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Wicklow County Council



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This month:

Allocation of over 90 Homes Social Homes

Wicklow County Council successfully allocated over 90 new social homes in June alone. Many of these new homes became available with the completion of three new estates: Doire Dubh in Tinahely, Cois Droichid in Greystones and Tinakilly Park in Rathnew. The three new estates consists of 1 bedroom, 2 bedroom and 3-bedroom homes, all of which have an 'A' BER rating and are finished to a high standard.

The successful completion of these homes not only provides vital housing support to local families but also contributes to the National Housing targets. This achievement demonstrates how local ambition and strategic planning can transform outcomes for people on the Wicklow Social Housing application list.

Wicklow County Council will continue to delivery homes under 'Housing for All - A new Housing Plan for Ireland' in conjunctions with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and Approved Housing Bodies.

Community Recognition Fund

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- Walkway upgrade at Arklow North Beach
- Resurfacing works at Blessington Greenway
- Kitchen redevelopment in Purple house
- Resurfacing of walking track at Carnew Emmets GAA Ground
- Sustainable infrastructure to enhance Greystones Community events capacity
- Upgrade works to Newcastle playground
- Construction of modern toilet block and convert existing toilets off main hall to storage rooms
- Walkway upgrade in Parnell Memorial Park
- Window upgrade at De La Salle Pastoral Centre

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Social Development

Housing

	June 2025	June 2024
No. availing of Rental Assistance Scheme (RAS)	89	107
No. availing of Housing Assistance Payment	1331	1387
No. in Long Term Leasing Accommodation	20	20
No. in Short Term Leasing Accommodation	19	22

Allocation of Social Housing

	June 2025	June 2024
Wicklow County Council	53	6
Approved Housing Bodies	14	0

Social Housing Applications

	June 2025	May 2025
New applications	62	35
Awaiting further information/EHO report	76	55

Social Housing Stock

	June 2025	June 2024
Tenancies Occupied	5066	4957
Total Weekly Rent Accrual	€344,720.88	€332,847.255
Arrears (Including Bray)	€2,961,669.56	€3,163,034.08

Housing Allocations June & July 2025

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The three bed units in Tinakilly Park were allocated by Choice Based Letting. The Choice Based Letting is a system which enables Wicklow County Council to allocate some of its' social housing units, to approved social housing applicants by the way of an express of interest. There were 36 social housing applicants who expressed their interest in this three bed unit.

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This CBL has also utilised for a development of 56 apartments in Altidore Gardens, NewtownmountKennedy. These two and three bed apartments will be managed by the Approved Housing Body, Co-operative Housing Ireland (CHI).

A total of 75 social housing applicants expressed their interest in these units. The allocation of these units to the successful social housing applicants in Altidore Gardens is nearing completion.

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)

Housing Needs Assessment 2024 (SSHA 2024)

The Summary Social Housing Assessment (SSHA) 2024 is the continuation of the ongoing process of annual assessments of national housing need. It provides vital data to inform the ongoing development of housing policy. The purpose of the process is to identify the current level of national housing need. At county level, it captures the total number of households qualified for social housing support across the county whose social housing need is not being met, in order to understand the level of need for such support. The social housing applications were reviewed from 1st November 2023 to 4th November 2024. The data on the housing needs for Wicklow was returned to the Department by 2nd December 2024.

The following actions were taken to complete the HNA 2024:

- Forms issued to the social housing support applicant.
- Advertised in paper and on local media to remind applicants to complete and return these forms.
- Reminder letters issued to applicants.
- Follow up emails and phone calls to the applicant.
- Review of list by housing teams – Homeless, Traveller accommodation and Tenant Sustainment Officers.
- Reports on the Social Housing application list were generated from the IHouse System.

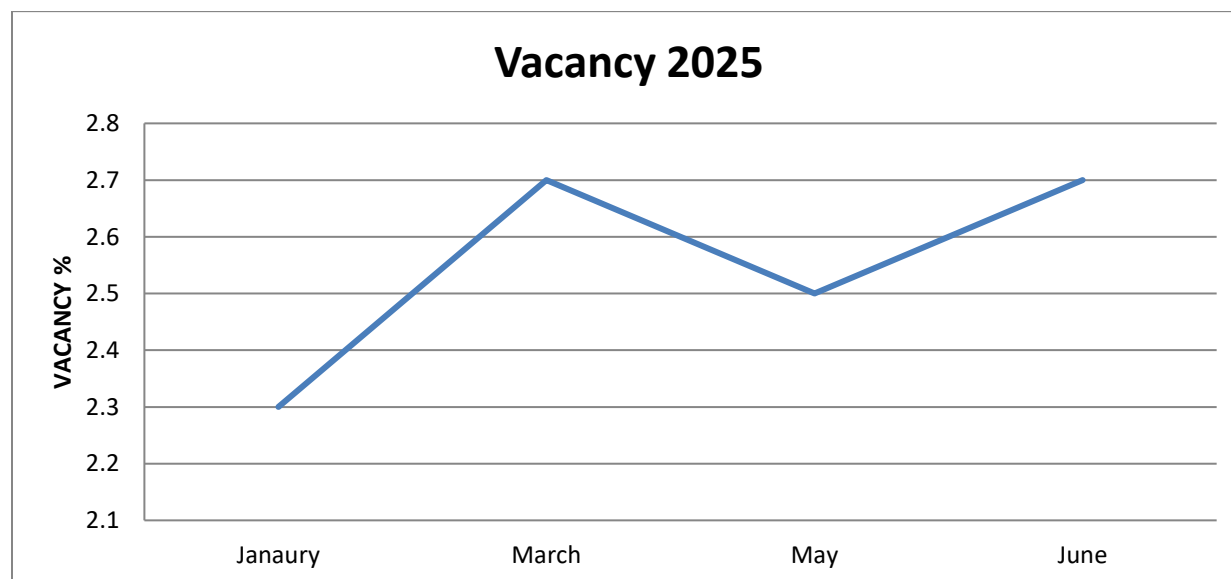
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Re-Lets / Voids

MD	Completed in 2025	In Progress	Not Started	Completed but not yet tenanted	Vacant
Arklow	7 (+2)	6 (0)	8 (+3)	10 (+3)	18(-2)
Baltinglass	6 (+1)	5 (-2)	9 (-3)	14(+2)	28 (0)
Bray	23 (+0)	5 (+3)	8 (+3)	10(-8)	25(-21)
Greystones	6 (+3)	9 (+5)	4 (-1)	5 (-1)	15(+2)
Wicklow	15 (+7)	9(-5)	21 (+12)	8(+1)	38 (+7)
2025 Totals	57(+13)	33 (0)	50 (+9)	47(-3)	130 (+6)
2024 Totals	110				
Total Vacancy as % of Total Stock (Total Vacancy + Occupied Tenancies)	2.5 (+0.2)	Figures in brackets indicate change on last month			

A new local area maintenance framework was setup in 2024. 17 contractors were appointed to cover all five Municipal District areas for works such as housing refurbishments works, repairs and adaption grants.

The Council can only recoup a maximum of €11,000 per house from the Dept of Housing Local Government and Heritage, whereas the average cost of relets was €31,000 per house in 2022 and €35,500 per house in 2024.



Note: No occupied tenancy data available in June/July/Oct/Nov 2024

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Core Capital Programme

i. Traveller Accommodation

Scheme	Current Status
Avondale Heights, Rathdrum – 3 houses	Contractor on site completion date June/July 2025
Barndarrig Group Housing scheme for 3 houses and 17 social houses	Three group housing schemes. Final layout agreed with department/families. Social house layout is being finalised for the rest of the site. Part 8 Expected Q3 2025.
Vale Road, Arklow	Part 8 completed

ii. Infill Sites/Age Friendly & Disability Schemes

Scheme	Units	Current Status
5A Rednagh Road – Disability house	1	Expected completion Q3 2025
1A Mill Road- Age Friendly	3	Commenced on site

iii. Energy Retrofit Program

As part of our ongoing energy upgrade scheme, 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.

EERP	Numbers carried out as of June 2025
Houses retrofit	65



Energy Retrofit works completed at Seamount Drive Kilcoole 2025.

