marine works. The department have approved this scheme to progress to the next stage: Planning and Design. Tenders will be placed on eTenders in the coming weeks. The approval covers the Planning and Design stages only at this stage.

Bray Sustainable Transport Bridge – URDF Wic0002 (Category B)

Arising from the ABP decision that an NIS was required, this project has been delayed. The Capital Delivery Team will review the project and discuss further with the Department. The Department have indicated approval for a review of the project with a view to seeing what parts of the project may proceed. An initial in house review is being carried out.

The Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage James Browne TD have announced a new Town and Cities Investment Regeneration fund to replace the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund. Scheme outlines and details to be clarified. Towns of 9,000 and above will be eligible for funding.

Three projects were submitted to the Department for funding:

- Arklow Harbour Plan Development
- Wicklow Harbour Plan Development
- The Murrough Waterfront Park Enhancement

Tourism

Wicklow Gaol

Fire Safety Upgrades are underway and well advanced. Target remains to have the Gaol ready to reopen by the end of the summer. Works are also being done in the courtyard to recommission the side door with the objective to create another public access into the yard. The Council has agreed to proceed with the proposed new operator, and the contract is being finalised.

Also, all available interpretation for Wicklow Gaol have been digitised and saved: those include books and documents from 1998 opening, info panels around the Gaol, audios and videos. This project guarantees that all documents are saved and easily accessible for future use. This resource will offer the new operator the opportunity to enhance the visitors' experience.

Wicklow Naturally

The 'Taste of Wicklow' event, organised from the 10th to the 12th of July in the new Abbey Grounds, was a tremendous success. This year's festival was enhanced by the extensive programming offered by Wicklow Naturally, with live cooking demos, and many Wicklow Naturally members offering their products during the weekend.

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Wicklow Naturally also introduced the Young Sustainable Chef Challenge to secondary school students, inviting them to design, prepare, and present a nutritious dish using locally sourced Wicklow ingredients. Judging and winners will be announced at Tinahely Show.

Destination Experience Development Plan (DEDP)

The final draft of the DEDP was presented to the SPC group at the June meeting. The DEDP Steering Committee is to meet in September, with the hope to launch the plan before the end of the year.

Samhain Wicklow

Wicklow offers an extensive calendar of Halloween related events during the month of October. Ireland has been working at positioning itself as the home of Halloween to the international markets. Wicklow County Council has initiated a project to gather those various events under a common brand: Samhain Wicklow. Brand visuals are being produced and when finalised, will be used to bring the various events and activities under that one umbrella. Wicklow Gaol is to become the driving force behind that brand.

Glendalough and Wicklow Mountains National Park Visitor Experience and Management Masterplan (VEMMP)

Work continues with the implementation of recommendations contained in the 7–10-year VEMMP. The Local Advisory Group and the Working Group of the Glendalough Partnership continue to meet regularly to support the implementation of actions contained in the VEMMP. OPW and National Monuments Services have worked together to procure a Conservation Management Plan (CMP) to support actions in the VEMMP and ensure a collaborative approach is taken and that the heritage of the area is preserved and protected. They have appointed 7L Architects as the lead consultant for the development of the CMP and a support team has been put in place comprising a range of disciplines such as landscape architect, stone conversation expertise and ecological professionals.

Economic Development

Abbey Grounds, Wicklow

The status of the Destination Towns project at the Abbey Grounds remains unchanged as the phased implementation continues. The delivery of new public amenities remains on track for the remainder of the year.

Special Projects

Avondale Business Park:

Site sales at Avondale Business Park continue to move forward, with the disposals of Sites 4A, 4B, 5, 6 & 7 successfully approved at the June council meeting. The review of expressions of interest and the assessment of on-site infrastructure options both remain ongoing.

Strategic Enterprise Lands:

Strategic enterprise lands in County Wicklow remain under active review, while assessments continue to determine optimal and suitable use.

The GRID:

The formal handover to the new operator is now complete, marked by a coffee morning held to introduce the new management to licensees. Office occupancy is now at full capacity.

Sites on Mill Road, Greystones:

The status of the site registration process remains unchanged while the Law Agent maintains ongoing engagement with the Property Registration Authority regarding the anticipated resolution.

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Offshore Renewable Energy (ORE)

A meeting of the ORE network took place where members agreed a schedule of activities for the remainder of the year.

Skills Strategy

Implementation of the Wicklow Skills Strategy remains at its current stage following a taskforce meeting held in June. Updates from the meeting reflect that projects continue under their existing timelines, and the rollout of priority 2026 initiatives remains a key objective.

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Local Enterprise Office (LEO):

LEO Objectives			
To foster an enterprise culture and stimulate enterprise at local level by: 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
	2025	2026	2026
Grants Approved (number/ value) - Measure 1 - Market Explorer Grant	14 BEG / 2 Priming / 8 Feasibility / 3 (MEG) Total: 27- €546,033	33	3 BEG/ 2 Priming/ 3 Feasibility Total: 7 (€215,458)
Gross Jobs Created	696	188	8
Net Jobs Created	50	105	-
New Job Commitments 3 Years	N/A	84	91.5
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
	2025	2026	2026
Total number of participants at Management Development type programmes.	117	90	59
Start Your Own Business Participant numbers (included in total training programmes)	156	90	75
Total No. of all Participants participating in training Programmes and events (all programmes except SYOB and MDP)	1139	720	372
Women in Business Network Number of Meetings	20	20	5

Lean, Green & Digital Start For Micro Projects	Historical	Targets	Year To Date
	2025	2026	2026
No. of Companies who have undertaken a Lean for Business Assessment by a Lean Expert	15	15	12
No. of Companies who have undertaken a Green for Business Assessment by a Green Expert	21	27	16
No. of Companies who have undertaken a Digital for Business Assessment by a Digital Expert	34	27	16
Number of Grow Digital Vouchers approved	5	18	2
Energy Efficiency Grant	9	18	11
RD&I Grants (inc IP) Approved	1	1	1
Microfinance Ireland	Historical	Targets	Year To Date
	2025	2026	2026
No. of Companies who have submitted an MFI loan application through the LEO	17	19	13

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New Exporters	Historical	Targets	Year To Date
	2025	2026	2026
No. of Companies who have started exporting (at least €10k in first time export sales).	3	3	TBC

Metrics: Business Advice & Mentoring	Historical	Targets	Year To Date
	2025	2026	2026
Number of new clients added to database. *Criteria have been amended for this metric	580	-	342
Number of One-to-One Business Advice meetings including Businesses assigned a mentor	544	270	320

Metrics: Student Enterprise Programmes	Historical	Targets	
Academic Year	2025/26	2026/2027	Year to Date 2026/27
No. of Secondary Student Participants	1170	1170	1449

Metrics: Client Transfers To Enterprise Ireland	Historical	Targets	
No of transfers	2025	2026	Year to Date 2026
Number of transfers	6	5	3

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Activities took place in June/July

- **AI Works for Ireland – Regional Development Sessions**

Explores practical applications of AI in SMEs to improve efficiency, enhance customer experience, and unlock growth opportunities, while providing real world insights and future trends shaping the business landscape. These sessions are being delivered collaboratively by Local Enterprise Offices across the regions in partnership with Google.

- **Expression of Interests**

Expressions of Interest are currently open for participation in Food & Drink Export Development Programme targeted at businesses within the food and beverage sector seeking to expand into international markets with the Local Enterprise Office Wicklow

- **National Enterprise Awards**

The National Enterprise Awards 2026 took place on Thursday, 18 June at the Round Room in the Mansion House, Dublin, bringing together the country's leading small businesses. Representing County Wicklow was Greystones based SiSú Juice Company Ltd., supported by Local Enterprise Office Wicklow. Founded by Brian McGann and now led by Aisling McGann, SiSú has grown from a family kitchen business into a nationally recognised producer of premium health and wellness products, selling more than two million products annually. The company achieved outstanding success on the night by winning the Mid East Regional Award at the 26th annual National Enterprise Awards, organised by the Local Enterprise Offices.

- **Save the Date: National Women's Enterprise Day 2026**

National Women's Enterprise Day, taking place on Thursday, 15 October 2026, at Clermont House, Wicklow County Campus, Rathnew which will be an inspiring afternoon celebrating female entrepreneurship, featuring guest speakers, networking opportunities, and practical insights for women in business. Further details, including the programme and booking information, will be announced soon.

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Climate, Environment, Recreation & Amenity

HARBOURS AND PORTS

1) Local Authority Marine Infrastructure Scheme (LAMIS) - DAFM

Grant applications submitted for 10no. harbour improvement projects. Combined value €1.37m.

Funding Approval: Funding Conferred for three projects. LAMIS Combined value of €175,402.97.

Tenders: Tenders submitted for two projects on etenders. Emergency works approved for one project.

2) Upgrade to Harbour security gates / entrance Wicklow and Arklow Harbours.

Completion Certificates and Warranties for all CCTV related installed assets submitted. Currently working on a maintenance plan for implementation.

Improved Security/Safety Measures: New mesh fencing installed to Wicklow and Arklow Harbour Gates and fences.

3) Mara Applications

Marine Area Consent (MAC) and Marine Usage Licence (MUL) applications for Wicklow Harbour dredging project submitted to MARA 26th January.

Additional information for MUL 230026 has been submitted to Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA) with guidance from appointed consultant.

4) Harbour Infrastructure & Accessibility Upgrades

Wicklow Harbour Amenities: Works have been successfully completed on the new age friendly steps access to the bathing area. This project included the installation of supportive hand railings, alongside general surface cleaning and fresh painting.

Public Toilet Accessibility: Arklow and Wicklow public toilets have been upgraded with improved door access using a dedicated button for disabled people, upgrading the approach ramps, and improved general drainage.

Public Toilet Accessibility: Harbour master programming of doors and allocation of key fobs in progress.

5) Storm Damage, Wicklow Harbour

Storm Damage Repair: Major damage has occurred to Wicklow harbour beach due to multiple storms and persistent easterly winds. Temporary works have been completed to make area safe for public. Full design required for permanent sea wall / barrier solution in this area.

OPW Minor Works Funding: An Application was successfully submitted to the OPW under the Minor Flood Mitigation and Coastal Protection Scheme. The application requested € 100,000 to appoint an engineering consultant to conduct a comprehensive flood assessment, including all necessary hydrological and investigative works.

Funding Approval & Scope: The assessment covers four specific risk areas within Wicklow Town and Harbour. The OPW has formally approved and granted funding to Wicklow County Council to the value of € 90,000 to progress these works.

Tender: Tender for the appointment of an Engineering Consultant submitted on eTenders.

6) Events

The Round Ireland – Ireland's Premier offshore Yacht Race was successful held.

Filming of the movie "Drummer Boy" in Wicklow Harbour with the Tall Ship Phoenix.

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WICKLOW HARBOUR STATISTICS

Month / Year	Ships	Single (Import or Export)	Double (Import & Export)	Transactions	Imports	Exports
Jan-26	7	6	1	8	4	4
Feb-26	4	4	0	4	3	1
Mar-26	4	4	0	4	2	2
Apr-26	6	6	0	6	5	1
May-26	8	8	0	8	5	3
Jun-26	4	4	0	4	3	1

GENERAL CARGO DATA 2026	
General Cargo/Container	33
Gross Tonnage	86,883

SIZE OF VESSELS BREAKDOWN 2026			
Tonnes		Number of Vessels	Gross Tonnage
Lower Limit	Upper Limit		
500	999	2	1704
1,000	1,999	1	1767
2,000	2,999	25	66571
3,000	3,999	5	16841
			86883

2026 CARGO BREAKDOWN			
CATEGORY	IMPORTS	EXPORTS	TOTAL
FORESTRY PRODUCTS	35195.36	3256.56	38451.92
METALS		24054.86	24054.86
	35195.36	27311.42	62506.78

WATER SAFETY AND BEACHES

Water Safety Development Officer

- Ongoing rostering of lifeguard staff.
- Supporting lifeguards with station visits and provide resupply of equipment.
- Accompanying Water Safety Ireland Risk Assessors with their beach inspections.
- Promotion of Water Safety with the communications team with social media posts, radio and television interviews.

Beach Lifeguards:

Lifeguard working hours extend during periods of excellent weather to provide cover from 10am to 8pm.

Lifeguards during June have;

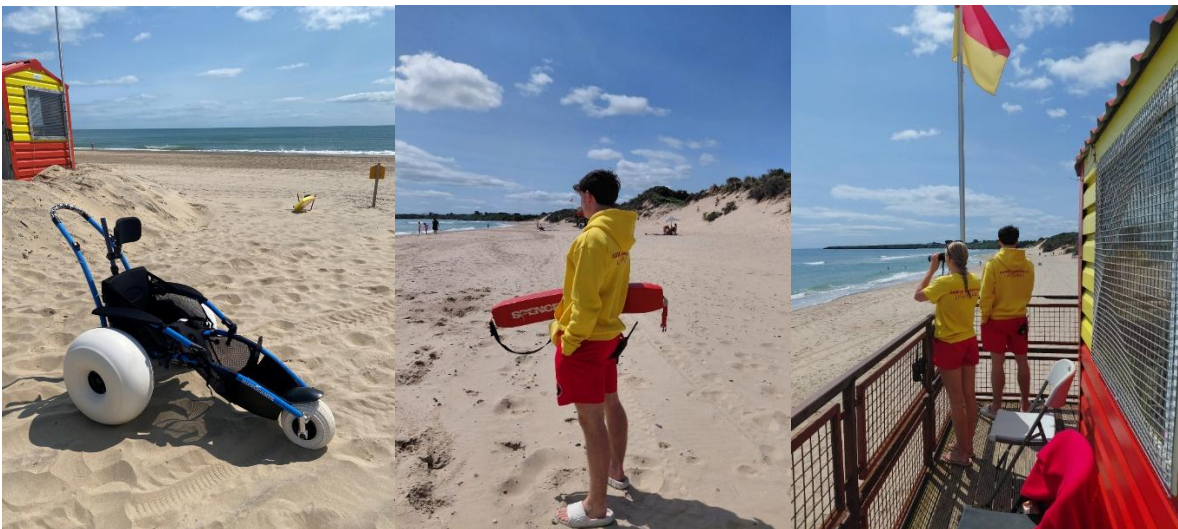
- Provided water safety advice - 1729 times
- Provided first aid - 48 times
- Prevented accidents - 229 times
- Provide swimming rescue assists - 2 times
- Missing swimmer search -1 time
- Missing children on the beaches – 8 times

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ILSE Risk Assessments with Water Safety Ireland have taken place at the following locations and the council are awaiting the issuing of the formal reports to inform a programme of works or other:

- Greystones Beach South
- Brittas Bay North
- Brittas Bay South
- Wicklow Harbour
- Magheramore Beach

Missing Ringbuoys: 2 reports of missing Ringbuoys through the national reporting website of www.ringbuoys.ie and attended too.



New Beech Wheelchair now in place - Since the launch in July, a number of families with children have used it and were able to experience going into the sea. The wheelchair is available to rent free of charge, by ringing 0404 20236.

CLIMATE & BIODIVERSITY ACTION AND ENVIRONMENT AWARENESS

Spongeworks: Work has commenced on a survey of 22 wetlands in the Aughrim River catchment to assess status and see where measures could be undertaken to increase their capacity to absorb and store water. The contract was awarded to Wetlands Survey Ireland. Trinity College were awarded a contract to undertake a study of the catchment, mapping opportunities and undertake on site farm assessments to identify where nature-based solution can be implemented.

Dark Skies: Dark Source have been contracted to undertake a lighting assessment of four towns in the uplands, identified current practice in lighting and measures that could be used to reduce light pollution, looking at the local authorities public lighting and also identify opportunities to work with stakeholders in the community. The four towns are Roundwood, Laragh, Aughrim and Donard. A lighting pollution policy guidance document will also be produced. Transportation & Roads, the Heritage Office and Housing are collaborating with the project.

Tidy Towns and Sustainable Development Awards: The annual awards opened for entry in June with a closing date of the 3rd of July for receipt of entries. The awards recognise the work local volunteers undertake to deliver sustainable development in our communities.

DZ demonstrator fund: The DCEE have provided funding to each local to undertake a decarbonisation project in their assigned decarbonisation zone. Arklow is the DZ for Wicklow County Council. Projects must focus on community engagement and awareness raising of the DZ. A project is being developed to promote greater uptake of SEAI Warmer Homes and other SEAI grants for homeowners. Residential emissions are the biggest source of emissions in Arklow accounting for 40% of all emissions. A focus on Warmer Homes will ensure a focus on a just transition, targeting private homeowners on welfare payments. Two requests for quotation relating to the project are currently active seeking expertise in home energy efficiency and in marketing to help deliver the project.

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Community Climate Action Programme (Phase 2): Strand 1: Building Low Carbon Sustainable Communities

Agreements have been signed with a total of 28 projects and these groups are now in the delivery phase of the programme.

LEAF (Local Environmental Action Fund) – Communities Working Together for Climate



This fund supports the sustainability aims of Tidy Towns groups and similar voluntary groups in County Wicklow who contribute to improving their community's local environment. The fund equates to €100,000 and the focus of the fund is to support climate and environmental action. Funding allocation of between €1,000 and €25,000 will be available to eligible groups. Applicants are expected to partner with another community group in their area to encourage collaboration on their project.

Applications opened on 13th July 2026.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

No. of Complaints Created	184
No. of Cases Closed, Resolved or Completed	128
No of Litter Fines Issued	4
No. of Waste Management Files Opened	7
No. of Warning Letters Issued	3
No of Abandoned Car Notices Issued	25
No. of Notices Issued under Section 14 of the Waste Management Act	13
No. of files prepared for Court and included in Court Lists	24
No. of Cases in Court under the Litter Pollution Act.	5
No of Cases in Court under the Waste Management Act	5
Income - Litter	€300
Income- Waste Management	€5,050

DOG CONTROL, DOG LICENCES AND HORSES

Dog Control: For the month of June 2026, a total of 610 yearly dog licences were purchased, and 39 lifetime licences were purchased. This is a 25% increase on licences purchased in June 2025.

The Dog Wardens are continuing a targeted approach ensuring that all dogs are licenced by visiting every house in certain locations. They are also patrolling the beaches to ensure dogs are under effectual control and not causing a nuisance. Anyone to be found not in possession of a dog licence will be given 10 days to produce a valid licence or a fine will issue.

Horses: No horses were seized during the month of June and there are no horses currently being held on behalf of Wicklow County Council.

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POLLUTION CONTROL

Pollution Response & Investigation	
8	Water pollution complaints received and investigated.
6	Water pollution complaints closed.
11	Noise pollution complaints received and investigated.
10	Noise pollution complaints closed.
1	Air pollution complaints received and investigated.
1	Air pollution complaints closed.
Ambient Air Monitoring	
1	Inspection of Ambient Air Monitoring Stations
Water Framework Directive National Monitoring Programme	
2	Lakes monitored for checking compliance with environmental quality standards
35	Rivers monitored for compliance with environmental quality standards.
Water Framework Directive River Management Engagement and Investigations	
2	Catchment activity/engagements/consultations
Good Agricultural Practice Inspections	
3	Inspections of farms carried out for adherence to good agricultural practice.
1	Follow up inspections of farms carried out for adherence to good agricultural practice
1	Inspection of a farm carried out on foot of pollution complaint.
3	Sewage sludge nutrient management plan applications to land reviewed.
Well Grants	
9	New Water Grant application received
2	New Well granted
20	New Pumps granted
15	Water Treatment/Disinfection Equipment Units granted
36	Inspections in advance/completion of works
Private Water Supplies	
1	Drinking Water Monitoring Plan for 121 Regulated Private Water Supplies prepared.
7	Regulated Private Water Supplies were monitored.
7	Regulated Private Water Supplies were compliant with available results for microbiological standards.
1	Boil water notice lifted from Regulated Private Water Supplies in consultation with the HSE after completion of remedial action and satisfactory water quality results.
Bathing Water Monitoring Programme	
28	Bathing waters monitored had excellent quality
1	Bathing waters monitored had sufficient quality (Bray South).
Deco Paints and Solvent Regulations	
1	Vehicle refinisher (car spraying) installations issued compliance certificate
2	Paint Retailers inspected.
1	Dry Cleaners installations inspected.
Licensed Effluent Discharges to Waters/Sewer	
6	Licensed wastewater discharges to waters were monitored and deemed compliant.
5	Licensed wastewater discharges to waters were monitored and deemed non-compliant and corrective action requested.
Septic Tank Inspections	
2	Inspections of domestic wastewater treatment systems carried out.
2	Domestic wastewater treatment systems found non-complaint and advisory notices issued/
3	Follow up Inspection to assess compliance with advisory notice.

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Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plants – Ambient Monitoring	
4	River samples were taken upstream and downstream of wastewater discharges of municipal wastewater treatment plants.
Planning & Development	
5	Environmental reports on referred planning applications/consultations were completed concerning agricultural development.
13	Environmental reports on referred planning applications/consultations were completed concerning commercial development.
1	Environmental reports on referred planning applications/consultations were completed concerning housing development.
1	Environmental reports on referred planning applications/consultations/compliance were completed concerning quarries development.
2	Environmental report on compliance with planning permission conditions was completed.

CEMETERIES

Wicklow County Council operates 34 active burial grounds across the county. The Environment Office deals with applications to erect headstones, exhumation licences, and general queries.

Published Death Notices Data

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	2026
Total	138	94	125	105	99	103	664
WCC	55	32	42	44	38	36	247
Cremation	49	27	42	40	44	33	235
Other	34	35	41	21	17	34	182

Percentage Breakdown

%	Total Published Death Notices
37	Traditional Interment in Local Authority Burial Grounds
35	Cremation/Other non-traditional interments
27	Other Burial Grounds

OUTDOOR RECREATION

The Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) supports the development of new outdoor recreational infrastructure and the necessary repair, enhancement, or promotion of existing outdoor recreation infrastructure in countryside areas across Ireland.

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The table below is a list of current projects funded under ORIS:

ORIS	Project Name	Brief description	Completion/ Update
OR221WW02	Bray to Greystones - Cliff Walk Protection Scheme	The walk remains closed due to safety concerns. Route corridor has been identified. Discussions with landowners on rerouting on Greystones side, specialist contractor to carry out investigation of the slopes identified in the RPS report, subject to possible environmental considerations. Task Force providing cost updates to Dept and liaising with DRCDG in order to conclude this project.	Extension granted by DRCD.
OR221WW01	Jubilee Loop and Avonmore Way link 2021 Scheme	Engineering contractors engaged to provide report on remedial works and costs following flood damage to bridge. Tenders being prepared for remedial works. Bridge to remain closed until works complete	Ongoing 2026
OR322WW01	Roundwood Recreation Area	Car park upgrade and 5 play areas completed. Signage installation completed. Bike pump track works completion during July.	Ongoing 2026 – near completion
OR423WW02	Bray Head Sustainable Recreation Plan	Feasibility project to deliver: AA screening, a biodiversity survey, trail design and landscape design. Plan is now completed.	Complete
OR123WW01	Hollywood Natural Play Area	Provision of a natural play area within Ballysize forest. Tender to be issued July 2026	30/07/2026
OR123WW06	Wicklow Uplands rebranding to Sugarloaf Way	Signage replacement along an 18km route. Signage installation completed for 3 new trailheads erected at Raheen, Great Sugarloaf and Mullinaveigue.	Complete
OR223WW01	Baravore Car Park, Glenmalure	Car park upgrade works and fencing completed during November 2025. Multi-disciplinary design team appointed to prepare feasibility / scoping study	30/06/2027
OR223WW02	Three Trout's Bridge, Delgany	New bridge across Three Trout stream, linking 2 sections of the pathfinder route. Consent process to progress managed by MD office – under review	Q4 2026
OR424WW01	Disability and Outdoor Recreation	Creation of a strategy and work plan to ensure accessibility for walking, cycling and water access for the disabled community in Co Wicklow. Consultant appointed and working to identify available/usable sites for 2 x water, 2 x bike and 2 x trail access for exploration.	26/02/27
OR124WW01	Brockagh Forest Science and Discovery Area	Provision of rustic, timber exploration, science tables, magnifying glasses play equipment and seating in Brockagh Forest. Project screened out. Landowner licence agreement in place. Tender for works will issue shortly.	26/02/27
OR124WW02	Wicklow Harbour Sea-Trac	Installation of a Sea-Trac system in Wicklow Harbour to create independent swimming access for those with a physical disability. Chair supply and installation due during August.	26/02/27
OR124WW03	Vartry Anglers Disabled Access	Disabled access to the lakeshore with 320m of new trail surfacing for wheelchair use and installation of a self-contained eco toilet and tree planting. Project under review	TBC
OR124WW04	Wild Swimming Infrastructure	Installation of changing screens at 4 locations where wild swimming is popular throughout Wicklow. Bike shelter installation at 3 of those locations. Works specification being drafted.	26/02/27

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OR224WW01	Glen Turn Cliff Walk	Complete surface upgrade and drainage works on cliff walk trail. Tender out for detailed specification required for works. Awaiting engineer's review of erosion at Glen beach.	30/11/27
OR224WW02	Russelstown Link to Russborough House	Proposed trail linking Russelstown Wood to Russborough House & Park. Tender for planning development being evaluated	30/11/27
OR324WW01	Djouce Mountain Trail construction and habitat restoration	Djouce Mountain trail construction works to improve safety issues and restore habitat. Draft MOU and route planning discussed with NPWS and Powerscourt estate. Works specification tender awarded and specification now in progress. Stone type defined and quarry identified, seeking clarity on its suitability as a building material.	30/11/27

WICKLOW SPORTS & RECREATION PARTNERSHIP

Training & Education

Activity	Venue	Date
Safeguarding 1	Online	2nd June 2026
Safeguarding 1	Online	17th June 2026
Sports First Aid	Wicklow Tennis Club	4th July 2026

General Programmes: Men's Health Week ran from Monday 15th June to Sunday 21st June. Throughout the week, Wicklow Sports & Recreation Partnership promoted activities taking place across the county through local clubs, community groups and partner organisations, while also delivering a number of its own initiatives.

Programmes included the launch of:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>No.of Weeks</u>
Men's Beginner Swim Programme in Arklow	Coral Leisure Arklow	16 th June 2026	8
Intro to Padel taster session	W7 Padel Wicklow	15 th June 2026	1
Men on the Move taster session	Carnew		1
Strength and Nutrition workshop in Wicklow Town	Momentum Fitness Wicklow		1

The week provided opportunities for men to try new activities, become more physically active, and find programmes they can continue to take part in locally.