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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 1500 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 to end of June
Targeted and complaint inspections	236

So far in 2025, the following Notices have been served by Wicklow County Council in relation to breaches of SI 137 of 2019:

Notice Type	Served so far in 2025 (figures in brackets indicate increase on previous month)
Improvement Notice	6 (-3)
Prohibition Notice	0(0)

Prohibition Notices are published on the Council's website and there are currently 6 such notices (the oldest dates back to 2020). Note that in the case of properties subject of HAP, service of a 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.

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.

To date, April 2025, Wicklow are working in partnership with Ark Housing and Tiglin to deliver on two properties. Wicklow continues to work with Sunbeam House Services and National Association of Housing for Visually Impaired to bring two active projects to completion. WCC has also offered support in principle to Sunbeam to acquire & upgrade a property which is presently home to four Sunbeam service users. The property is currently leased to Sunbeam and the owner wishes to sell.

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Areas of delivery below:

CAS Acquisitions 2025	No. of Units	Delivery Schedule	Scheme
Wicklow Town	1	Delivered Q2	CAS
Rathnew	1	Expected Delivery Q3	CAS

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

Budget Spend

	2025 Budget	Amount Spent as of June 2025
Grant Funding for Private Housing	3,512,851	1,749,522
Grant Funding for Social Housing	1,280,884	649,696

Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Number of Grants Received/Processed	216	266	327	281	456	769	253

Local Authority Home Loans up to June 2025

Received	Approved in Principle
30	5

2016 Tenant (Incremental) Purchase Scheme

	To Date	June 2025
Applications Received	475	3
Completed	123	2
Declined	280	0
Ongoing	15	15

Housing Acquisitions

The Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage like previous years, have devolved arrangements through the Local Authorities to focus on acquiring properties where a tenant in receipt of social housing supports, including Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) and Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS), and has received a Notice of Termination (NOT) due to the landlord's intention to sell the property.

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	Vacant	Tenant In Situ (TIS)	In Progress	TOTAL
2024	6	6	5	17
2025 (to 30th June)	2	5	1	8

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 104 households in the County availing of this scheme.

Wicklow County Council (MTR) Tenants	Approved Housing Body (MTR) Tenants	In Progress
54	50	7

Homeless Services - Homeless Figures for June 2025

Addressing Homelessness			
	As at 30/06/2025	Year To Date	As at 30/06/2024
No of New Presentations	14	152	38
No. of Repeat Presentations	5	32	1
No. of Families (Minimum 1 Adult + One Child)	6	55	11
No. of Individuals (Single Adult, no children)	15	154	33
No. Of Couples (2 Adults, no children)	4	12	5
No. of Children	10	110	18
NTQ/Asked to Leave/Landlord selling	3	30	5
Family Circumstances	5	50	13
Leaving Prison/Hospital Care	2	10	2
Mental Health	1	4	1
Risk of Homelessness	12	119	21
Arrears/Loss of Income	0	0	2
Addiction Issues	1	11	8
DV/DA	1	7	3
Medical Issues	1	3	0
Overcrowding	4	18	9
Unsuitable/Voluntarily Left	0	4	5
ASB:	0	0	2
Rough Sleeping*	4	13	6
Sofa Surfing*	1	17	0

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Staying with Family*	0	26	9
Staying with Friends*	2	19	3

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

Own Door Temporary Accommodation at 30/06/25	
Families	16
Adults	28
Children	41
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	24	8	6	3	0	8
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Homeless HAP Place Finder

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, 644 households (449 families & 195 singles) have been assisted under the Homeless HAP Scheme in Wicklow County Council from the inception on 1st October 2018 to 30th June 2025. (251 homeless cases, 358 prevention cases to date and 35 direct provision). 162 properties were sourced by WCC.

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.

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There are 9 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. Eleven families have now transitioned or are in the process of transitioning to a permanent home and the resulting vacancies are in the process of being occupied with families experiencing or in danger of homelessness.

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.

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.

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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 18 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.

Community

Local Enhancement Programme 2025

The launch of the Local Enhancement Programme 2025 was announced on the 7th of November 2024 by Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, and Minister of State with responsibility for Community Development and Charities, Joe O'Brien TD.

This fund is being provided by the government to support community and voluntary groups, totalling €7 million to be allocated across the local authority network.

County Wicklow has received €199,044 as part of the Local Enhancement Programme 2025.

The allocation is broken down as follows:

	<u>Capital Allocation</u>	<u>Current Allocation</u>	<u>Total Allocation</u>
Wicklow	€170,609	€28,435	€199,044

The successful projects under the Local Enhancement Programme (LEP) 2025 have been announced by Ministers Jerry Buttimer TD and Minister Dara Calleary TD. The list of projects can be viewed [here](#).

Wicklow County Council has issued letters and are now awaiting acceptance of the grant from successful applicants and payments will issue shortly.

Community Awards Scheme 2025

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

The fund for 2025 will be available as grant aid to successful community groups and local organisations wishing to undertake community projects in their area.

Maximum grant amount of €500 per organisation for small projects and group running costs.

Wicklow County Council has issued letters to the successful applicants and payments will issue shortly.

Community Safety Fund

The Minister for Justice Jim O'Callaghan opened the nationwide funding call for the Community Safety Fund 2025 on Monday 7th April.

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The annual fund allows for the proceeds of crime, seized by the Criminal Assets Bureau (CAB) and An Garda Síochána, to be directed into local projects to support and enhance community safety. The Community Safety Fund will be managed by the newly established National Office for Community Safety within the Department of Justice.

This year, €4 million is available nationally, which is double the original allocation of €2 million when the fund first opened for applications in 2022, and grants range from €20,000 to €150,000.

Applications were invited from community safety initiatives as well as groups co-funded with local authorities, NGOs and community organisations working on issues relevant to community safety and youth justice.

Applications were to be made directly to the Department of Justice by **Friday 16th May 2025**.

Community Recognition Fund (CRF) 2024

On Thursday, 5th June 2025, Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht, Dara Calleary TD announced over €17 million to deliver 212 community projects nationwide through the Community Recognition Fund 2024. This final phase of projects under the fund will support a wide range of projects such as upgrades to community centres, playgrounds, and walking trails.

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Blessington	Blessington & District Forum Trails Ltd.	Resurfacing works at Blessington Greenway	€150,680
Bray	Purple House Cancer Support	Kitchen redevelopment in Purple House	€52,800
Carnew	Carnew Emmets GAA Club	Resurfacing of walking track at Carnew Emmets GAA ground	€115,543
Greystones	Greystones Town Team	Sustainable infrastructure to enhance Greystones community events capacity	€136,570
Greystones	Wicklow County Council	Upgrade works to Newcastle Playground	€160,000
Newtownmountkennedy	Newtownmountkennedy Community Centre	Construction of modern toilet block and convert existing toilets off main hall to storage rooms	€60,000
Rathdrum	Rathdrum Development Association	Walkway upgrade in Parnell Memorial Park	€43,700
Wicklow	Wicklow Town Team Sustainable Energy Community Group	Window upgrade at De La Salle Pastoral Centre	€121,242
Wicklow Total			€905,535

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County Wicklow Age Friendly Programme

County Wicklow Age Friendly Strategy 2023-27

Action 3.8 Appoint Healthy Age Friendly Homes Co-ordinator & Rollout Wicklow Programme

Healthy Age Friendly Homes (HAFH) Programme is a support coordination programme that aims to enable older people to age in place and reduce the need to transfer to long-term residential care. The Programme is a collaboration between the Department of Health and the Department of Housing and Local Government. It is funded by the Department of Health and operated by Meath County Council, on behalf of all Local Authorities.

The service is designed to enable older people to remain living in their own home for longer. The local coordinator undertakes home visits to older people living in the community, where a needs assessment is carried out, looking at four key areas of supports: housing, health, community/social supports, and technology. Home visits from the local co-coordinator are available to anyone aged 65+years. The rollout of the programme will commence in January 2024.