General Programmes planned for July include:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>No.of Weeks</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Intro to Padel for Teen Girls	W7 Padel	1 st of July 2026	6	Targeting teen girls who are new to padel and social players
Swimmin' Women (in collaboration with Swim Ireland)	Bray Seafront	8 th of July 2026	6	Targeting individuals learning how to swim in the sea
Gym Introduction for Teen Girls	Coral Leisure Arklow	10 th of July 2026	6	Targeting new to the gym and social gym goers

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Women Try Tennis (in collaboration with Tennis Ireland)	Blessington Tennis Courts	16 th of July 2026	6	Targeting women who are new to tennis and social players
Beginner Adult Tennis Lessons (in collaboration with Tennis Ireland)	Blessington Tennis Courts	16 th of July 2026	6	Targeting adults who are new to tennis and social players
Walk N Talk Programme	Rathdrum	27 th July 2026	6	Social Walking Programme for Beginners

Inclusive Programmes in June

Programme	Venue	Start Date	No. of Weeks	No. of Attendees	Funding
Learn to Cycle Blessington	St Marys SNS	4 th June	6	11	HSE
Inclusive Sailing Camp	Bray Sailing Club	11 th June	2 days	5	CYPSC
Inclusive Swimming lessons with Sunbeam	Coral Leisure Arklow	15 th June	6	9	CYPSC

Inclusive Programmes planned for July

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>No. of Weeks</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Inclusive swim lessons for children	Coral Leisure Arklow	6 th July	4	Learn to swim for children with additional needs
Inclusive Teen Gym	Coral Leisure Arklow	6 th July	4	Introductory gym sessions for teenagers with additional needs
Multi-Sport 3-day Inclusive camp	Shoreline Sports park	6 th July	3 days	Athletics, Football and Basketball
Balance bike 3-day camp	Learn to cycle track Coral Leisure Arklow	21 st July	3 days	Introductory balance bike sessions
Learn to cycle 3-day camp	Learn to cycle track Coral Leisure Arklow	21 st July	3 days	Targeting children who are unable to cycle without stabilisers
Inclusive summer camp at the Colour club	The Colour Club Arklow	28 th July	3 days	Fundament movement and play camp for children with additional needs

ESF+

Programme	Target Group	Attendees	Area	Goals	Comments
Cross Care Boys	Youth at Risk	5	Kilcoole	Increased PA & New skills	Boys creating new physical activity games while awaiting availability in the local golf club
Cross Care Girls	Youth at Risk	7	Kilcoole	Increased PA & New skills	Girls undertaking Irish Dancing and Badminton upcoming

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Teenage Girls Intro to Olympic Lifting	Youth at Risk / Ethnic Minorities	8	Blessington	Increased PA & New skills & Social Integration	8 girls from Kippure & the avon taking part in Olympic lifting programme in local gym with other girls from the area
In Sync Soccer	Youth at Risk / Ethnic Minorities	16	Blessington	Increased PA & New skills & Social Integration	16 Teenage boys taking part in Football training to prepare for Youth service football tournament
Shelton Abbey Soccer	Disadvantaged Backgrounds	24	Arklow	Increased PA & Prep for integration	24 Prisoners taking part in Football training and coaching skills with focus on team building and communication to prepare for reintegration into society.

Upcoming Programmes

Youth at Risk Arklow – Co-design programme for sports and physical activity opportunities for youths from a disadvantaged area in Arklow. A 4-week summer programme will take place in July.

Tiglin – A co-design programme will begin in July with 16 adults recovering from addiction.

Physical Activity for Health Programmes:

Programme	Venue	Start Date	No. of Weeks	No. of Attendees	Funding
Prime Time of Life	Ballywaltrim Community Centre	2 nd June – 14 th August	11- weeks	16	Sláintcare Funding
Bray Outdoor Mobility Programme	Bray Promenade	23 rd June – 28 th July	6- weeks	12	HSE Grant Aid Funding
Walk & Talk	Bray Promenade	1 st July – 5 th August	6- weeks	16	HSE Grant Aid Funding

Up Coming Programmes for People with Chronic Conditions

- **Table Tennis Activator Awards Course**, Methodist Church, Wicklow Town, Saturday 8th August at 10am – 1pm, HSE Seed Funding

LIBRARY SERVICE

Serving Wicklow's population of 155,851, our libraries recorded 326,100 visits between January and June this year, alongside 317,904 loans (239,435 physical and 78,469 digital). During the same period, 1,340 children's events attracted 24,400 attendees and libraries held 1,705 adult events that were attended by 13,306 adults.

These figures reflect only part of the service delivered, with significant staff time dedicated to supporting customers at service desks, assisting students and learners using library spaces, providing digital support, community engagement and countless day-to-day interactions that underpin the continued success and impact of the library service.

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Overview: July sees Wicklow Libraries fully engaged in the national Summer Stars reading programme, welcoming hundreds of children and families across the county. Alongside promoting reading throughout the school holidays, libraries continue to deliver creative, educational and community activities for all ages.

National Initiative: Summer Stars

Summer Stars continues to be the primary national initiative across all Wicklow Libraries this month, with strong engagement from children and families countywide. Branches are encouraging participation through creative incentives, themed activities and a wide variety of weekly events designed to keep children reading and engaged throughout the summer holidays.

Highlights include:

- Arklow Library has already recorded over 300 registrations following school visits.
- Ballywaltrim Library's Golden Ticket reading raffle, outdoor Storytimes and Young Engineers workshops.
- Blessington Library's Comic Workshop, Sensory Storytime and community Monster Doodle project encouraging children's creativity.
- Baltinglass Library continues to see children returning regularly to update reading logs and borrow new books.
- Bray Library's Summer Stars is going strong, with the weekly raffle attracting lots of attention.

Youth Summer Programming: Libraries are expanding opportunities for teenagers during the summer. Ballywaltrim and Bray Libraries are piloting the new Analogue Club, developed by Wicklow Libraries' Teen Services Development Group, providing screen-free social spaces through crafts, games and music. Ballywaltrim Library also continues its Teen Summer Reading Challenge alongside crafting and chess time. Comic workshops remain especially popular, with parents highlighting improvements in confidence and social connection. One parent described Comic Club as a place where their child "was completely at ease" and had already made new friends.

Community Engagement & Lifelong Learning: Libraries continue to support learning, inclusion and wellbeing for all ages through a wide range of community initiatives.

- One-to-one digital skills support from staff members for older adults in Blessington Library, responding to growing demand.
- Library Development Plan public consultation meetings hosted in Ballywaltrim, Blessington and Arklow Libraries, encouraging community participation in shaping future library services.
- Continued support for community organisations including Alzheimer's Society of Ireland, Chime Outreach Clinic, Tuatha Male Carers Support Group, Traveller groups and youth diversion programmes such as Wicklow Traveller Group & BIFE Nail Design Course for adult Traveller women at Arklow Library.
- Ongoing language learning opportunities including Irish Conversation Circles, English Conversation Groups and Spanish, German and French groups across all branches.
- Pilot Silent Book Club continues in Ballywaltrim Library, offering adults the opportunity to read together in a quiet shared space.
- InSync and WAY (Youth Diversion programmes) hold weekly sessions at Baltinglass Library and visit the Children's Library on each occasion.

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Creativity, Culture & Exhibitions: Libraries continue to support local creativity through exhibitions, workshops and opportunities for artistic engagement:

- The successful submissions for the Creative Places Baltinglass exhibition have been chosen and will go on display this month.
- Comic Workshop with Sean Begley in Blessington Library.
- Art exhibitions on display in Arklow Library, featuring the historic Shelton Abbey Prison Service carvings and *Tonn agus Talamh* by Caragh and Rebecca O'Connor, while Greystones Library hosts the Toni Smyth Art Display.
- Community-led creative initiatives including Blessington's Monster Doodle project and Ballywaltrim's teen craft programme.

Interesting / Notable Highlights

- Ballywaltrim Library received thoughtful handmade thank-you cards from a local second class following regular class visits, recognising the positive impact of library staff on children's reading confidence.
- Growing demand for digital skills support in Blessington Library demonstrates the continuing importance of libraries in helping people access online services.
- Executive Librarian and members of Arklow Library Writers' Group attended the Summer Garden Party at Áras an Uachtaráin.
- Arklow Library has introduced two new initiatives: Inclusive Adult Knitting and *Taking Action*, a mental health and wellbeing workshop for young men aged 18–30.
- The Tiny Investigator Lab series "Photosynthesis" continues at Greystones Library with Dr Viktoriia, while Colm Brennan hosts a Mythological Creatures Art and Poetry Workshop.

Core Library Activity - Across all branches, libraries continue to deliver a consistent programme of services including:

- Arts & crafts, LEGO and STEM activities
- Book clubs for children, young adults and adults
- Digital literacy and one-to-one IT support
- Language conversation groups
- Community meetings and support groups
- School outreach and early years engagement
- Study spaces and community room bookings
- Partnerships with local organisations supporting health, wellbeing and inclusion
- Storytimes and family events

These core services remain central to library service delivery and continue to attract strong community participation.



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ARCHIVES SERVICE

Archives catalogue: County Archives collections continue to be catalogued on our collections management platform *Axiell Collections*. Collections catalogued to date include private estate collections; Wicklow business collections; Grand Jury and Boards of Guardians. Cataloguing of county council records series is ongoing.

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Digitisation programme: Digitisation completed for Labourers Cottages Ledgers (1880s to the 1920s), and Rathdrum Rural District Council minutes (1899-1925), supported by the Commemorations Programme of the Department of Culture, Communications and Sport. The Labourers Cottages collection is now uploaded to Wicklow.ie at <https://www.wicklow.ie/Living/Services/Arts-Heritage-Archives/Archives/Collections/Digitised-Collections>. The Rathdrum Rural District Council minutes will follow shortly. Next project county burial registers.

Special projects/Outreach activities

Heritage Green Screen: County Archives welcomed two 3rd classes from Holy Rosary Primary School Wicklow to participate in a pilot of a Heritage Green Screen workshop using old photographs of Wicklow Town. The Archives borrowed 19th century inspired costumes from the National Museum of Ireland and the children chose their costume and their photograph and were super-imposed onto the image using green screen technology. The images will be share with the school and parents. This was part of the Archives' strategy to engage primary school children with their local history in an interesting and fun way. It is hoped to roll out these workshops to other schools in the next school year.

Rathdrum Men's Shed: County Archives welcomed Rathdrum Men's Shed for a guided tour of collections and discussion about local history and genealogy. They were particularly interested in our collections featuring the Rathdrum Workhouse and Board of Guardians.

Irish Historic Towns Atlas – Wicklow project: Archivist attended an authors' workshop at the Royal Irish Academy for the Wicklow Historic Atlas project, where expertise was shared on research methods and source materials for the project.

Arklow Street Preachers publication: Final proofs have been approved with the publishers Wordwell and an official launch in Arklow Library will be planned shortly.

Conservation programme: Conservation treatment is now complete on the two Wicklow Town maps dated 1850s and two Wicklow Corporation rental rolls dated 1850 and 1860, and digitising of these objects is planned. Funding for this project has been secured from Heritage Council under Heritage Stewardship Grant programme 2026, and a Heritage Week event will mark this project.

ARTS OFFICE AND CREATIVE IRELAND

County Wicklow Creative Ireland Team

Four new community projects were awarded total of €15,700 to deliver a variety of programmes in 2026. They support a range of events that communicate and celebrate aspects of Wicklow people and place in creative and innovative ways. They form part of a wider set of actions created by Wicklow County Council and funded by Creative Ireland to support community engagement under the Creative Wicklow Strategy 2023 – 2027.

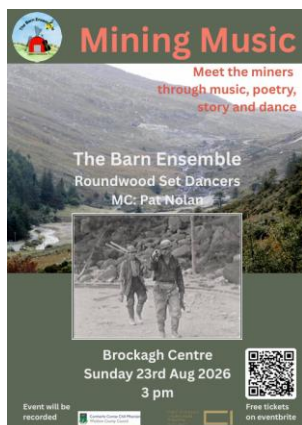
“Together We Flow” – St. Catherines Special School: This project has been developed to support St. Catherine's Special School community as they prepare to move into a new, purpose-built, state-of-the-art building in Kilcoole. To support this transition, the aim is to bring a sense of continuity into the new building through collaborative artworks created by the pupils. The project will create a large, ceramic installation made up of individual tiles. Each pupil will design and make their own tile, which will then be combined into one larger piece. Each tile represents a pupil, and together they form a connected whole—just like the school community. This approach ensures that every pupil is included and that their voice is part of the final artwork.

Session 55 - Traditional Irish Music Masterclass - Phase 2 : The aim of this project is to continue the support for the Session 55 senior musicians. This initiative will enable the members of the group to continue on from the Music Network Residency attended in Clermont in 2024 by learning and playing Irish traditional music. This programme was developed to facilitate older/retired accomplished and learner/improver musicians to explore and improve their musical ability, creativity and confidence and to build team cohesion. Emphasis is on positive aging, mental health and well-being and to promote cognitive ability in later life.

Mining Music – Heritage Music Project with Barn Ensemble: Mining Music is a community arts project exploring the musical, social, and cultural heritage of mining in Wicklow. The musical programme by the Barn Ensemble will draw on Wicklow's own musical history, including songs and tunes connected to mining communities, alongside new arrangements developed for the ensemble. It will culminate in a public performance, an engaging afternoon of music rooted in Wicklow's

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mining history, interwoven with stories, poetry, and dance — celebrating local heritage through a warm, inclusive community event.



Mentorship & Resilience Youth Café - pilot project: Mentorship & Resilience Youth Café project, in collaboration with the Age Friendly Officer and the Youth Café in Greystones, is a pilot project set up to serve as a community of support where younger individuals can connect with mentors (55 plus) and gain valuable insights. It provides a platform for young adults to feel empowered. The purpose is to offer guidance, advice and support in various aspects of life, addressing loneliness in both cohorts and exchange of cross generational skills like cyber literacy and storytelling. By participating in the mentorship café, young individuals can benefit from the mentors' experience and expertise, which can help them navigate challenges while mentees can enrich the mentors' lives and offer them a chance to gain a new perspective.

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Creative Places Baltinglass

Creative Community Activation Fund

In June five new Creative Places Baltinglass Projects were awarded through the Creative Community Activation Fund. The projects awarded were:

Project Title	Lead Artist	Participating Group
The Biddies of Baltinglass Literature / Story Telling	Carmel Stephens	A new woman's group in Baltinglass 'The Biddies of Baltinglass'
St. Patrick's Parade Project Visual Arts / Dance	Dermot Bolger	KARE and children and young people from Baltinglass
The Natural School of Art	Siobhan Madden	Scoil Naomh Iosaf Students
Sounds of the Slaney	Niall Hughes	Scoil Chonglais
Visual Arts	Olha Dekhtiarchuk	Slaney Court IPAS Centre

Wicklow County Council Arts Office is pleased to announce that these successful applicants for Round 2 of the Creative Places Baltinglass Creative Community Activation Fund will take place between July 2026 – April 2027. A total of €20,000 was available for projects taking place in 2026–2027, with grants awarded ranging from €2,000 to €5,000.

New Exhibition Hub in Baltinglass Library: The newly established Exhibition Hub Collective representative of the public, artists and the Arts and Library staff has selected the first exhibition from applications to participate in the inaugural exhibition. The Hub Collective selected work from a wide range of applications who had come through an Arts Office 'open call'. During July and August, the new exhibition hanging systems will be installed and the first exhibition will be in September. This exhibition theme will feature works that respond to place, landscape, community, memory, and identity, with a focus on Baltinglass and its wider surroundings.

The Biddies of Baltinglass Launch: On June, new local women's creative group The Biddies of Baltinglass has their first exhibition launch. A year of shared storytelling by women in Baltinglass was celebrated with the launch of a new booklet and sound recording at the Lalor Centre. *Whispers Through Time — Voices from the 1901 Census to the Present*

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Day was created by The Biddies of Baltinglass, a community storytelling group developed through Creative Places Baltinglass with support from Wicklow County Council. The launch evening featured readings, conversation and refreshments, as those involved shared stories and reflections gathered through the project.

Co-led by theatre artist Carmel Stephens and Leisa Grey, the group brought women together to explore their own experiences alongside the lives of people who came before them, drawing inspiration from the 1901 Census through to the present day.

What began as three storytelling workshops developed into an ongoing creative group, with sessions also including solo storytelling and drama games. Themes explored by the women included constraints, finding one's voice, childhood, nature and courage.

The women are planning to carry the project forward into the autumn and beyond with the support of Wicklow Arts Office and Creative Places Baltinglass.



(Image Credit: Joe Byrne)

Arts Office General Programme

Arts Plan Consultation for a new Arts Plan for 2026 – 2031

Wicklow County Council Arts Office invited artists, arts stakeholders, arts groups, arts festivals and those interested in participating in the arts in County Wicklow to engage in public consultation in relation to the development of the new Arts Plan for County Wicklow from 2026 – 2030.

Three public consultation meetings were held:

- one specifically in relation to arts capital and infrastructure development in the Glenview Hotel on Thursday 4 June from 2 – 4pm.
- general consultation meeting on Thursday 18 June in Arklow Library from 11am – 12:30pm.
- general consultation meeting on Thursday 18 June in Blessington Library from 7 – 8.30pm.

Alongside the public consultation meetings, the public, artists, stakeholders or interested parties can contribute to the Arts Plan by completing an [online survey](#) which was available for completion until Friday 24 July 2026 at 5pm.

Culture Night 2026 Awards Announced: An open application process was circulated in May for those seeking in the county to host and promote Culture Night in their local towns and villages. A record number of applications were received by the Arts Office for consideration. The recipients informed in June were:

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List of Successful Applications

Artist name / community group	Wicklow MD	Artform	Funding Allocation
Arklow Arts Centre	Arklow	Multi-disciplinary	€1,200.00
Arklow Music and Arts CLG	Arklow	Multi-disciplinary	€1,200.00
Baltinglass Sings	Baltinglass	Music	€1,300.00
Blessington Welcomes	Baltinglass	Music / dance	€1,000.00
Bray Community Addiction Team	Bray	Visual Art	€300.00
Courthouse Arts Centre	Baltinglass	Music	€1,200.00
Craobh Baile an Chinneidigh (Kevin Graham)	Greystones	Music / Irish	€1,010.00
Emilie Flanagan T/A Lights Drama Action	Baltinglass	Drama	€500.00
Jane Meehan (Roundwood Choir)	Wicklow	Music	€1,200.00
Judit Mate	Baltinglass	Music	€600.00
Knockananna Tidy Towns	Baltinglass	Visual art	€1,200.00
Kunstverein Auhrim	Arklow	Visual Art / Music	€1,200.00
Lucia Seva & Gerry Roche	Bray	Dance	€800.00
Mermaid County Wicklow Arts Centre	Bray	Street theatre	€1,200.00
Mike Nielsen	Wicklow	Music	€300.00
Mike Nielsen	Greystones	Music	€300.00
Music in Calary	Bray	Music	€1,200.00
Music Under The Mountains	Baltinglass	Music	€1,200.00
Olha Dekhtiarchuk	Baltinglass	Craft	€470.00
Shuttle Knit CLG	Wicklow	Craft / exhibition	€500.00
Signal Arts Centre CLG	Bray	Walking tour	€700.00
Sunbeam House Services	Arklow	Music	€800.00
Tamara Fiabane	Greystones	Craft	€500.00
Vincent Gethings	Baltinglass	Music / Literature	€1,000.00
Whale Theatre	Greystones	Theatre / music	€1,200.00
Wicklow Hills Arts Collective	Baltinglass	Visual Art	€1,200.00
Zoe Patterson T/A FYI Dance	Wicklow	Dance	€1,200.00
			€24,480.00

Strategic Projects Award Scheme Call Opens in July – August: The Strategic Project Award Scheme is a funding initiative for artists, curators, and collectives to nurture practice, enhance connectivity, and cultivate new voices within County Wicklow. There are two application streams, Stream A for new Applicants and Stream B for continuation of projects previously funded. Awards of between €10,000.00 and €15,000.00 will be made under the Scheme.

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Transportation & Infrastructure Delivery

Transportation

Public Lighting Maintenance

Please find attached the latest update on the outstanding public faults. The total number of faults currently (15/06/2026) outstanding stands at 270 – 1.641% of total stock of 16,430. Please note that some of these faults are dependent on ESB attendance and co-operation and we have ongoing liaison with the ESB to repair these faults, and progress has been made to repair long standing faults. A large number of faults also require civil works or infrastructure installations to undertake the repair; a number of these faults have been completed, and others are currently in progress. A total of 103 faults were attended in May, while 114 faults were reported during the month.

Status	ARKLOW MD	BALTINGLASS MD	BRAY MD	GREYSTONES MD	WICKLOW MD	Grand Total
Faults Reported – May	53	1	14	26	20	114
Faults Attended – May	29	2	37	21	14	103
No Supply						0
Access Issues (Attended)	2	1	6	1	5	15
Cable Fault (Attended)			3		2	5
Civils	2		5		11	18
Council Approval				4		4
ESB Notified	13	24	9	5	15	66
ESB Required	5	10	16	7	8	46
On Hold	1	1	11	3	2	18
PLEEP Fault	3	2	2	2	2	11
Submitted	19	7	3	3	13	45
TMR	9		10	3	5	27
Tree Cutting Required	2	1	8	2	2	15
Grand Total	56	46	73	30	65	270
Percentage not working	1.70%	1.87%	2.09%	0.95%	1.61%	1.64%
No. of Lamps	3301	2459	3488	3150	4032	16430
Percentage of Total Lamps	20%	15%	21%	19%	24%	100%

Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project (PLEEP)

The retrofitting of lanterns has commenced in all MDs with c. 1,568 lanterns upgraded to date (27/03/2026).

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Transportation Statistics

	Total 2024	Total 2025	Total 2026	April 2026	May 2026
Solicitors Queries	1014	1065	475	90	112
Road closure Applications	53	56	27	3	9
Road Opening Licences	1254	1494	534	104	122
Abnormal Load Applications	50	33	22	4	5

National Roads Projects

Junction 4 to 14 Improvement Scheme

The scheme is currently suspended as no funding is provided. The Wicklow County Council project team are continuing to meet with the public and any interested parties. Visit www.n11m11.ie for more details.

M11N11 Bus Priority Interim Scheme

The Phase 3 design and environmental evaluation work is progressing with submission to An Coimisiún Pleanála expected in Q2 2028.

Bulletin #8 – Project Status & Commencement of Phase 3 was published in April 2026 on the project website www.n11m11bpis.ie

The project team will continue to engage with all stakeholders as the project progresses through its various phases.

N11 Junction 12 Road Safety Improvement Scheme

A Feasibility and Options report was submitted to TII in July 2025 for approval and funding for proposed improvements to the southbound diverge ramp at the Garden Village / Newtownmountkennedy exit. TII's response advised that funding is not currently available to progress this scheme at this time.

N11 Kilpedder 'Rat-Run' Road Safety Improvement Scheme

The primary objective of the scheme is to address recurring safety issues and rat running during peak hours through the village and area of Kilpedder. The scheme aims to eliminate this rat-running through residential areas, enhance pedestrian and cyclist safety, and improve public transport accessibility. The scheme also aims to improve safety on the mainline of the N11.

The Phase 3 Design Report has been approved by TII on 09/02/26.

A public consultation under Part 8 took place between 29th April 2026 and 28th May 2026 with an in-person Public Information Event held in the Glenview Hotel on the 14th of May 2026 between 4:00pm and 8:00pm. Submissions were accepted up until 12th June 2026. Full details including a summary presentation are available on the Council's Online Consultation Hub at www.wicklow.ie/Living/ConsultationHub.

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The scheme had been screened for the requirement of an Appropriate Assessment and Environmental Impact Assessment, and it was determined that neither was required. The screening reports and determinations were included in the Part 8 documents. Nevertheless, a third-party application has been received by An Coimisiún Pleanála for their screening determination as to whether an EIA and/or an AA is required.

N11/M11 Strategic Bus Park & Ride Facilities

Proposals for bus-based Park & Ride facilities are being progressed adjacent to the N11/M11 at Junctions 6 (Fassaroe), Junction 11 (Kilpedder) and Junction 16 (Ashford/Rathnew).

- The Park & Ride at Junction 6 Fassaroe commenced construction work in April 2025. Commissioning and testing by the NTA have commenced and is ongoing. Opening expected in 2026.
- The Bus Park & Ride at Junction 16 (Ashford/Rathnew) was approved by the Elected Members at the meeting of the full Council in March 2025. Land purchase has been completed. Construction is expected to commence later in 2026 subject to funding being available.
- The preliminary design for the Bus Park & Ride at Junction 11 (Kilpedder) is being progressed in conjunction with the NTA Park & Ride Delivery Office. Lodgement to An Coimisiún Pleanála is expected in 2027.

N81 Hollywood Cross to Tallaght Road Improvement Scheme

The preferred route corridor was published in 2016. The scheme is not included in the National Development Plan.

N81 Whitestown Lower Project; and N81 Hangman's Bend and Tuckmill Project

Following completion of Phase 1 feasibility studies (The N81 Four Studies – Feasibility Report), Wicklow County Council are now progressing the following two projects:

- N81 Whitestown Lower Project; and
- N81 Hangman's Bend and Tuckmill Project.

The Phase 2 Preferred Option was published in October 2025 on the project website www.N81whitestownandtuckmill.ie. The project team is currently progressing at Phase 3 (Design & Environmental Evaluation).

N81 Hollywood Cross Rural Traffic Calming Road Safety Improvement Scheme (RSIS)

The construction contractor was appointed and commenced in July 2025. The construction was substantially completed in March 2026. The bus shelters were installed at the end of April 2026. Snagging and landscaping are continuing.

Park & Ride/Share at Hollywood

A suitable P&R location, that can be accessed from the regional road is being investigated. Based on this location, a supplementary Feasibility and Options Report and request for funding approval was formally submitted to TII on 20th May 2026.

TII's response on the 11th of June 2026 refused funding stating that *"Without the relocation of the parking and bus stop" (from Annalecky) "to Hollywood there is no safety improvement evident in the submitted F&O report. As the proposal does not address the safety concern identified, safety funding is not applicable in this instance."*

WCC advised that whilst the removal of N81 parking at Annalecky is likely to be supported, the removal of the Annalecky bus stops altogether would be problematic as they will continue to support local use.

N81 Blessington Gateway Project

Wicklow County Council are progressing this project at the design phase (Phase 3) to be followed by any necessary statutory approvals process (Phase 4).

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N81 Baltinglass South Gateway Project

The Feasibility and Options report (Phase 2) for the proposed scheme on the southern approach to Baltinglass was approved by TII on 22nd October 2025. The tender to procure a Technical Consultant to progress the scheme through to next phases was published in December 2025. The Technical Consultant was appointed in June 2026 and is now progressing the Phase 3 design.

N81 Hearn's Cross

A Feasibility and Options Report is being prepared to support an application to TII for funding for road improvements.

N11M11 Resurfacing Works

Road resurfacing works will be carried out by the MMARC contractor on the N11 northbound between junction 7 and junction 5 between 22nd June and 18th July. A weekday nighttime road closure will be in effect with signed traffic diversions in place. A reduced road works speed limit order of 60km/h will also be in place.

Greenway & TII Active Travel Projects

Arklow to Shillelagh Greenway

The Technical Consultant for Phase 3 (Design and Environmental Evaluation) and Phase 4 (Statutory Processes) was completed in April 2026 with the appointment of a project consultant. The Phase 3 design and environmental evaluation work is progressing with submission to An Coimisiún Pleanála expected in Q2 2028.

Wicklow Greystones Greenway

non-statutory public consultation for the Emerging Preferred Route was undertaken in January and February 2026. The Public Consultation included two public display events taking place in Greystones and Wicklow. Submissions and observations were accepted up to 13th February 2026. Meetings are ongoing with landowners along the emerging preferred route. Any updates required following the Public Consultation will be undertaken and reflected in the Options Selection Report submitted to TII for the Phase 2 Options Selection Gateway Review approval. Following this TII approval, this route will advance to Phase 3 for Preliminary Design.

Blessington eGreenway

Wicklow County Council was notified by letter dated 04/12/2024 that An Bord Pleanála has refused permission for the Blessington Greenway. Wicklow County Council has examined the decision by An Bord Pleanála. In consideration of the time and resources that would be necessary to prepare a new and/or revised submission and the uncertainty regarding the potential for a successful outcome, Wicklow County Council is not currently in a position to dedicate resources to the progression of a greenway scheme at this location. Wicklow County Council's priority in the short term is to consider opportunities to progress with shorter locally based trails to extend on the existing routes. These trail schemes can build on and benefit from the work completed to date for the Blessington Greenway. However, these trails would not meet the criteria for TII Greenway Schemes and therefore are unlikely to attract TII funding. Accordingly, any such trails will need to be progressed at Municipal District level.

Kilmacanogue to Bray Southern Cross Active Travel Scheme

The Phase 3 design and EIA works are in progress and landowner meetings are ongoing.

Road Capital Projects

Blessington Inner Relief Road

Construction work is progressing with completion expected later in 2026.

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Chapel Road Pedestrian and Cycle Infrastructure Improvement Scheme - Wicklow County Council Compulsory Purchase No. 1 Order 2021

Construction work on the project commenced in April 2025. Section 1 construction works are complete and are fully open to the public. The road closure for Section 2 is in operation up to 30th September 2026. The original contract completion date for the full project was May 2026 with the contractor now reporting a completion date in September 2026.