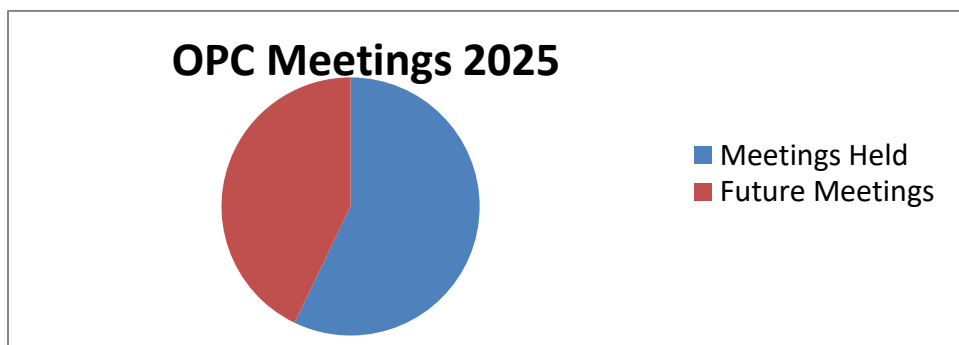
Meanwhile referrals for the service can be registered with National Office at 046 924 8899 or via email: healthyagefriendlyhomes@meathcoco.ie

Older People's Council, Executive Group - Meetings and Representation

The Older Peoples Council has met four times this year. They will meet on the 16th July, 2025 to discuss the upcoming AGM which will take place on the 5th September 2025 details to be finalised.

Older People's Council Meetings 2025

Meetings Held	Future Meetings
January 2025	July 2025 (Special Meeting)
February 2025	October 2025
April 2025	November 2025
May 2025	



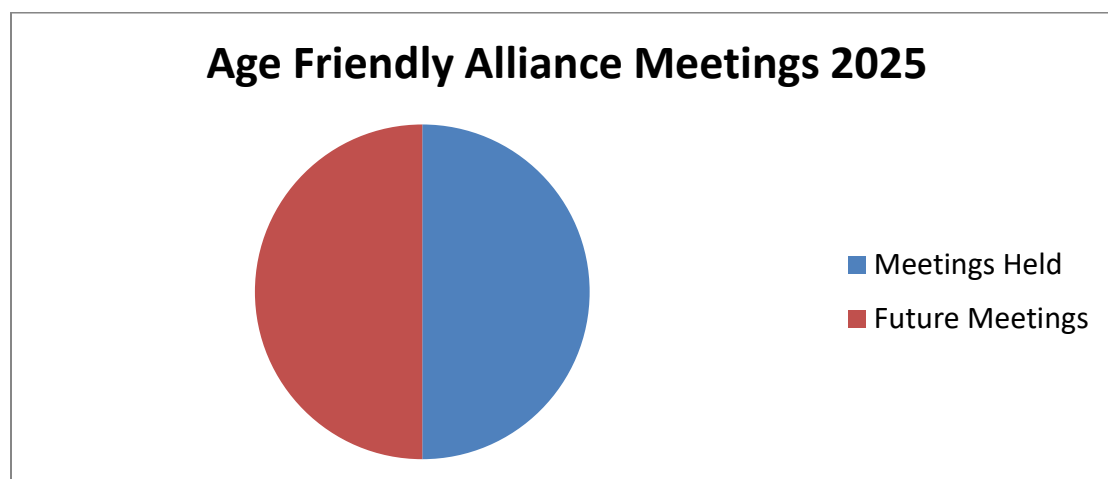
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County Wicklow Age Friendly Alliance

The next Alliance meeting will be held in Greystones MD on the 9th September 2025. This will be the third meeting out of four that has been held. Each stakeholder gave an update on their Strategy.

AF Alliance Meeting

Meetings Held	Future Meetings
January 2025	September 2025
June 2025	December 2025



Age Friendly Ireland Committee

The Age Friendly Programme Manager will attend the next memory café in Aras Lorcaín in Arklow on the 14th of July 2025. There has been great attendance so far for the Memory Café. It is a great way for people to come together and reminisce about days gone by and also for carers to meet other people in the same situation.

The Programme Managers will meet via zoom on the 18th of July 2025 to discuss each Council's Age Friendly Programme.

The Wicklow Programme Manager will attend the Tinahely Agriculture Show to promote the Wicklow Age Friendly Programme.

Wicklow Age Friendly Programme Manager is organising a Sporting Memories Café. Details to be decided.

The Age Friendly Programme Manager along with the Climate Action Officer Wicklow County Council are organising a Climate Action Programme which will be run by Jacinta Barrins. It will be a six week programme which will accommodate maximum 40 people and will educate people on Climate Change.

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Disability Inclusion Steering Group

The Sunflower Lanyard Programme aims to easily identify people with hidden disabilities. This Programme was rolled out in Wicklow County Council. Members of the Customer Care Unit currently wear these Lanyards so that a person with a hidden disability can identify which member of staff they need to talk too.

Sunflower lanyards are worn by people who have a disability that you might not be able to see. They are worn by people who want to let you know that they might need some extra help.

This could be, for example:

- sensory loss, including difficulty seeing or hearing
- a physical disability that may not be obvious
- Autism
- a learning disability
- anxiety or any other mental health condition.

There is no qualifying list of hidden disabilities. If a person has a hidden disability and feel that they would benefit from wearing a sunflower lanyard, they can in the knowledge that their local community that they live in and work in understands this and supports them.

People with hidden disabilities can contribute enormously to their local community and if they feel they are supported by their community around them, this can have an immensely positive impact on their lives too.

When Newtown Community Forum Committee launched their campaign, they estimated that less than 10% of the community were aware of the existence of the Sunflower Lanyard, let alone what it stood for. Now a mere six months later, due to the work of the group and the buy-in from the businesses, community groups and the community in general, the Forum estimate that over 90% of the town understand what the Lanyard stands for now and would support its users.

The Sunflower Lanyards are now available in several prominent locations. Should anyone feel they could benefit from wearing one. The list of locations are The Post Office, Fishers, Red Eye Coffee, The Parkview Hotel, Adrian Dunne Pharmacy, The Pilates Studio, Dunnes Stores, The Primary Care Centre, Newtown Area Sports Development, Newtown Primary School, Woodstock Educate Together School, Cali Special Class, Eugene's Food Store and the Wicklow Wolf Taproom.

Comhairle na nÓg

Induction Training for Coordinators and Local Authorities working with Comhairle na nÓg took place on Tuesday 8th July at 2pm-4pm via Zoom.

Call out for Child Poverty and Well-being Programme Office Youth Advisory Group was shared by DCDE with Coordinators, thank you for your nominations. The first meeting of the group is taking place via Zoom this Thursday 7pm and first in person meeting in Dublin on Tuesday 15th July.

Next Comhairle na nÓg National Executive meeting is taking place on Tuesday 29th July online.

Comhairle na nÓg Organisers Event - Save the Date for Wednesday 1st October in DCDE.

Seanad na nÓg - Save the date for Friday 14th November.

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Healthy Age Friendly Homes

The Healthy Age Friendly Homes Programme in Wicklow continues to support older people over 65 years of age to live in their own home for as long as possible.

The Programme accepts referrals from a variety of sources including from:

- The older person themselves
- 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.

Referrals to the programme can be made via phone or email:



046-924 8899 (Head Office)



healthyagefriendlyhomes@meathcoco.ie

Total Number Home Visits Conducted (up to 30th June 2025):

Total Initial Visits	102
Total Additional Visits	72
Total Visits Overall	174
Total No. Participants Awaiting a Visit	49



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Active Communities

On the 1st July, the FitStick Trail signage was installed in Carnew GAA. This will provide further opportunity to increase physical activity levels for older adults using Activator Poles. Collaboration with Carnew Community Care Centre is ongoing to promote the Trail. FitStick Trail signage has also been delivered to Coolafancy Community Field and Shillelagh GAA and will be installed in the next couple of weeks.

A six week 'Time to Thrive' Programme will commence in The Recovery Village Newcastle on the 21st July.

Food Poverty Project

The three working groups are continuing to meet to identify issues at local level.

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Bray Food Partnership – Looking at targeting supermarkets to showcase cost effective meals that can be purchased instore. The partnership is meeting again in mid-July to plan this event.

Arklow Food Partnership – Services in this working group are liaising with the Food Coordinator to submit an ESF funding application through Food Cloud.

Donard/West Wicklow Food Partnership – The possibility of a Community Garden space is being explored by the group and the idea of running Health Food Made Easy courses in the community café.

Slaintecare Healthy Communities

Genio Trust

Following the funding allocation from the Genio Trust, we are now proceeding to recruit a Part-Time Housing Accommodation Officer, with the role due to be advertised on Active Link by the end of July. This new position will support accommodation-related needs within the Travelling community and work closely alongside the Travelling Education Officer and Community Development teams. As the Slaintecare Healthy Communities Local Development Officer, I will be working closely with the officer and with colleagues in Bray Municipal District to ensure their effective integration into the community and alignment with existing local supports and priorities.

PaFH

The Physical Activity for Health (PAfH) Hub has now received its Slaintecare Healthy Communities funding, with delivery moving forward in collaboration with the Wicklow Local Sports Partnership team. The programme will be based at Ballywaltrim Community Centre, with Denise O'Shea coordinating delivery in partnership with Coral Leisure Bray. A series of tailored 6–8 week exercise programmes will be rolled out from September, designed to meet the needs of different age groups and individuals living with chronic conditions. These inclusive programmes will be informed by ongoing community feedback and referrals from health and social services.

This marks an exciting and much-needed development for the area, as there are currently no other PAFH hubs operating in County Wicklow. Feedback from the recent feasibility study confirmed a strong demand for structured, community-based activity options, particularly those linked to health outcomes and referral pathways. The hub will also support broader Slaintecare objectives by promoting prevention, reducing health inequalities, and enhancing wellbeing through locally integrated action.

Children's Wellness Hub-BFRDP

The Bray Children's Wellness Hub continues to progress steadily, supported by ongoing collaboration between community stakeholders and members of the Steering Committee. Regular meetings are taking place to guide implementation, share insights, and ensure alignment across services. As part of the formal evaluation, Mary Immaculate College (MIC) is now actively collecting data from children and parents who have engaged with the Hub, including those who have already attended play therapy and those due to begin. A short anonymous parent survey has been circulated through partner services to capture awareness and perceptions of play therapy and family engagement support within the community. This data will provide important insights into the reach and impact of the Hub's work. An online stakeholder meeting is being scheduled for mid-July to review the progress of data collection, plan for upcoming phases, and ensure that all evaluation tools remain in line with ethical approval requirements. The findings from this work will be critical in evidencing the impact of the Hub and supporting long-term development and future funding opportunities.

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Community Safety Fund 2025

Sláintecare Healthy Communities (SHC) is in the process of applying for funding under the Community Safety Fund 2025 to support the installation of improved street lighting in key areas of Fassaroe and Little Bray. This application is being submitted in collaboration with the Bray Family Resource and Development Project. The need for enhanced lighting was clearly identified in the SHC Feasibility Study, which highlighted specific hotspots where poor visibility has contributed to increased anti-social behaviour and community safety concerns. By addressing these infrastructural gaps, the project aims to create safer, more welcoming public spaces that support both physical and mental wellbeing across the community.

Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP)

SICAP Programme Mid-Year Review 2025: The mid-year reports of both Programme Implementers (Bray & North Wicklow Area Partnership and Co. Wicklow Partnership) have been reviewed by Pobal and by the LCDC. Both have demonstrated that their performance to date is in line with or above the expected level of achievement for this stage of the year.

The Mid-year reports were put forward at the July LCDC meeting for final approval.

Public Participation Network

PPN Representatives: Peer support meetings to be provided to Wicklow PPN Reps to support them in carrying out their roles and responsibilities. Local community events planned to highlight how the PPN can help amplify community voices and support group development.

Our Rural Future 2026 – 2023: Wicklow PPN participated in contributing to this key piece of national policy currently being facilitated by Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht.

Consultations: Proposed Development of Former Garda Station Ashford; Affordable Housing Survey 2025; Draft Greystones - Delgany & Kilcoole Local Area Plan 2025 / Proposed Variation no. 4; LPT - Notice of Consideration of Setting a Local Adjustment Factor; Identification-of-Bathing-Waters-2025.

Funding: Upcoming workshop in Laragh on grant writing and funding. Contact Wicklow PPN for further details.

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

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LOCAL PLANS

There are currently 5 Local Area Plans (LAP) in Co. Wicklow for the following settlements – 'Bray Municipal District', 'Wicklow Town - Rathnew', 'Greystones – Delgany & Kilcoole', 'Arklow & Environs' and 'Blessington'. We are currently reviewing all five in the following order.

Wicklow Town – Rathnew Local Area Plan 2025

The Wicklow Town – Rathnew Local Area Plan 2025 was adopted at the full Council meeting of 12 May 2025; this plan came into effect on 23 June 2025. The Minister has issued a **draft Ministerial Direction** with regard to the zoning of 3 sites. The draft Ministerial Direction is on display, with submissions invited from 03 July 2025 to **16 July 2025**. Following on from this the planning authority will prepare a Chief Executive report on submissions received and send it to the OPR / Minister and Elected Members. The Minister will then decide whether to issue the direction or not, or to issue it with amendments.

The plan making process and the adopted plan is available here

<https://www.wicklow.ie/Living/Services/Planning/Development-Plans-Strategies/Local-Area-Town-Settlement-Plans/Wicklow-Town-Rathnew/Wicklow-Town-Rathnew-Local-Area-Plan-2025-2031>

Blessington Local Area Plan 2025

The Blessington Local Area Plan 2025 was adopted at the full Council meeting of 16 June 2025; this plan will come into effect on **28 July 2025**.

The plan making process and the adopted plan is available here:

<https://www.wicklow.ie/Living/Services/Planning/Development-Plans-Strategies/Local-Area-Town-Settlement-Plans/Blessington>

Greystones-Delgany and Kilcoole Local Planning Framework (LPF) 2025 (Variation 4 to the Wicklow County Development Plan) – this is the new form of LAP

Variation 4 to the County Development Plan which includes the draft Greystones-Delgany and Kilcoole Local Planning Framework 2025 went on display from 09 May 2025 to 20 June 2025 with 88 submissions received. Public information days were held in and Greystones and on the 29 May 2025 and 04 June 2025, respectively. The forward planning team are reading / summarising the submissions and preparing the

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Chief Executive's (CE) Report. The CE Report will be issued to the Elected Member in July /August and following on from this the draft LPF and CE report will be considered it at a Council meeting in- September/October 2025.

The draft LPF and plan process to date can be viewed here:

<https://www.wicklow.ie/Living/Services/Planning/Development-Plans-Strategies/Local-Area-Town-Settlement-Plans/Greystones-Delgany/Greystones-Delgany-Kilcoole-Local-Planning-Framework-Variation-No-4-to-the-County-Development-Plan-2022-2028>

OTHER LOCAL PLANS

Arklow and Environs & Bray Municipal District (including Enniskerry and Kilmacanogue) Local Planning Frameworks/ Variations

The pre-draft public consultation for both of these LPFs has been completed and work is being carried out on preparing draft LPFs, which will be done through a variation of the County Development Plan. The draft Arklow LPF will be on display in Q3 / Q4 of 2025 and there is no specific date to publish Bray draft LPF.

Arklow – More information can be found here:

<https://www.wicklow.ie/Living/Services/Planning/Development-Plans-Strategies/Local-Area-Town-Settlement-Plans/Arklow/Arklow-and-Environs-Local-Area-Plan>

Bray - 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>

WICKLOW COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN (CDP) 2022-2028

Proposed Variation No 2

The purpose of Variation No. 2 is to ensure consistency between the Wicklow CDP 2022-2028 and the draft and final Wicklow Town – Rathnew Local Area Plan.

Variation No. 2 was made and came into effect on 12 May 2025. The Minister has issued a **draft Ministerial Direction** with regard to the zoning of 3 sites. The draft Ministerial Direction is on display, with submissions invited from 03 July 2025 to **16 July 2025**. Following on from this the planning authority will prepare a Chief Executive report on submissions received and send it to the OPR / Minister and Elected Members. The Minister will then decide whether to issue the direction or not, or to issue it with amendments.

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More information is available here:

<https://www.wicklow.ie/Living/Services/Planning/Development-Plans-Strategies/National-Regional-County-Plans/Wicklow-County-Development-Plan-2022-2028/Variation-No-2-to-the-County-Development-Plan-2022-2028>

Proposed Variation No 3

The purpose of the Variation is to ensure consistency between the Wicklow CDP 2022-2028 and the draft and final Blessington Local Area Plan. Variation No. 3 was made and came into effect on 16 June 2025.

More information is available here:

<https://www.wicklow.ie/Living/Services/Planning/Development-Plans-Strategies/National-Regional-County-Plans/Wicklow-County-Development-Plan-2022-2028/Variation-No-3>

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 2025 were published on 31 January 2025 and can be viewed here:

<https://www.wicklow.ie/Living/Services/Planning/Residential-Zoned-Land-Tax/Residential-Zoned-Land-Tax-2025/Liable-Land-View-the-FINAL-RZLT-maps-for-2025>

Submissions to Final 2025 RZLT Maps. The final map for 2025 identifies land that may be liable for the tax in 2025. Owners of such land were invited to make a request to Wicklow County Council **to change the zoning** of this land until **1 April 2025**. If certain conditions are met, a landowner may be exempt from the 2025 liability on foot of such a request. Click [HERE](#) to see more detail. 1 submission was received on the final 2025 maps. WCC has determined not to change the zoning and has responded to the landowner by 30 June 2025.