Arklow Southern Port Access Road

A tender process is currently underway to appoint Technical Consultants to progress this project.

Active Travel Updates

Project Updates

Active Travel Bridge (Wicklow Train Station to Port Access Route) Pathfinder

New pedestrian and cycle bridge to be provided at Wicklow Train Station, linking Station Road to the Port Access Road. Bus and vehicle set down to be provided along with cycle parking. The acquisition of lands on northern side of rail line has been completed. Archaeological Testing completed. NTA Rail Infrastructure Team to advise in relation to the management of the project.

Wicklow Active Travel Pathfinder Project (Wicklow MD)

Provision of pedestrian and cycle improvements along the R750 and Station Road from Abbey Street carpark to Station Road Junction to improve linkage to Wicklow Train Station. Preliminary Design stage completed and approval received from the NTA to move to Statutory Stage. Atkins Realis appointed as consultants to manage the project through Phases 4-7. Design to be revised and submitted to NTA for approval.

Bray Bridge footbridges and tie ins (Bray MD)

New footbridges and alterations to the road to make provision for cyclists. Atkins are progressing with the preliminary design phase. Topographic/GPR surveys have been completed. Atkins to complete the Options Report for the new pedestrian bridge structures. Preliminary design for scheme to be progressed. Atkins to prepare tender documents for the Ground Investigation works.

Baltinglass Bridge Active Travel Scheme (Baltinglass MD)

Provision of improved facilities for pedestrians and cyclists at Baltinglass Bridge. Atkins Realis have completed the Options Selection Phase, and an emerging preferred option has been selected. The emerging preferred option is for the provision of a new pedestrian bridge structure on the north side of the existing bridge. Atkins are progressing with additional feasibility works - environmental, land acquisition, geotechnical etc. The recommended ecological surveys have been completed, and the ecological impact assessment report is being prepared. A Contract has been awarded for the proposed geotechnical investigation works. The GI works are scheduled to be completed in July. Ongoing consultation with the two affected landowners.

Greystones Pathfinder (Greystones MD) - Greystones Seafront to Charlesland Active Travel Provision

Provision of pedestrian and cycle improvement works to be completed along the public road linking Greystones Train Station with the Marina to the north and Charlesland to the south. Atkins Realis appointed as consultants to manage the project through Phases 4 -7 Preliminary Design completed and issued to NTA. Atkins appointed as consultants for Phase 4 - 7. Preliminary design issued to NTA and presented to Greystones MD Members. Part 8 to be prepared

Safe Routes to Schools: Kilmacanogue NS (Bray MD)

Provide infrastructure for schools to increase walking and cycling as the preferred travel mode where possible and improve safety at front of school. Section 38 non-statutory public consultation to be advertised in June following approval from the NTA.

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Convent Road Active Travel Scheme (Greystones MD)

The provision of new and improved pedestrian facilities on Convent Road, Delgany. The Preliminary Design Phase has been completed, and the project has progressed to Phase 4 – Statutory Processes. It has been identified that the Chief Executive's Report for the proposed Part 8 development was not completed within the statutory timeframe prescribed under the Planning and Development Regulations.

To ensure procedural compliance, it is proposed to recommence the Part 8 process, including a new period of public consultation. This will commence on Wednesday 17th June.



Killincarrig Village Enhancement Scheme (Greystones MD)

The provision of new and improved pedestrian facilities on the R761 Kindlestown Lower Road, with new Public Lighting, and Public Realm improvements in Killincarrig Village. The Detailed Design phase is ongoing. A meeting was held with the Killincarrig Village Residents Association to update them on the latest design. Positive Feedback received. Construction works are scheduled to commence when the Chapel Road Scheme has been completed. Expected start date is Q4 2026

Blessington Main Street to Deerpark

WCC and NTA met to review preliminary design. NTA have approved gateway 2/3 pack to proceed to statutory process and Part 8. PART 8 to be advertised following approval of determination reports for environmental screenings.

Delgany Village Accessibility Scheme – Mill Road (Greystones MD)

The provision of new and improved pedestrian and cyclist infrastructure along Church Road, Delgany. The Scheme is at Phase 5 – Detailed Design and Procurement. The Consultant for the scheme, EGIS, have advised that they do not have resources available to continue working on this project. A tender process will be required to appoint a new consultant for the scheme.

Other Projects -

- **SRTS Round 3: Scoil Mhuire Realt na Mara HSRR*, Brittas Bay.**

The project will include Brittas Bay NS Safe Routes to School project. Brittas Bay footpath construction underway. Gateway 4 approval has been submitted to the NTA following the Section 38 for the SRTS element. The Phase 1 Brittas Bay footpath project has now been included in the Safe Routes to School project under the active travel program for 2026.

- **SRTS Round 3: Scoil Mhuire na n-Aird**

Provide infrastructure for schools to increase walking and cycling as the preferred travel mode where possible and improve safety at front of school. An Taisce and WCC to engage with school on revised delivery report

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- **Scalp Road Footpath, Enniskerry**

Provision of footpath along Scalp Road, Enniskerry. Topographical survey is complete. Tender to be prepared for consultant to carry out feasibility study.

- **Aughrim Road Pedestrian Crossing, Tinahely**

Provision of a new Zebra/Controlled Crossing and upgraded footpath to link Kilcommon National School to residential areas. Topographic survey completed. Works extended to include two additional pedestrian crossings on School Road. Section 38 consultation completed. Construction works ongoing.



- **Vale Road Pedestrian Improvement Scheme, Arklow**

Project extended to include 560m footpath, pedestrian crossing and access ramp at link to Coolgreaney Road. WCC to fund cost of ramp construction. Construction works ongoing.



- **Redford Park Junction, Greystones**

Redford Park Junction upgrade to provide improved pedestrian and cycle facilities Lidl have verbally confirmed the boundary lines with their solicitor. WCC waiting on written confirmation from Lidl

- **Bus Priority Little Bray**

*Enhancement of bus and active travel infrastructure between Fassaroe Townland and Sunnybank Junction
Review drawing and options assessment as bridge in Rehill's development is no longer part of this plan and not feasible as part of river cycle way option. Draft Feasibility & Options Report under review with WCC*

- **Wicklow MD Pedestrian Improvement Scheme**

2026 list of proposed locations to be submitted to Active Travel Team by WMD and issued to NTA for approval.

- **Arklow MD Pedestrian Improvement Scheme**

Construction completed in Rathdrum and Avoca. 2 Pedestrian crossings to be completed as part of the Coolgreaney Road improvement scheme which will be funded under Arklow MD Junction

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- **Greystones MD Pedestrian Improvement Scheme**

Pedestrian crossing installed in Kilcoole. Awaiting ESB connection. Gateway 5 approval request issued to NTA for approval.

- **Baltinglass MD Pedestrian Improvement Scheme**

2026 list of locations to be listed in PGAF and issued to NTA for Gateway 5 approval.

Bus Stop Enhancement Programme

- New NTA BSEP tracker being actively populated from sources below to Outline Plan for BSEP that can be delivered in 2026 & into 2027. Includes Bus Shelter requests.
 - TFI/NTA directly
 - LA - CRM, MD's inputs.
 - Representations – Councillor / TD requests / SPC
 - Public Consultations
 - Reporting Safety / Accessibility Issues – directly TFI/LA
- SPC items from each MD have been added to the BSEP tracker. The requests are primarily Shelters, but locations noted also highlighted ancillary works also needed. NTA will these for suitability and will recommend level of works/progress required. Some items may overlap with Connecting Ireland (CI) works & some have already been installed.

New Projects in 2026

- **SRTS Round 4 Scoil Naomh Brid, Talbotstown**
Prepare brief Design support for round 4 schools
- **SRTS Round 4 St. Brigid's NS, Greystones**
Prepare brief Design support for round 4 schools
- **SRTS Round 4 St Brigid's NS. Manor Kilbride**
Prepare brief Design support for round 4 school
- **SRTS Round 4 Wicklow Educate Together**
Prepare brief Design support for round 4 schools
- **Deerpark Cycle Link, Bray –**
Phase 1 – PGAF approved. Consultant to be appointed to complete design.
- **Giltspur to Charnwood Active Travel Link -**
Phase 1 – PGAF approval to be sought from NTA
- **Arklow MD Permeability Links**
Phase 1 - 2026 list of 2026 list of locations to be listed in PGAF and issued to NTA for Gateway 5 approval.
- **Arklow MD Junction Tightening works –**
GAF approved. Coolgreaney Road Pedestrian Improvement works scheme will use this funding to provide junction tightening and new pedestrian crossings on Coolgreaney Road. Consultant Engineers appointed to complete design for the scheme.
- **Bray MD pedestrian crossings**
GAFs to be submitted to crossings on Upper Dargle Road and Springfield Cemetery

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Bridge Rehabilitation (Local and Regional Roads)

- Work complete at Carrigmore (Coolacork) Bridge, road reopened 24/05/2026.
- Flood emergency overflow installed at Porter's Bridge R750 Sea Road Arklow. Works Complete, road reopened 16/06/2026.
- Structural assessments of Colbinstown Bridge undertaken by consultants. Bridge Inspection report and load assessment report received from consultant. Progress meeting for Colbinstown Bridge to be held on the week of the 6th of July, to discuss bridge rehabilitation options.

Winter Maintenance

The season ended on the April 30th. Season stats are currently being compiled for assessment.

Between 18/04 and 30/04, over 13 nights there were 0 callouts.

Machinery Yard

- Framework Circle K cards usage is increasing, and all cards have been delivered.
- 3 new telescopic handlers have been received.

Road Maintenance Programme

The Road Maintenance Programme commenced 29/05/2026 and was substantially completed by the 15/06/2026.

Parking Income

January to May 2026

Parking Income by Municipal District	EURO
Bray Municipal District	€435,902.28
Greystones Municipal District	€158,057.86
Wicklow Municipal District	€207,849.23
Arklow Municipal District	€113,463.57
Parking Permits	€49,350.00
Parking Fines	€238,184.50
Wicklow County Council Total	€1,202,807.44

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Infrastructure Delivery

Affordable Housing Information as of 31st May 2026

Mariner's Point, Wicklow – 4 x Affordable Houses

- 4 x two-bedroom houses have been assigned. Liaison with applicants and our Legal Department

Lott Lane, Kilcoole, Co. Wicklow – 26 x Affordable Houses

- 26 Affordable houses have been approved. 24 x three-bedroom, 2 x two bedroom
- Due to launch Q4 2026
- Showhouse will be ready Q3 2026

Rockbrae, Bray, Co. Wicklow – 9 x Affordable Houses

- Application for 9 Affordable Houses at Rockbrae, Bray was approved 28/01/2026. Tender is out

Market Close, Dunlavin, Co. Wicklow – 7 x Affordable Houses

- AHF application for 4 Affordable Houses at Market Close, Dunlavin, was submitted 24/09/2025, approval granted 4/03/2026
- The sale of 3 x 3 bed terraced houses in Market Close has been Part V agreed

Housing Supply – Programme of Delivery

Schemes Recently Completed	UNITS	CURRENT STATUS
Ballard, Shillelagh	20	Completed and allocated
Merrymeting, Rathnew Phase 2	21	Completed and allocated
Liam Kavanagh Park, Ballynerrin	10	Completed and allocated
Cois Droichead, Greystones	41	Completed, allocated
Lugduff, Tinahely	20	Completed, allocated
5A Rednagh Road, Aughrim	1	Completed, allocated
Scheme on Site	Units	Current Status
Fassaroe, Bray	11	Completion expected Q3 2026
Lott Lane, Phase 2	26	Contractor on site. Completion expected Q4 2026.
Lott Lane, Kilcoole	75	Completion expected Q3 2026
1A Mill Road, Greystones	3	Completion expected Q3 2026
Merrymeting, Rathnew, Phase 3	7	Completion expected Q3 2026
Ballinahinch, Ashford	19	Completion expected Q4 2026
Pipeline Schemes	Units	Current Status
Central Garage, Old Conna Bray	16	Stage 2 submitted
Burgage More, Blessington PPP	106	Contractor on site
Rehills, Bray Phase 1	140	Options being considered
Rockbrae, Bray	53	Tender award imminent
Carrig Eden Tiglin	14	On hold
Ballyguile Rd, Wicklow	16	Stage 2 submitted
Burnaby, Greystones PPP	262	Options being considered
Tinahask, Arklow	74	Tender award imminent

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Tinahask PPP, Arklow	128	Options being considered
Sheephouse, Arklow	57	Stage 1 approved
Mountainview, Blessington	10	Tendered award imminent
Hawkstown Park Phase 2, Wicklow Design & Build	54	Detailed design and tender docs underway
Barndarrig Group Housing scheme for 3 houses and 17 social houses	20	Part 8 approved Oct 25
18 Old Conna, Bray	3	Part 8 approved Dec 25

Traveller accommodation

Capital Programme

Ballintreskin – 3 houses	Houses allocated
Avondale Heights, Rathdrum – 3 houses	Houses allocated
Barndarrig Group Housing scheme for 3 houses and 17 social houses	Part 8 approved October 25
Vale Road Arklow – 2 Units	Part 8 permission expected July

Fire safety annual checks on Halting sites for 2024 has been carried out.

Framework for consultants for one off housing projects Age Friendly/Disability Schemes has been awarded and in process of being established.

Tender for multiparty design consultant for Ballyguile Road (Hillview) Age Friendly Scheme mix of Housing/Community/Regeneration type works to be complete Q1 2025. Works Being done in coordination with the Housing Agency.

Our Age Friendly Scheme at The Greens Kilcoole was nominated for a LAMA award in 2024.

Energy Efficiency upgrades to Council Stock

Wicklow county council has an ongoing Programme of works retrofitting our council housing stock. The works selected and completed comply with our Energy Fabric Upgrade Policy that went through SPC in 2023. In 2024 we took on a second contractor from our framework to cover the Arklow, Tinahely Area. Work has been completed on 110 units by the end of the year. Monastery Grove Was Nominated for LAMA award 2024.