The annual draft RZLT maps for 2026 were published on the 31st of January 2025 and can be viewed here:

<https://www.wicklow.ie/Living/Services/Planning/Residential-Zoned-Land-Tax/Draft-Residential-Zoned-Land-Tax-2026/Liable-Land-View-the-DRAFT-RZLT-maps-for-2026>

Submissions to Draft 2026 RZLT Maps. The draft map for 2026 identifies land that may be liable for the tax in 2026. Owners of such land – and interested third parties – were invited to make submissions by 01 April 2025 regarding the inclusion of land on this draft map. 7 submissions were received on the draft 2025

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maps. WCC has assess each submission and responded to the landowner by 01 July 2025. The landowners have 1 month to appeal WCCs decision to ACP (formerly ABP)

Click [HERE](#) to see more detail.

The RZLT process has two parts:

1) **Identification and mapping of the land in scope for the tax.** This is undertaken by **local authorities** through the publication of annual draft and annual final maps as outlined above.

2) **Administration of the tax.** This will be undertaken by the **Revenue Commissioners**. Please click the following link for further information: <https://www.revenue.ie/en/property/rzlt/index.aspx>

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 Levey has been replaced with the RZLT. All existing sites currently on the register are in the process of being inspected and / or demands for payment are being issued. More information can be found online at the following link

<https://www.wicklow.ie/Living/Services/Planning/Derelict-Vacant-Sites/Vacant-Sites>

HERITAGE OFFICE

County Heritage Plan Programme 2025: Heritage Council funding allocation confirmed of €37,500 under the County Heritage Plan Fund and €20, 000 under the Community Archaeology Service. Projects underway, Military Road Podcast released/ Michael Dwyer 200 Event planned as part of Heritage Week programme/ Glendalough Heritage Forum Community excavations scheduled for June.

Minor Placenames Recording Project underway. Public event hosted in Aughrim on 22nd May. Event scheduled for Wicklow library on 24th June.

Community Archaeology Events: Open Day at Mullinacuff Church, Tinahely on 13th June; Volunteer excavations in Glendalough scheduled for 23rd June to 4th July with UCD Archaeology.

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Built Heritage Capital Funds (Architecture): Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2025- an allocation of €175,635 was confirmed for county Wicklow for 17 projects. Co-ordination of projects in progress. Historic Structures Fund (HSF) 2025: One allocation of €170,000 secured for Russborough House under HSF. Co-ordination of all projects is in progress.

Built Heritage Funds (Archaeology): Secured funding allocations from National Monuments Service for four Wicklow projects under the Community Monuments Fund (CMF) as follows;

Mullinacuff Medieval Church €67,500; Kilmacanogue Old Church €30,000(WCC owned);

Drumgoff Barracks €130,000; Newcastle Castle €130,000. Funding announced in April, initial tendering etc. underway.

Historic Town Initiative (HTI) Funding: An application under HTI submitted in partnership with Greystones Town Team for 'Retracing Greystones' – A Heritage led Regeneration study. A funding allocation of €50,000 secured from The Heritage Council. Tendering process is underway.

Irish Community Archive Wicklow Network Meeting scheduled for 30th April in Blessington. National network meeting held in Claregalway, Co. Galway on 23rd May with representatives from eight Wicklow groups, Wicklow Heritage Officer and Archivist in attendance

Planning Applications

Total valid applications received	To 30 th June 2024	To 31 st June 2025
Received (Valid)	542	526

A total of 85 valid applications were received during June as follows:

Type of Development	30 th June, 2025
Individual Houses	24 (21 Rural)
Housing Developments*	03
Agricultural Structures	02
Commercial	03
Other Developments**	52
Total	84

**Other Developments include, Porch/Sunroom, Extensions, finger signpost, Well, change of use, Hoarding, relocation of vehicular entrance, extend the appropriate period of permission, various

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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 87 applications in June 2025

Type of Development	Number of Decisions
Housing Developments	00
Individual Houses	01
Other Developments	86
Other Developments Requiring EIA	00
Total	87

Decisions issued between January to June, in comparison to the same period for 2024:

	30/06/2024	30/06/2025
Total Number of decisions issued	457	455
Total Number of decisions to grant	381	362
% Grant Rate	83%	80%
No of applications withdrawn		08 (7 refer to rural house)

APPLICATIONS LODGED WITH AN BORD PLEANALA

Strategic Housing Development

- ABP-313229-22 – Lands at **Coolagad**, Greystones (586 Units) Members Meeting 27/4/2022, CE report forwarded 30/5/2022 – Application withdrawn 22/1/2025
- ABP-313314-22 – Lands at **Fassaroe and Monastery**, Bray (650 Units) Members Meeting 10/5/2022, CE forwarded 07/06/2022 – ABP unable to determine within the 16 weeks statutory timeframe.
- ABP-313442-22 – Lands at the former **Heiton Buckley** site on Castle Street, Bray, (139 Units) Members Meeting 10/05/2022, CE report forwarded 22/06/2022
- ABP-314686-22 Lands at **former Bray Golf Club Lands**, Off Ravenswell Road and Dublin Road, Bray, Co. Dublin and Co. Wicklow, (586 Units), Members meeting 4th October 2022, CE report submitted 21/11/2022 – Granted 19/08/2024

Strategic Infrastructure Development

An Bord Pleanala has received an application for approval under section 182A(1) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended -ABP-310090-21- Proposed development will comprise the onshore

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grid infrastructure including 220kV export cable circuits and fibre optic cables, new 220kV GIS substation at **Shelton Abbey** and overhead line connection and all associated ancillary works. In the **townlands of Johnstown North, Johnstown South, Seabank, Ballymoney, Killiniskyduff, Templerainy, Coolboy, Kilbride, Shelton Abbey, Ballyraine Lower and Ballyraine Middle, in Co. Wicklow** – approved with conditions 27/5/2023.

An Bord Pleanala has received an application for permission under section 37E of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended -ABP-309991-21 - Development and operation of an inert landfill facility to backfill the existing quarry to original ground level; progressive restoration of the backfilled quarry to long-term grassland/scrub habitat: establishment and operation of a construction and demolition waste recovery facility; installation and operation of a soil washing plant and all associated site works at **Ballinclare and Carrigmore townlands, Kilbride, Co. Wicklow** – Decision, refuse permission under section 37G of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, 27/09/2023.

An Bord Pleanala has received an application for proposed development primarily comprising of the provision of a new 110 KV substation with Gas Insulator Switchgear (GIS) technology and two 110kV underground transmission cables (connecting to existing 220kV overhead lines to the northwest of the proposed substation) along with associated and ancillary works at **Bogland, Kish, Cooladangan, Ballintombay, Ballyroonaun and Ballynattin, Co. Wicklow** – ABP approved proposed development subject to 15 conditions 30/11/2023.

An Bord Pleanala 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.

An Bord Pleanala 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.

Substitute Consent

An Bord Pleanala has received an application for substitute consent for the remainder of the development on **lands at Ashford, Co. Wicklow** - ABP-312283-21 refers. Granted by ABP 16/8/2024 subject to 16 conditions.

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An Bord 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 Ballinabarney North & Bolagh Lower, Redcross, Co. Wicklow.**

E-Planning Project

The Eplanning has now been in place for just over two years, going live on 17th April 2023.

For the **month of June 2025**, a total of 84 valid planning applications were received of which 26.19% were hard copy applications and **73.81% were received online**.

From **1st January 2025 to 30th June 2025** a total of **513** applications were received of which 24.55% were hard copy applications and **75.44% were received online**.

Due to the complexities of larger applications, it has been necessary to request two hard copy for larger multi-unit developments. This is outlined on Wicklow County Council website.

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
- Numerous changes of use and conversions to existing properties
- Erection of an 18m monopole structure on a concrete base to support 9 no. telecommunications antenna together with the installation of remote radio units Wicklow Golf Club
- The continuation of current granted permission Reg. Ref. 20/35 for construction of a new Coast Guard Station to facilitate the Irish Coast Guard for local emergency rescue in Greystones
- Several applications to demolish and amend existing buildings
- Increase of existing childcare/afterschool building to increase the capacity of provision of afterschool services to a maximum of 119 persons inclusive of staff in Wicklow
- Amendment to previously approved development consisting of the installation of a compact modular substation and ancillary site development works at Brittas Bay
- Construction of 8 no. 2 storey, 4 bedroom, detached houses and all associated site development works, open spaces and landscaping in Delgany

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- Construction of 4 No. 1 bed apartments & 2 No. 2 bed apartments over 3 storeys with penthouse to top floor. 2. retail/commercial unit at ground floor (48Msq). 3. new internal bike/bin storage and all ancillary site works in Bray

Since January 2025 the total of 513 planning applications submitted include 123 hard copy and 387 received via the online portal.

Planning Enforcement

New Files	9
Advisory Letters	29
Warning Letters	6
Enforcement Notices	2
Legal Files	0
Closed	4

Vacant Sites

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

01 site on appeal to ABP - Section 18 (Demand Levy)

Derelict Sites

Municipal District	No sites on Register
Baltinglass	2

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TOWN REGENERATION

1.1 Town Centre First Masterplans

1.1.1 Blessington Town Centre First Masterplan

Blessington, as a Pathfinder Town, is leading the way in the development of a Town Centre First Masterplan. This masterplan offers a clear and strategic framework for the positive and sustainable development of the town, both in the short term and in the future. Currently, the implementation of the Town Centre First (TCF) plan is in the planning stage, focusing on revitalising key areas in the town.

Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF) funding has been allocated specifically to redesign Main Street and Market Square, two central areas that will play a significant role in the town's regeneration. The goal is to bring these projects to a shovel-ready stage, which means they will be fully prepared for the next phase, where they can be submitted for Category 1 RRDF funding to secure further financial support for construction and development. This initiative is a significant step toward enhancing the town's infrastructure, economic vitality, and overall community appeal.

1.1.2 Newtownmountkennedy Town Centre First Masterplan

Newtownmountkennedy is one of 26 towns selected nationally under Phase 2 of the Town Centre First Plan initiative. The town will receive €30,000 in funding to support the development of its own Town Centre First Plan, aimed at guiding the revitalisation and sustainable development of the town centre, transforming it into a vibrant and thriving hub for the community. The funding is provided under the Town Centre First Measure 2 Suite of Supports. The plan must be completed with all associated claims submitted to the Department by 14th November 2025.

Following the establishment of the Newtownmountkennedy Town Team in November 2024, the Town Regeneration Officer (TRO), in collaboration with the Town Team, drafted and issued a tender document for the development of the Town Centre First (TCF) Plan. The contract was awarded to ACT (Accelerating Change Together), and the development of the TCF Plan is now underway. The first public consultation workshop took place in June 2025, and the second of three planned workshops is scheduled for August 2025.

1.2 Town Centre First – Suite of Supports

1.2.1 Town Centre First Town Team Support Fund – Measure 1

Baltinglass, Rathdrum, and Kilcoole have each been approved for €10,000 in funding under the Town Centre First – Town Team Support Fund (Measure 1). This funding is intended to support the establishment

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or further development of Town Teams in locations where they are either not yet formed or are still in the early stages. These teams will play a key role in driving the revitalisation and sustainable development of their respective town centres.

The original deadline for drawing down the funding was 15th November 2024. However, an application for an extension was submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development and subsequently approved. The revised deadline was extended to 8th May 2025, allowing additional time for the towns to finalise their plans and support the successful formation of their Town Teams. This extension provided a valuable opportunity for further community engagement, planning, and preparation.

Queen's University Belfast was awarded the contract to carry out the Health Checks and has begun compiling the reports. Public consultation sessions for all three towns took place in April and May 2025. The Health Check reports have now been completed and are scheduled for release in July 2025.

1.2.2 Town Centre First Measure 3 Suite of Support

Two applications have been approved for funding under *Town Centre First Measure 3 Suite of Supports*;

- a) Blessington – Project will create plans to develop a high quality public space in the Market Square. Project will commission professional services to carry out a predevelopment exploration of the Market Square as a de-risking exercise for the construction phase if the project was successful in a later funding application.
- b) Wicklow Town – Project will engage a supplier/contractor to complete a comprehensive design plan aimed at improving of public lands surrounding the Black Castle in Wicklow Town and assessing the structure and condition of the Castle.

The capital funding agreement was returned to the DRCD on 16th September 2024. The *Town Centre First Measure 3* projects must be completed with all associated claims submitted to the DRCD by 30th September 2025. The Town Regeneration Officer has been actively collaborating with the respective Town Teams to prepare tenders for the associated works. The tender for Blessington Market Square was issued on 16th March 2025, with a return date of 16th April 2025. The tender for the Wicklow Town Black Castle Public Grounds is scheduled to be issued in April 2025. The appointment of consultants for both projects is expected to be completed in May 2025.

The capital funding agreement was returned to the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD) on 16th September 2024. Under the Town Centre First Measure 3 initiative, all projects must be completed, with associated claims submitted to the DRCD, by 30th September 2025.

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The Town Regeneration Officer worked closely with the respective Town Teams to prepare tenders for the associated works. The tender for Blessington Market Square was issued on 16th March 2025, with a return date of 16th April 2025. The contract was awarded to ACT (Accelerating Change Together), and the development of the plan is now underway. The first public consultation workshop took place in June 2025, and the second of three planned workshops is scheduled for August 2025.

The tender for the Wicklow Town Black Castle Public Grounds was issued in April 2025, with the successful tenderer appointed in June 2025.

Both projects must be completed, with all associated claims submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development, by 14th November 2025.

1.3 Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2023

Wicklow County Council has been awarded €725,000 from the Department of Rural and Community Development under the 2023 Town and Village Renewal Scheme. The selected projects are as follows:

- a) **Kirikee, Glenmalure** - Renovation works are planned for the Community Centre, including the roof, windows, ceilings, and walls. The consultant originally appointed by the community group to oversee the project has been removed due to a lack of engagement. A new tender to appoint replacement consultants was issued early April and the new consultant was appointed in May 2025. Coordination meetings between the community group and consultants are ongoing to prepare a tender for the works.
- b) **Lacken** - The old schoolhouse will be renovated and transformed into a community centre featuring a café, community shop, and a small heritage section. As the building is listed in the Record of Protected Structures (2022–2028), a conservation architect has been appointed. Coordination meetings between the community group and consultants are ongoing to prepare a tender for the works.
- c) **Wicklow Town – Murrough BMX Pump Track** - This project involves the development of a best-in-class, asphalt-covered pump track suitable for all ages and abilities. Acceptance agreements have been signed, and the tender process was discussed with the associated Town Team and community. The tender was issued on 16th March 2025, with a return date of 16th April 2025. **The appointment of the successful tenderer was completed in June 2025 with works commenced in late June.**

All three projects must be completed, with all associated claims submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development, by 31st October 2025.

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1.4 Town Teams

The process of forming new Town Teams in Rathdrum and Baltinglass was completed in June 2025. Following this, the newly established teams are set to hold their first meetings over the summer months. This represents an important milestone in each town's efforts to revitalise and develop their town centres as part of the Town Centre First initiative.

With the addition of Rathdrum and Baltinglass, the total number of Town Teams in County Wicklow now stands at seven, joining those in Arklow, Blessington, Greystones, Newtownmountkennedy, and Wicklow.

The Town Regeneration Team is also working on establishing a Town Team in Kilcoole, with plans for teams in Carnew and Newcastle to follow.

1.5 Rural and Urban Regeneration Development Fund Grant Applications

1.5.1 Blessington RRDF

Blessington has been awarded over €1m funding under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund to be used for the regeneration of Blessington Town Centre, the development of plans for public realm works, the redevelopment of a vacant/derelict property to create an eHub and a Visitor Centre. Meetings are being planned with the Town Team in the coming months to progress these works.

1.5.2 Baltinglass RRDF

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 almost completed. Application for further funding on this project was made to the Department on the 7th February 2024. However, the submission was not successful. The Town Regeneration Team have met with the consultants regarding the public realm works and a finalised a first phase of the works, which will hopefully go out to tender early in Q3 2025.