Part V

The following Part V units are due during 2026:

Location	No. of Units	Due for Delivery	Method
Wicklow	4	Delivery due Q2 2026	WCC
Roundwood	6	Delivery due Q3 2026	WCC
Baltinglass	7	3 Delivered Q2. Remainder due Q3 2026	WCC
Delgany	3	Delivered Q2 2026	WCC
Dunlavin	7	Delivery due Q2 to Q4 2026	WCC
Wicklow	7	Delivery due Q2 to Q3 2026	WCC
Newcastle	1	Delivered Q1 2026	WCC

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Delgany	6	2 delivered Q2. Remainder due Q3 2026	WCC
Wicklow	4	Delivery due Q3 2026	WCC
Arklow	2	Delivery due Q1 2027	WCC
Delgany	11	Delivered Q2 2026	WCC
Rathnew	19	Delivery due Q2 2026 to Q4 2026	WCC
Rathnew	16	Delivery due Q2/Q3 2026	WCC
Delgany	1	Delivered Q2	WCC
Kilcoole	1	Delivery due Q2	WCC
Enniskerry	8	Delivery due Q2 to Q3	WCC
Delgany	4	Delivery due Q3	WCC
Rathdrum	7	Delivered Q2 2026	CALF
Rathnew	15	Delivered Q1 2026	CALF
Wicklow	13	Delivered Q2 2026	CALF
Newcastle	5	Delivery due Q3 2026	CALF
Newtownmountkennedy	16	Delivery due Q2 2026	CALF
Bray	12	Delivery due Q2 2026	CALF

Potential units

Wicklow County Council currently has agreements in place for units in Delgany, Rathnew, Bray, Roundwood, Newtownmountkennedy, Baltinglass, Wicklow, Rathdrum, Newcastle and Arklow with delivery in 2026. This includes the units listed above. WCC is in negotiations in respect of over 100 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

The following Turnkey units are due during 2026:

Location	No. of Units	Due for Delivery	Method
Baltinglass	2	Delivery due Q2 2026	WCC
Roundwood	4	Delivery due Q2 2026	WCC
Delgany	1	Delivered Q2 2026	WCC
Arklow	2	Delivery due Q2 2026	WCC
Rathdrum	3	Delivered Q2 2026	CALF
Baltinglass	10	Delivered Q1 2026	CALF
Newcastle	11	Delivery due Q3 2026	CALF

- Negotiations are on-going with a number of Developers and AHB's in relation to acquiring further Turnkey units.

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- Expression of Interest for Turnkey Housing Developments/Housing Schemes and or land for the provision of social housing/affordable housing to be advertised in Q3.

Vacant Homes Scheme

Current Compulsory Purchase Orders on long term vacant houses around the county 2026.

No.	Property Location	Current Status
1.	114 Hillside, Greystones	Allocated.
2.	108 Charnwood, Bray	Allocated.
3.	36 Wheatfield, Bray	Allocated.
4.	10 Liam Mellows Avenue, Arklow	Works completed.

Further long-term vacant properties are currently being identified for future batches of CPOs.

Croí Cónaithe (Towns, Cities and Rural) – Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant

The Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant is a payment you can get if you are turning a vacant house or building into your permanent home or a rental property. The grant applies to qualifying vacant properties in cities, towns, villages and rural parts of the country.

There are 2 types of Grants available:

- Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant of up to €50,000
- Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant including the Derelict Property top up grant of up to €70,000

To qualify for the top up of €20,000, an independent report prepared by a Structural Engineer, along with a copy of their Professional Indemnity Insurance, is required to be submitted along with the application, confirming, to the satisfaction of the local authority, that the property is derelict i.e. structurally unsound and dangerous.

To qualify for the grant, applicants must:

Have proof of ownership or evidence of active negotiations to buy the property (that is, confirmation of engagement from the estate agent or owner of the property) where you are seeking approval in principle for a grant.

- Live in the property as your principal private residence or make it available for rent.
- Have proof that the property has been vacant for at least 2 years and that it was built up to and including 2007.

Number of Applications to date	327
Applications in progress/information requested from applicants to date	4
Applications Approved in Principle to date	165
Number of Applications paid to date	93
Value of 93 Grants paid out to date	€5,006,165.00
Applications withdrawn/Rejected to date	65

In addition, 3 new schemes have launched:

- The Expert Advice Grant (up to €5,000)
- The Vacant Above the Shop the Grant (up to €135,000)
- The Conversion of former Commercial/Public Use Building (up to €110,000)

Detailed information on all 3 schemes is available at www.wicklow.ie

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Integration and Emergency Response

Fire Service

Operational Fire Statistics June 2026

There were **107** incidents attended during the month of June 2026. Due to false alarms (non-incidents) and laid down procedures to mobilise two stations to potentially serious incident types, individual Fire Stations were mobilised on a total of **148 occasions** including **7** mobilisations in other counties. On no occasion did an incident commander request additional resources over what was prescribed in the Pre-Determined Attendance.

Operational activity for the month of June 2026 saw a return to activity levels associated with this time of the year. There was a decrease of **35% (78 mobilisations) on the preceding month May 2026 (226 mobilisations)** which had seen an unusual increase in operational activity.

The annual trend for gorse fires to decrease in June occurred which saw a reduction in this activity by 41 mobilisations month on month. More importantly there was a reduction in activity to domestic house fires (-14 mobilisations). There was also a reduction in small fires in urban areas (-16 incidents).

There was an increase of 17% in operational activity for the month of June 2026 **over the equivalent month in 2025** (June 2025, 127 mobilisations). There was an increase in gorse fires (+7) and an increase in mobilisations to false alarms (+15).

During the month of June 2026 25% of activity related to response to RTCs. 18% of overall activity across the county was responding to alarm activations in buildings compared with 8% of activity in respect of mobilisations to fires in buildings. Ambulance Assists accounted for 7% of activity, small urban fires represented 10% of overall activity and gorse fires represented 6%.

Incidents in County Kildare (2-incidents total):

- 29/06/2026 Blessington Fire Crew and Dunlavin Fire Crew supported a crew from Naas at a domestic house fire in Naas.

Incidents in County Wexford (4-incident total, samples below):

- 08/06/2026 Arklow fire crew attended an ambulance assist call in Whitepark, Scarnagh.
- 18/06/2026 Carnew fire crew supported a fire crew from Bunclody at an RTC in Gorey.
- 23/06/2026 Carnew fire crew supported a fire crew from Gorey at an RTC at Ballytarsna, Askamore.

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Fire Prevention Statistics

Fire Safety Certificates (FSCs), Disability Access Certificates (DACs)

Application type	Received	Deemed Invalid, or withdrawn	Requested additional information	Inspections	Recommended for Grant
FSCs	9	0	5	0	10
Revised FSCs	3	0	2	0	3
FSC 7-Day Notice	8	0	3	0	4
Regularisation FSCs	0	0	0	0	0
Total FSCs	20	0	10	0	17
DACs	12	0	3	0	12
Revised DACs	0	0	0	0	0
Total DACs	12	0	3	0	12
Dispensations / Relaxations	0	0	0	0	0

40 planning files were referred to the Chief Fire Officer for comment in June. Observations were made on 32 files received.

Licensing	Received	Inspected	Request further info	Letter / Licence Issued	No objection entered on Courts on-line Service
District	6	1	0	1	1
Circuit	0	0	0	0	0
Dangerous Substances Act	0	0	0	0	0
Explosive Act	0	1	1	0	0

Activities during the month of April included:

- Wicklow County Fire Service hosted 1-day of an Anaesthesia, Trauma and Critical Care Course (ATACC) coordinated by Dr Menzies of St Vincent's Hospital.
- There were four initial 1-day Medical First Responder courses held in Blessington and Rathdrum.
- Two 2-day Medical First Responder Refresher Courses took place in Bray and Carnew.
- Three 1-day Compressed Air Foam training refresher courses took place in Wicklow Town.
- Two 2-day on station firefighter skills training events took place in Blessington and Baltinglass Fire Stations.

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Building Control Statistics

Commencement Notices for June 2026:

- Commencement Notices Submitted: 59
- 14 Commencement Notices with Compliance Documents
- 27 Opt Out Declarations
- 11 Commencement Notices without Compliance Documents
- 7 Seven Day Notice

Submission Statistics

- 45 % of Commencement Notices - Opt Out
- 55 % of Commencement Notices Revised Information required & requested = 33 No. Commencement Notices (CN) of which
 - 11 with Compliance Documentation (33%)
 - 12 are Opt Out (36%)
 - 3 Without Compliance Documentation (9%)
 - 7 Seven Day Notice (21%)
- 52 Valid Commencement Notices
- 38 new build residential units
- 34 Apartments
- 14 domestic extensions
- 14 Non Res new builds
- 7 Invalidated CNs from June

Certificates of Completion processed in June 2026

- 9 New No. of CCC submitted
- 9 Required Revised Information (100%)
- 16 No. Validated
- 0 No. Invalid
- 19 new Residential units & 8 Apartments
- 9 Non Res. Builds

Submission Statistics

16 No. Validated CCCs related to;

- 8 No. CCCs submitted in June
- 8 No. CCCs submitted in May

**BCA not notified on completion of opt out developments

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38 new residential houses, 34 apartments, 14 residential extensions and 14 Non-res buildings were notified to LA for Commencement & 19 newly residential units with an additional 8 apartments were for completion submitted, assessed and validated in June. The high level of commencement notices for June would indicate that construction activity in Wicklow will continue to rise for the remainder of 2026.

7 No. Commencement Notice submissions were invalidated this month; this is due to a joint direction by both NBCO & Dept of HLGH to LA's. Commencement Notice data extracted from BCMS is being used in the National Action Plan on Housing Supply. If Revised Information request have not been responded to by the Commencement Date, submissions are to be invalidated, so BCMS real time statistics can be extracted.

BER certificates for all newly completed units were requested & submitted to Building Control as per S.I. No. 243/2012 - European Union (Energy Performance of Buildings) Regulations 2012.

In June, Building Control increased site inspections to identify non-compliances with Building Regs onsite and 6 Section 11 Compliance Requests were issued. Building Control also organised a joint inspection with the National Building Control Office, however NBCO were unable to attend on the day.

Revised Information requests remained high in June for both Commencement Notices and Certificates of Compliance on Completion, 55% of Commencement Notice submissions & 100% of Certificate of Compliance on Completion submissions required revised information. Revised information requests are issued to nominated role holders of submissions when compliance with Building Regs has not been demonstrated.

Wicklow Building Control continues to perform standardised assessment of submissions at commencement stage and onsite presence during construction. These methods remain the best way to promote compliance with Building Regs.

In June, Building Control officers attended the quarterly Building Control Regional meeting in Portlaoise. Building Control staff continue to contribute to the NDFEM Codes of Practice Subgroup on a weekly basis both online and in person meetings in Portlaoise.

Civil Defence June 2026

Overview

June was another productive month for the unit, with volunteers engaged in operational preparedness, training, community engagement, and recognition of long-serving members.

Operations & Preparedness

- Participated in the **National Radiation Monitoring Exercise**, conducted in conjunction with the **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**. The exercise was treated as a live operational deployment, with volunteers carrying out radiation monitoring procedures, recording readings, and following established reporting protocols. This exercise provided an important opportunity to validate operational readiness, reinforce procedures, and ensure the unit remains prepared to support national response arrangements in the event of a radiological incident.

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- Volunteers were specifically invited to support the **ATACC (Anaesthesia, Trauma and Critical Care)** course at Bray Fire Station by acting as simulated casualties during mass casualty scenarios. This enabled participants to train in realistic emergency conditions while providing Civil Defence volunteers with valuable exposure to multi-agency emergency response exercises.



- Provided operational first aid cover for the **2026 Club Orange Women's FAI Cup First Round** at the **Carlisle Grounds, Bray**. Volunteers delivered medical support throughout the fixture, helping to ensure the safety and wellbeing of players, officials, and spectators while supporting the successful delivery of the event.

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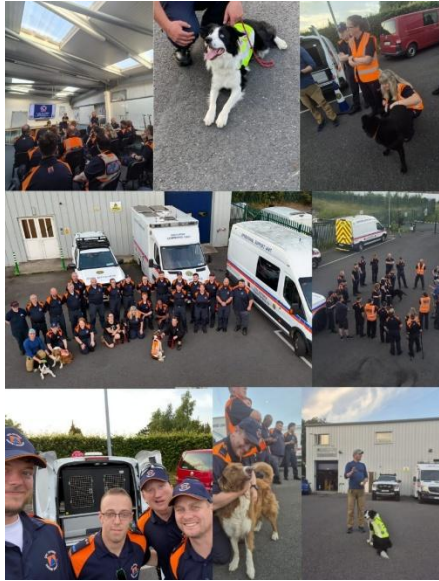


- The unit was activated by **An Garda Síochána** to assist in a missing person search in the **Wicklow Gap** area. Civil Defence volunteers conducted coordinated search operations alongside partner agencies, with the missing person subsequently located alive by Civil Defence search crews. The successful outcome highlights the professionalism, training, and commitment of our volunteers, as well as the importance of effective interagency cooperation during search and rescue operations.

Training & Development

- Delivered a weekend of **Mandatory Training Standard (MTS)** training for new recruits, covering mandatory modules including:
 - Induction
 - Manual Handling
 - Cardiac First Response
- Hosted **SARDA (Search and Rescue Dog Association)** for an informative presentation and live demonstration, giving volunteers an insight into the role of search dog teams and their capabilities during search operations.

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Community Engagement

- Visited the **National Learning Network Bray** to provide an overview of Civil Defence, highlighting our role within the community, volunteer opportunities, and the range of services we provide.
- Welcomed students from **Newcourt School, Bray**, to our unit, where volunteers demonstrated Civil Defence equipment, explained our operational roles, and introduced students to the work of the organisation.
- Provided first aid cover for the **Cumann na mBunscol Sports Day** at **Shoreline Athletics Track, Greystones**, ensuring the safety and wellbeing of participants throughout the event.

Volunteer Recognition

June also saw the recognition of two exceptional volunteers for their outstanding commitment and service to Civil Defence:

- **30 Years Long Service Medal** – Philip Evans - Awarded in recognition of three decades of dedicated volunteer service.
- **40 Years Long Service Medal** – David Lynch - Awarded in recognition of four decades of exceptional commitment and service.

These awards reflect the dedication, professionalism, and community spirit that continue to strengthen the organisation.

Summary

Throughout June, volunteers demonstrated continued commitment across training, operational readiness, community engagement, and interagency cooperation. From supporting national exercises and specialist training to educating community groups and recognising long-serving members, the unit maintained a high level of activity while continuing to build capability and strengthen community relationships.

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Wicklow Integration Services

Wicklow Community Integration Forum

- Meetings

The **Wicklow CIF West Regional Group** held a follow up meeting online on the 2nd July 2026 to review and amend the first draft of the West workplan. The aim of the work plan is that it is the strategic, high-level document defining the CIF's goals, timelines, and broad milestones.

The **Wicklow CIF Management Group** held their Q3 meeting on the 29th July 2026 for another opportunity to connect, collaborate, and share ideas that support welcoming and inclusive communities across Wicklow. The meeting provided an update on the IRPP, followed by an informative presentation on the EU Pact on Migration and Asylum, providing valuable insights into recent developments and what they mean at local level. CIF Member Presentations from the Wicklow Arts Officer and Wicklow Sports & Recreation Partnership were given, showcasing the fantastic work taking place across the county, highlighting opportunities to build stronger, more connected communities through arts, sport, and recreation. Representatives from both Regional Groups, East and West Wicklow provided updates on their work plans, celebrating progress and sharing experiences. CIF Funding, supported by Wicklow County Council was also discussed to give CIF members an opportunity to explore potential upcoming initiatives. The meeting concluded with a Communication Strategy Workshop facilitated by the CIF Coordinator where members can contribute ideas to strengthen how we share our stories, engage communities, and amplify the impact of the Forum in a safe manner for all communities.

- Workplans

Both Regional Groups have identified their Priority Areas for their workplans which include;

1. **Collaboration** - Identify current / future projects CIF members can collaborate on. (Using the CIF Contact Directory to connect).
2. **Funding** - Identify projects impacted by changes to funding. To consult with other CIF members for alternative funding opportunities if needed.
3. **Racism** - All to promote reporting hate crime and racist incidents using [Hate Crime Online Reporting](#) and [iReport](#)
4. **Information Sharing / Communication** - Identify knowledge gaps amongst CIF members. To arrange information sessions / training for CIF members. To keep all CIF members informed in policy updates / changes announced by Central Government Departments.
5. **Family Support** - CIF members to support one another in promoting events / information sessions. To review family supports available in West Wicklow.
6. **English Language** - CIF members to share resources available for English language classes (in person, online etc)

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7. **Advocacy** - Continue advocating for members of new communities in need and escalate to Management Group and appropriate Departments.
8. **Attendance to events / sessions** - CIF members to support one another in promoting events / information sessions. To review transport options for events.
9. **Domestic Violence Awareness** - CIF members to share resources available for victims of DV and suggest best practices in sharing information.

- Thematic Areas



1) Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)

Totals per Municipal District (in Department run emergency accommodation only)			
MD	IPAS	Ukrainian Response	Total
Arklow	33	14	47
Baltinglass	737	31	768
Bray	209	478	687
Greystones	0	107	107
Wicklow	200	89	289
Total	1,179	719	1898

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IPAS Centre information	
Current number of IPAS centres in County Wicklow	9
Number of new centres opened	0
Total number of residents	1,179
Of which are children	396

IPAS Totals per MD	
Arklow	33
Baltinglass	727
Bray	209
Greystones	0
Wicklow	200

WCC LAIT Activity to date in 2026	
Total number of Integration Clinics delivered	99
Total number of face-to-face support sessions	413
Total number of sessions with single adults	133
Total number of sessions with couples	14
Total number of sessions with families	199

LAIT Integration Support Data Recorded for June

Basic Clinic Data	
No. of clinics	9
No. of Individuals	10
No. of Couples	1
No. of Families	13
No. in Ireland less than 1 month	2
No. in Ireland 1-3 months	7
No. in Ireland 3-6 months	10
No. In Ireland more than 6 months	21
No. of International Protection Applicants	40
No. Persons with Status	1
No. of BOTPs	0
Total number of Referrals to outside agencies	11

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Integration Supports – Key Enablers

In Session Support	Incidence
Accommodation	0
Community/Family	8
Culture/Religion	0
Education/Training	9
Employment/Enterprise	20
Events	0
Finance/Welfare	8
Health/Wellbeing	9
Language/Communication	4
Legal/Justice/Civic	7
Transportation	1
Miscellaneous	6

Follow up Support	Incidence
Accommodation	0
Community/Family	0
Culture/Religion	0
Education/Training	2
Employment/Enterprise	0
Events	0
Finance/Welfare	2
Health/Wellbeing	3
Language/Communication	0
Legal/Justice/Civic	3
Transportation	1
Miscellaneous	1

Overall Support April	
Emails sent for Clinic work	36
Emails Received	240
Emails Sent	224
Contacts with stakeholders	28
Referrals	11

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Focused English Language Classes

The LAIT facilitated a set of five English language classes to five young people who are being accommodated in IPAS centres in the Grand Hotel and Rathmore. These English lessons were during the summer when KWETB are not running English classes and focused on new arrivals and those who have a low level of English. Therefore, when they return to classes in September, they are in a good position to progress and obtain employment or continue other English lead training courses.

2) Ukrainian Response

UCTAT Resident Webinars: Changes to Supports for BOTPs in Ireland

The Irish Red Cross (IRC) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) are organising a series of information sessions for Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection living in UCTAT accommodation. The sessions will provide up-to-date information on recent and upcoming changes to government supports, and what these changes may mean. The content is based on updates shared by the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration. Sessions will cover:

- Updates on changes to accommodation supports, including the planned wind-down of state-provided accommodation
- Information on the new Temporary Protection Transition Scheme
- Changes to the Accommodation Recognition Payment (ARP)
- Available supports and next steps for residents

All sessions cover the same content and are repeated across different dates and times to allow participants to choose a slot that suits them. Each session will last 60 minutes, including time for questions and answers and will run from the 18th June – 7th July 2026. Sessions will be delivered in Ukrainian and Russian. For information on recent changes in English, please visit: [Ukraine Updates \(EN\)](#).

European Commission recommends an extension of Temporary Protection status for one further year, up to March 2028

[European Commission proposes to extend temporary protection of people fleeing Ukraine for an additional year](#) on 26th June 2026 to provide for continued legal certainty, stability and predictability by prolonging temporary protection by one additional year until 4 March 2028, since the need for protection of people fleeing Ukraine remains clear.

3) Irish Refugee Protection Programme: Wicklow IRPP3

In preparation to receive families, the Resettlement Support Worker (RSW) has designed and developed a Welcome Booklet that includes information on the local area and surrounds, including amenities and public transport, along with arranging meetings with stakeholders to discuss the programme and how the families can link in with services;

- KWETB Bray – Adult Basic Education (ABE) and Further Education and
- Training (FET)
- REALT Coordinator
- Wicklow County Childcare Committee
- Wicklow Volunteer Centre

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- Bray and North Wicklow Area Partnership (BNWAP)
- Citizens Information Bray
- Wicklow Libraries
- An Garda Síochána

Some of these stakeholders have agreed to meet with families when they are settled to provide short, informal information sessions where relevant.



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Organisational Development

The following interviews were held in June 2026:

- Senior General Services Supervisor Interviews
- Marine Officer Interviews
- Library Assistant (Blessington) Interviews
- Part-Time Retained Firefighter (Dunlavin and Baltinglass) Interviews
- Part-Time Permanent & Substitute School Traffic Warden (Bray and Greystones) Interviews
- Executive Technician Interviews
- Senior Executive Technician Interviews
- Traffic/Litter Warden (Bray) Shortlisting

Employee Numbers

Employee Numbers	Q3 2025	Q4 2025	Q1 2026	Q2 2026
Managerial/Administrative	365	361	367	363
Professional/Technical	144	146	151	160
Outdoor	245	238	234	235
Temporary/Seasonal	96	58	60	96
Non DoHPLG	2	2	2	1
Total	852	805	814	855

Increase in Temporary/Seasonal Employees as a result of Beach Lifeguards commencing on 1st June 2026

Freedom of Information

June 2026: 14	June 2025: 4
January – June 2026: 107	January – June 2025: 42

Ombudsman Requests

June 2026: 2	June 2025: 2
January – June 2026: 12	January – June 2025: 18

Press Releases

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Register of Electors

Wicklow County Council's Franchise Section went live on www.voter.ie on Thursday 11th June 2026 along with 3 other local authorities for the migration to the new National Register of Electors. WCC went live as part of Wave 2 and are now working on www.voter.ie with these 3 other local authorities and with the 4 Dublin authorities.

All applications for updating details and new registrations are now coming to Wicklow County Council via www.voter.ie but we will continue to utilise www.checktheregister.ie for changes of address into Wicklow until all local authorities who have not migrated to date are also using the new system.

We are continuing to work on data quality on the Register and are also planning a programme of works for voter registration including visiting Secondary Schools in late summer/early Autumn 2026.

Customer Hub

Customer Service Innovation Hub			
Communication Channels	No.	Public Counters	No.
No. of Phone Calls received to (0404) 20100	7,856	Motor Taxation transactions in County Buildings	1,886
No. of Customer Service Emails received	4,145	Revenue Transactions	1,622
No. of Elected Members / Deputy Representatives Received	106	Housing Counter Visits	394

Energy Office

Wicklow County Council achieved ISO 50001 certification in September 2024. This international standard supports the establishment, implementation, maintenance, and continuous improvement of an energy management system. To retain certification, an annual surveillance audit is required. The National Standards Authority of Ireland (NSAI) was appointed as the external auditor to conduct these annual assessments of the Council's ISO 50001 energy management system. The Energy Office remains committed to ongoing improvement, proactively identifying non-conformances and implementing corrective actions monthly. The 2026 ISO 50001 surveillance audit took place on 20 March and concluded with a recommendation that Wicklow County Council retain its certification.

The Energy office collaborates with all sections of the council and supports the development of other energy efficiency opportunities.

- Monthly energy reports on our Significant Energy Users (SEU)
- Library Service – New builds and energy efficiency projects in existing libraries
- Fire Service - New builds and energy efficiency projects in existing fire stations and fleet
- Fleet Management – Monitoring energy and carbon emissions of the WCC fleet
- Wicklow Gaol – Installation of a new boiler system, transitioning from kerosene to HVO (Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil) fuel to improve sustainability and reduce emissions.

Ongoing energy monitoring and verification of projects completed in 2025 to verify energy savings.

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The Energy Office is currently investigating several energy efficiency and carbon reduction projects for 2026 with support from the Mid-East Energy Unit, Codema and SEAI

Planned SEAI Pathfinder Projects for 2026.

- Arklow MD / Library - Part removal of gas boiler, installation of Air Source Heat Pump, Solar Photovoltaic Panels
- Blessington MD office - Removal of gas boiler, installation of Air Source Heat Pump & Solar Photovoltaic Panels
- Shoreline Leisure Centres Energy Performance Contract (EPC) - Invitation to participate in competitive dialogue issued

Other ongoing projects - District Heating Feasibility Study – Arklow Decarbonised Zone final version due Q2 2026

Mid-East Energy Unit

- Tender published to establish multi-party framework for smaller works outside EPC
 - One stop shop for SEAI Pathfinder projects for Mid-East Region
 - Framework agreement established with the three successful contractors
- First EPC project for Kildare County Council contract signing took place in June
- Second EPC for Meath County Council contract signing took place in July
- Installing heat meters in leisure centres across the region to inform EPC process
- Third EPC for Wicklow County Council invitation to compete in competitive dialogue ongoing
- Forth EPC for Louth County Council invitation to compete in competitive dialogue ongoing

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Finance, Water & Information Systems

Finance

Revenue Account

DRAFT REVENUE ACCOUNT							
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 30th JUN 2026							
	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	31,020,803	62,990,719	49%	(31,971,590)	(65,142,671)	49%	(950,787)
Road Transport & Safety	9,828,581	28,055,651	35%	(5,782,698)	(19,804,843)	29%	4,045,883
Water Services	1,653,153	4,382,330	38%	(2,235,821)	(5,354,831)	42%	(582,668)
Development Management	10,060,835	19,296,387	52%	(6,000,298)	(11,199,854)	54%	4,060,537
Environmental Services	9,974,633	20,044,291	50%	(2,954,570)	(6,082,483)	49%	7,020,063
Recreation and Amenity	5,100,563	10,517,175	48%	(555,940)	(1,393,762)	40%	4,544,624
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	1,098,629	2,081,928	53%	(344,124)	(694,328)	50%	754,505
Miscellaneous Services	4,933,157	9,588,050	51%	(8,709,494)	(17,287,651)	50%	(3,776,336)
Central Management Charges	13,718,755	27,283,644	50%	(479,226)	(1,050,000)	46%	13,239,529
Local Government Fund	0	0	0	(10,905,040)	(21,810,080)	50%	(10,905,040)
Pension Levy	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0
Commercial Rates	0	0	0	(17,274,668)	(34,419,672)	50%	(17,274,668)
	87,389,110	184,240,175	47%	(87,213,469)	(184,240,175)	47%	175,641

Cashflow/Overdraft

Wicklow County Council manages its cashflow requirements daily and did not avail of its overdraft facility during the period 1st to 30th June 2026.