1.5.3 Newtownmountkennedy RRDF

The project is at a standstill over contested issues regarding the design of the public realm. Following the necessary revisions, it is hoped that agreement will be reached with the plans signed off and submitted for Category 1 funding. A revised design will also form part of the Town Centre First Plan referenced previously.

1.5.4 Urban Regeneration Development Fund Call 3

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Wicklow will receive €2.5 million to assist long term vacancy and dereliction. Four properties have been chosen (two in Arklow and two in Wicklow). The two properties identified in Wicklow have since had refurbishment works commenced on them by their owners and are no longer available for purchase. Two further properties are now to be identified and this process has commenced.

An additional property has been identified in Arklow and approval has been received from the department to start the process of acquiring this property.

1.5.5 Bray Harbour Improvements – URDF Wic0004

A revised business case has been sent to DHL&H 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 the proposed works.

1.6 Historic Towns Initiative (HTI) 2025

The HTI is a joint initiative between the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and the Heritage Council. Wicklow County Council has been awarded €50,000 in funding to support the procurement of consultants to develop a heritage-led regeneration plan for Greystones.

The tender was issued in May 2025, with the appointment of the successful consultants completed in June 2025.

TOURISM

1. WEB AND SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT

Wicklow County Council has started a dedicated digital campaign running online ads promoting Destination Wicklow and the Wicklow Passport. The campaign will be ongoing for the months of July and August.

June social media report has been very positive with improved engagement and reach. June themed content included 'Wicklow Iconic Views', 'Creepy Facts', Wicklow Saunas, Eating tips around Wicklow Town, Fairy Trails, Sea Swimming and of course, the Wicklow Passport.

2. WICKLOW PASSPORT

The Wicklow Town Passport Trail is now ready with eight different new stamps to collect through a network of 16 stamping locations around the town. Free Mini Wicklow Passports are available to collect at Wicklow

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Town Library, the Tourist Office or any of the stamping locations. Upon completion, visitors are invited to go to Wicklow Town Library to receive their personal Wicklow Town Passport Certificate.

3. WICKLOW GAOL

The first draft of the Conservation Management Plan for the Gaol has been received and is under review. The extensive document offers great insights into the current condition of the Gaol, where work is needed, where improvements can be made and suggestions on potential future developments.

The current Gaol operator's contract is due to expire at the end of September. Wicklow County Council has requested expressions of interest and it is anticipated that a contract will be awarded in the coming months.

4. TINAHELY SHOW

The Tourism Office at Wicklow County Council will be present at the Tinahely Show in early August. The Tourism stand includes a new backdrop with strong Wicklow scenic images, the usual Wicklow Passport display and two large screens that will show footage showcasing some of the best videos produced over the last few years. Those include the Best of Wicklow Golf Holes series, the Wicklow Outdoors videos, Best-of-Ireland Wicklow Passport adventures and Wicklow Naturally reels. Visitors will be able to get Wicklow maps, free Wicklow Passports and the exclusive Tinahely Show stamp.

5. GLENDALOUGH AND WICKLOW MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK VISITOR EXPERIENCE AND MANAGEMENT MASTERPLAN (VEMMP)

Work continues on 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. Recent actions include:

- Fáilte Ireland has appointed DESIGN ID as consultants to design an All Ability Trail connecting Laragh to the Monastic City and Upper Lake. They will carry out full consultation with all stakeholders, local community and landowners, in conjunction with the Local Advisory Group.
- Fáilte Ireland has also appointed KSN Project Management to provide key Project Management Services to assist in the delivery of Phase 1 of the VEMMP over the next two years. These consultants will work closely with the Glendalough Partnership partners and the Local Advisory Group, to provide additional support, and consistency across actions being delivered.
- The National Monuments Service and the OPW have collaborated in preparing a brief for a Conservation Management Plan to advise on the delivery of the VEMMP. 7L Architects has been

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appointed as the lead consultant and supplementary consultants are being sought to support a comprehensive Conservation Management Plan.

- Wicklow County Council have arranged for traffic management, additional temporary parking and VMS signage for Summer 2025 in order to maintain a flow of traffic through Laragh and to the various car parks. This will be supplemented by a social media campaign encouraging drivers to park responsibly and respectfully.
- NPWS, working with Coillte, have begun improvement works to the Spinc trail, with other improvements to the National Park also planned.

Economic Development

Abbey Grounds, Wicklow

The Fáilte Ireland Destination Towns project at the Abbey Grounds continues to move forward, with completion anticipated later this year.

Special Projects

Avondale Business Park: There has been a positive response to the sites at Avondale, with numerous expressions of interest received. All submissions are presently under review.

The GRID: The GRID now has seven full-time licensees with new enquiries being received regularly. There are also regular events and meetings being held in the Event Space and Board Room. The initial contract for the management of the GRID will expire shortly and a new tender will be advertised in the coming months to find a longer-term partner to manage the facility.

Sites on Mill Road, Greystones: Engagement with the legal team regarding site registration with the Property Registration Authority remains ongoing.

Carnew Remote Working Hub: The TVRS Mainstream Funding Application is being prepared and will be submitted by the anticipated deadline of July 25th. An evaluation panel was convened to review submissions received in response to the tender for the Design Phase (Stage 2). It is expected that a contractor will be appointed soon.

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Offshore Renewable Energy

An ORE Event has been tentatively scheduled for November 18th this year. Online event planning meetings will take place throughout the summer, with the next meeting scheduled for July 15th. Regular meetings of the ORE Network will resume from September.

Skills Strategy

The Skills Taskforce is actively working on implementing the Wicklow Skills Strategy. The Taskforce recently met to discuss progress and updates relevant to each key industry, with the next meeting scheduled for September 19th.

Food and Beverage Strategy

Wicklow Naturally held its second networking evening at Pine Cone Coffee in Rathnew. Preparations are being finalised for the Live Food Demonstration at the Tinahely Show on the August Bank Holiday. The Board of Wicklow Naturally has met to help re-focus the work of the Wicklow Naturally Food Network, with emphasis on member's benefits.

LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE (LEO)

LEO Objectives			
To foster an enterprise culture and stimulate enterprise at local level by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Promotion of the enterprise message at local level. - Working with the relevant stakeholders in the county to foster entrepreneurship. - Delivering appropriate enterprise training and mentoring to entrepreneurs. - Providing funding options to entrepreneurs, early-stage promoters, and viable businesses to support growth and development of micro enterprises. - Developing a progression pathway for clients to Enterprise Ireland - Acting as a 'First Stop Shop' for business information and referral 			
METRICS: Grants	HISTORICAL	TARGETS	YEAR TO DATE
	2024	2025	2025
Grants Approved (number/ value) - Measure 1 - Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters (TAME)	22 €671,740 7 €12,500	42 TAME Is discontinued. New support: Market Explorer Grant	11 €211,771.00
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
	2024	2025	2025
Total number of participants at Management Development type programmes.	54	105	19 – AOMDP

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			15 – Strategic Retail Master Class = 34
Start Your Own Business Participant numbers (included in total training programmes)	145	105	80
Total No. of all Participants participating in training Programmes and events (all programmes except SYOB and MDP)	1223	840	458
Women in Business Network Number of Meetings	24	20	15

METRICS: Business Advice & Mentoring	HISTORICAL	TARGETS	YEAR TO DATE
	2024	2025	2025
Number of new clients added to database. *Criteria have been amended for this metric	443	400	375
Number of One-to-One Business Advice meetings including Businesses assigned a mentor	578	345	254
METRICS: Student Enterprise Programmes	HISTORICAL	TARGETS	
Academic Year	2023/2024	2024/2025	Year to Date 2024-25
No. of Secondary Student Participants	1358	1100	1135

METRICS: Client Transfers to Enterprise Ireland	HISTORICAL	TARGETS	
No of transfers	2024	2025	Year to Date 2025
Number of transfers	6	5	4

Lean, Green & Digital Start for Micro Projects	HISTORICAL	TARGETS	YEAR TO DATE
	2024	2025	2025
No. of Companies who have undertaken a Lean for Business Assessment by a Lean Expert	17	15	11
No. of Companies who have undertaken a Green for Business Assessment by a Green Expert	20	18	7
No. of Companies who have undertaken a Digital for Business Assessment by a Digital Expert	7	15	22
Number of Grow Digital Vouchers approved	N/A	6	2
Energy Efficiency Grant	3	18	1
Microfinance Ireland	HISTORICAL	TARGETS	YEAR TO DATE
	2024	2025	2025
No. of Companies who have submitted an MFI loan application through the LEO	12	13	11
New Exporters	HISTORICAL	TARGETS	YEAR TO DATE
	2024	2025	2025
No. of Companies who have started exporting (at least €10k in first time export sales).	5	3	0

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June 2025 Activities:

Various events taking place:

- The Network Ireland (Wicklow Branch) Businesswomen of the Year Awards will take place on Thursday 12th June in Tinakilly House. Two members of LEO Wicklow staff will attend to support this LEO sponsored business network.
- **Pilot LEO Village at BLOOM, June Bank Holiday.** The LEO Village allows one LEO Wicklow client, The Paper Petal Studio to exhibit with assistance of the LEO Network at Bloom to gauge interest and success for future years

July 2025 Activities:

Various events taking place:

- The tendering and evaluation process is currently underway to appoint core training providers for the Local Enterprise Office Wicklow.
- Wicklow-based businesses will continue to be represented at key national events like National Ploughing Championships.