Capital Account

CAPITAL ACCOUNT					
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 30th June 2026					
	Opening Balance at 01/01/2026	Actual Expenditure	Actual Income	Transfers to/from Reserves	Closing Balance at 30/06/2026
	€	€	€	€	€
Housing and Building	12,487,427	37,928,042	(25,579,390)	(424,725)	24,411,355
Road Transport & Safety	(24,249,158)	9,467,752	(2,352,134)	(850,000)	(17,983,540)
Water Services	(6,335,116)	516,461	(8,892)	(90,000)	(5,917,548)
Development Management	(64,738,651)	559,577	(2,949,355)	1,029,972	(66,098,457)
Environmental Services	4,635,816	2,006,475	(1,799,832)	(416,250)	4,426,209
Recreation and Amenity	3,302,756	2,990,754	(794,593)	(1,050,860)	4,448,057
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	(2,225,465)	60,456	0	(267,500)	(2,432,509)
Miscellaneous Services	(6,311,917)	551,311	(402,056)	2,570,329	(3,592,332)
	(83,434,307)	54,080,826	(33,886,252)	500,967	(62,738,766)

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Commercial Rates, Rents and Loan Collections

SUMMARY OF MAJOR COLLECTIONS AT 30th June 2026										
Income Collection Area	Opening Balance 01/01/2026	Accrued	Vacancy Property Adjustments	Write Offs	Waivers	Total for Collection	Collected	Closing Arrears 30/06/2026	Specific Doubtful Arrears	% Collection
Rates	2,830,358	34,548,088	(11,259)	(104,225)	121,396	37,211,404	(25,875,476)	11,335,928	523,849	71%
Rents & Annuities	2,760,539	9,707,092	0	0	0	12,467,631	(10,241,634)	2,225,997	0	82%
Housing Loans	447,005	1,035,633	0	0	0	1,482,638	(1,161,724)	320,915	0	78%

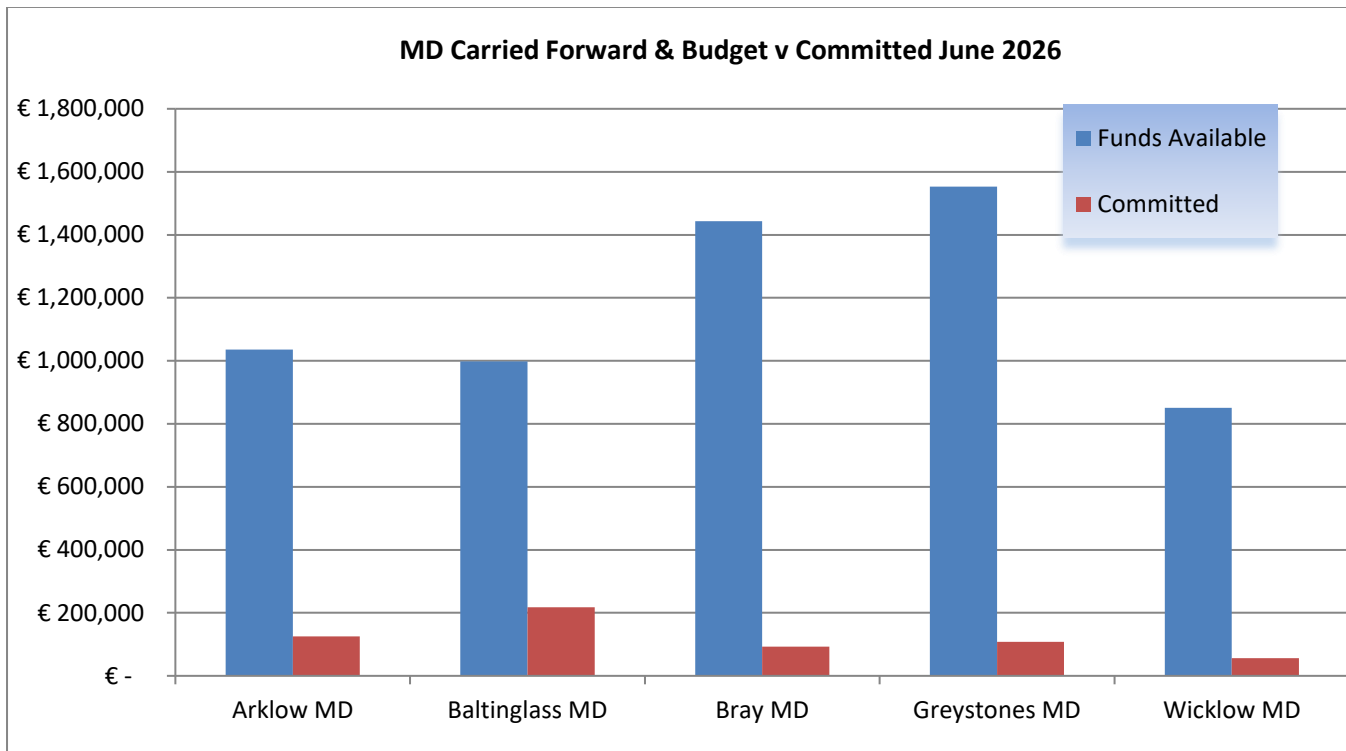
NB: Collection percentages are below normal levels due to the carry forward of arrears at the start of the new financial year. This situation will be regularised over the course of the year.

General Municipal Allocation and Discretionary Fund 2026

The decision taken by Members at the LPT meeting on 7th July to maintain the LPT basic rate increase at 6% generated circa €1.4m which was ring-fenced for discretionary funding within the 5 Municipal Districts to implement important public realm projects. The total Municipal District's General Municipal Allocation funding for 2026 is set out below:

Municipal District	C/F from 2025	Adopted Budget 2026	Funds available to MD	Committed	Balance to Expend
	€	€	€	€	€
Arklow MD	517,434	518,009	1,035,443	125,287	910,156
Baltinglass MD	317,834	679,901	997,735	217,639	780,096
Bray MD	604,785	838,142	1,442,927	92,995	1,349,932
Greystones MD	1,040,878	511,584	1,552,462	108,147	1,444,315
Wicklow MD	213,125	637,288	850,413	56,171	794,242
Total	2,694,056	3,184,924	5,878,980	600,239	5,278,741

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Capital Investment Programme 2026-2028

The Capital Investment Programme 2026-2028 for Wicklow County Council details proposed capital expenditure projects over the next 3 year period, subject to available funding, was noted by the Members at the Council meeting of 11th May 2026. The table below outlines the proposed capital expenditure by programme group.

PROGRAMME GROUP	Expected Outlay				Proposed Funding				
	2026	2027	2028	TOTAL	Dev Charges ¹	Loan	Grant Aid ²	Other ³	TOTAL
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
HOUSING AND BUILDING	114,226,000	128,000,000	130,400,000	372,626,000	-	30,000,000	295,418,500	47,207,500	372,626,000
ROAD TRANSPORT & SAFETY	29,906,000	31,040,000	35,960,000	96,906,000	38,851,000	-	54,465,000	3,590,000	96,906,000
WATER SERVICES	255,000	140,000	140,000	535,000	-	-	535,000	-	535,000
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT	4,021,000	5,185,000	4,270,000	13,476,000	3,206,000	-	7,260,000	3,010,000	13,476,000
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	14,080,000	33,165,000	26,895,000	74,140,000	-	-	64,365,000	9,775,000	74,140,000
RECREATION AND AMENITY	12,865,000	16,660,000	32,890,000	62,415,000	19,337,500	-	41,017,500	2,060,000	62,415,000
AGRICULTURAL, EDUCATION, HEALTH & WELFARE	7,250,000	22,310,000	23,200,000	52,760,000	2,377,500	-	44,657,500	5,725,000	52,760,000
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES	1,350,000	950,000	950,000	3,250,000	-	-	-	3,250,000	3,250,000
OVERALL TOTAL	183,953,000	237,450,000	254,705,000	676,108,000	63,772,000	30,000,000	507,718,500	74,617,500	676,108,000
NOTES									
1. Commencement of, and progression on, projects funded fully or in part by Development Charges is subject to the availability of funds.									
2. Where grant aid is not forthcoming the associated schemes may not progress.									
3. Other Income includes among others, disposal of assets, own resource revenue and capital account provisions, and private sector investment.									

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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	€4,500,000	€2,700,000
REISS (REDF)	Wicklow Naturally Food Incubation and Innovation Centre	€249,500	€49,900
Fáilte Ireland Destination Towns	Abbey Grounds Wicklow Town	€1,000,000	€500,000
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
Sports Capital Programme	Charlesland All Weather Pitch Refurbishment	€52,500	€2,750
Sports Capital Programme	Coral Wicklow	€68,759	€20,628
Sports Capital Programme	Coral Arklow	€28,999	€8,700
Sports Capital Programme	Arklow Running Track	€62,434	€18,730
Sports Capital Programme	Dr. Ryan Park	€45,320	€13,596
LSSIS	Wicklow Swimming Pool	€2,443,654	€1,579,477
LSSIS	Charlesland Running Track	€411,674	€123,502
Dormant Accounts Action Plan 2022	Wicklow Libraries	€26,500	€2,650
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)	Ballinaclash	€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
T&V 2021	Ballinaclash	€70,000	€7,000
T&V 2021	Donard	€29,000	€2,900
T&V 2021	Wicklow	€245,931	€24,593
T&V 2022 PMD	Carnew	€55,555.00	€5,555
T&V 2022 PMD	Kiltegan	€55,555.00	€5,555
T&V 2022	Ashford - GAA Wall	€127,000.00	€12,700
T&V 2022	Blessington - Community Space	€20,000.00	€2,000
T&V 2022	Kilcoole - Stakepark	€277,777.00	€27,777
	Sub-Total	€58,988,686	€13,104,276

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Project Scheme	Project Name	Project Cost	Match Funding
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
CLAR 2022	Kilpipe	€18,000	€1,800
CLAR 2022	Askinagap - Boundary Wall	€50,000	€5,000
CLAR 2022	Askinagap - Carpark	€50,000	€5,000
CLAR 2022	Knockanna - Pitch	€20,000	€2,000
ORIS 2018	Avonmore Way Link Bridge	€460,000	€91,000
ORIS 2018	Vartry Reservoir Walks & Car Park	€165,157	€33,031
ORIS 2018	St. Kevin's Way	€200,000	€40,000
ORIS 2018	The Spinc	€160,000	€30,000
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	€240,700	€108,140
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	€754,820	€205,482
ORIS 2021 Measure 1	Kilmacanogue Nature Trail	€20,000	€2,000
ORIS 2021 Measure 1	Lacken Mass Path	€18,000	€1,800
ORIS 2021 Measure 1	Kilcoole Mass Path	€13,000	€1,300
ORIS 2021 Measure 1	Avonmore Kayak Project	€16,500	€1,650
ORIS 2021 Measure 1	Age Friendly Triobikes for older people	€23,160	€3,160
ORIS 2021 Measure 1	Keadeen Access	€13,500	€1,350
ORIS 2021 Project Development	Three Trout Route	€27,000	€3,000
ORIS 2021 Measure 3	The Sugarloaf Repair	€500,000	€50,000
ORIS 2021 Measure 2	Jubilee Loop and Avonmore Way link	€180,000	€18,000
ORIS 2021 Measure 2	Cliff Walk Protection Scheme	€220,000	€22,000
ORIS 2022 M1	Avonmore Way Clara Vale	€33,000	€3,300
ORIS 2022 M1	Ballyboy Equestrian Trail	€33,000	€3,300
ORIS 2022 M1	Glen Turn Cliff Walk Airlift	€33,300	€3,600
ORIS 2022 M1	Miners Way Ballinafunshogue	€28,000	€2,800
ORIS 2022 M1	Red Kite Loop Play Area	€33,000	€3,300
ORIS 2022 M1	West Wicklow Access Points	€33,000	€3,300
ORIS 2022 M1	Wicklow Uplands Airlift	€33,000	€3,300
ORIS 2022 M1	Aughrim Heritage Access to Stoneworks	€30,000	€3,000
ORIS 2022 M1	Devil's Glen river Walk Extension	€30,000	€3,000
ORIS 2022 M1	Oakwood Ballinagee Trail Upgrade	€30,000	€3,000
ORIS 2022 M2	Blessington Greenway Link to Russborough	€198,200	€19,820
ORIS 2022 M2	Glenmalure Riverside Walk & Recreation Area	€133,100	€13,310
ORIS 2022 M2	Coolkenno Equestrian Trail	€220,000	€22,000
ORIS 2022 M3	Roundwood Recreation Area	€550,000	€55,000
	Total to date	€63,955,710	€13,910,951

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Information Systems

Operations

- The IT Helpdesk continues to streamline the workflow for the technical support team with an average of 50 tickets a day this month, providing assistance for both in-house and remote workers.

GIS & Systems Analysis

Property Portfolio Register

- Work continued to support the development of the Council's Property Portfolio Register. Mapping and property datasets were prepared and shared to assist with the ongoing implementation of the new system. The project will provide a more comprehensive and accessible record of Council-owned assets. This will help improve property management and support future planning and decision-making.

Expanding Automated GIS Workflows

- Work continued on expanding automated GIS processes to improve the efficiency of data management. A new automated workflow was implemented to monitor updates to key datasets and process changes without manual intervention. These improvements reduce processing times and ensure information remains current.

Supporting Emergency Response through GIS Collaboration with Coillte and Fire Service

- A GIS collaboration initiative was progressed with Coillte and the Council's Fire Service to improve access to mapping information for emergency response planning. Coillte demonstrated their GIS-based Fire Service application, showcasing how spatial information can support operational decision-making. Agreement was reached to establish an ArcGIS Online collaboration to facilitate secure sharing of relevant mapping data.

Supporting Environmental Research through the EU Horizon Sponge Works Project

- GIS support was provided to the EU Horizon Sponge Works Project through the preparation and delivery of high-resolution elevation datasets for the Ovoca-Vartry Catchment and Avoca Subcatchment. Relevant Bluesky elevation data was processed and supplied to Trinity College Dublin to support ongoing research activities. This work supports research focused on environmental resilience and sustainable water management.

Enhancing Digital Tools for Agricultural Inspections

- Development work continued on the Council's ArcGIS Survey123 application to support agricultural inspection activities. The inspection form was customised to meet Wicklow County Council's specific operational requirements, including localised information relating to rainfall and crop-spreading periods. The updated digital workflow will improve the efficiency and consistency of inspection data collection.

Infrastructure

- Ongoing upgrades of WAN connections at remote sites by Wicklow County Council aim to optimize performance and cost-effectiveness.