Business Skills and IT skills Training Programme

The tender for training providers for the next three years has been completed and 15 separate Lots have been awarded. Contracts are being agreed and following that, an autumn/winter programme will be published on the LEO website.

Training which took place in June:

- 6th June: Digital Marketing Advice (1)
- 9th June: Digital Marketing Advice (2)
- 16th June: Social Media for Your Business
- 26th June: Start Your Own Business

Upcoming July Events:

- Expression of Interest for Export Development Program

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Climate, Environment, Recreation & Amenity

Harbours and Ports

1) CCTV and Access Control

Wicklow County Council successfully applied for funding from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine under the Local Authority Marine Infrastructure Scheme 2025 (LAMIS). This funding will be used to install new CCTV and access control systems at Wicklow and Arklow Harbours. The required civil works have been completed, and a CCTV contractor will be appointed in June. Improvement works to gates and approach roads at both harbours are also ongoing to enhance safety and security.

2) Concrete Repairs to East Pier, Wicklow Harbour

Additional funding has been approved under the LAMIS scheme to carry out underwater concrete repairs to fill voids in the East Pier at Wicklow Harbour. Over the years, significant voids have formed due to erosion and now require urgent attention. The works will be tendered in June and are scheduled for completion by September 2025.

3) Storage Units at Arklow Harbour

Fourteen new fisherman's storage units have been completed at Arklow Harbour. Allocation of these units to eligible applicants is currently underway and expected to be finalised imminently. These units will allow licensed fishing vessels to store equipment quayside, facilitating the removal of the shipping containers currently used for storage.

4) Wicklow Harbour Statistics

Month / Year	Ships	Single (Import or Export)	Double (Import & Export)	Transactions	Imports	Exports
Jan-24	3	3	0	3	2	1
Feb-24	7	7	0	7	5	2
Mar-24	9	9	0	9	6	3
Apr-24	7	7	0	7	2	5
May-24	5	5	0	5	3	2
Jun-24	9	9	0	9	4	5

GENERAL CARGO DATA JAN - JUNE 2025	
General Cargo/Container	40
Gross Tonnage	91112

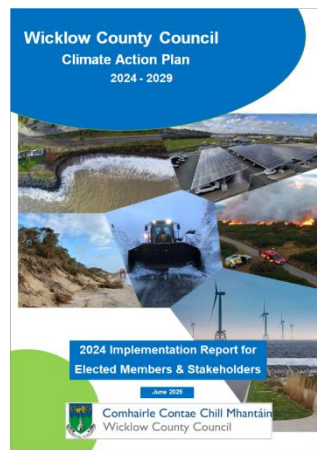
SIZE OF VESSELS BREAKDOWN JAN – JUNE 2025			
Tonnes		Number of Vessels	Gross Tonnage
Lower Limit	Upper Limit		
1,000	1,999	11	12886
2,000	2,999	25	65220
3,000	3,999	4	13006
			91112

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2025			
CATEGORY	IMPORTS	EXPORTS	TOTAL
FORESTRY PRODUCTS	39,204	8,369	47,573
METALS		19,141	19,141
	39,204	27,510	66,714

Climate & Biodiversity Action and Environment Awareness

- 1) **Annual Progress Report:** Wicklow Climate Action Progress Report for 2024 Circulated in June with comments on the 135 actions. This will be circulated to the members and published on our website in July.



- 2) **E-Bike Shared Mobility Scheme:**

250 E-Bikes under a shared mobility scheme have been launched by MOBY across Bray, Greystones and Wicklow.



- 3) **Coastal Erosion**

- At the time of writing this report, Malachy Walsh And Partners are expected to complete Interim Reports by end of July for the Brittas Bay and Ennereilly Study. An additional Topographic and Bathymetric Survey, which is required by the consultants for this Coastal Erosion Risk Management Study, has been funded by the OPW and was also completed in July.
- RPS have the Interim report 95% complete for the Seabank to Kilmichael Point Coastal Erosion Risk Management Study. As part of this study an extension of the tender will allow RPS to conduct a Wave Overtopping and associated flood inundation analyses to characterise this problem along the coastline of Arklow., This was requested due to Wave Overtopping Flooding in January 2025.

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4) Wicklow's Dark Sky Reserve: Wicklow Uplands Council, the NPWS and the council are seeking to develop a Dark Sky Reserve. An area has been selected which includes two thirds of the national park as the core of the reserve with a 700 KM squared buffer zone to the east, west and south. The proposed area has been added to ARC GIS. The towns of Roundwood, Laragh and Aughrim would be the most significant settlements in the reserve.

5) GAA Green Club Information Event: Wicklow GAA working with Wicklow County Council were delighted to host an evening on Sustainability for Wicklow GAA clubs in Aughrim County Grounds on the 22nd of July 2025 at 8pm. Over 20 GAA clubs were in attendance.

6) Community Climate Action Programme

Strand 1: Building Low Carbon Sustainable Communities

€646,000 was allocated to 20 Projects in County Wicklow under the Community Climate Action Programme. This allocation supports a variety of community organisations covering themes such as energy, waste, biodiversity, recycling and active travel. A total of 19 projects are progressing through various stages.

Drawdown 2 – May 2025

GROUP	DETAILS	AMOUNT	PROGRESS
Eir Og GAA Greystones	LED Internal Lights & Sensors Bicycle parking racks Recycling Bins Water Bottle Refill Station Hot Water Dispenser Crocery Cups Pipe Insulation LED floodlights	72,114.20	Completed
Rathnew Community Centre	(Solar PVs installed on community centre)	12,300.00	Completed
	EV Charger installed at community centre	2,714.92	Completed
Kilcoole Men's Shed	Dispersed orchard	4,365.67	Completed
Arklow Tidy Towns	Community rainwater harvesting tank	11,536.14	Completed
Signal Arts Centre	Insulation of ceilings, walls	22,700.00	Completed
Donard Community Enterprises CLG	Insulation of ceiling, walls	35,547.00	Completed
	Solar PV installation	35,185.00	Completed
Wicklow Town Team / SEC	Heating controls upgrade	13,088.82	Completed
	Ceiling and cavity wall insulation	31,851.17	Completed

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Eir Og GAA Greystones installed LED lighting, and carried pipe insulation in their boiler room



Donard Community Enterprises CLG, new ceiling insulation and solar PVs



Kilcoole Men's Shed planted a dispersed orchard to create a pollinator corridor and raise awareness of locally grown, organic food

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- 7) **Sustainable Energy Communities:** SEAI are producing a case study on the Arklow Sustainable Energy Community insulation meitheal project. As part of the process a video was shot in Arklow to record how the project was delivered and its impact. Additionally, an SEC has commenced for the various sports clubs of Greystones as a pilot which will be replicated in other parts of the county.
- 8) **Spongeworks EU horizon programme:** Wicklow County Council in partnership with the Wicklow Uplands Council, the East Wicklow Rivers Trust and LAWPRO have been selected to participate in an EU horizon programme called SpongeWorks. Each participating region will work on strategy to develop and scale sponge measures, which are Nature Based Solutions that help retain water, reduce flood or drought risk and restore ecosystems. Wicklow's project explores restoring the upper Aughrim River's capacity to slow water flow. SpongeWorks is a leading Horizon Europe initiative in nature-based climate adaption, bringing together 28 partners and 23 knowledge institutions. The project is developing practical, scalable solutions for sponge measures implementation which address critical questions about effectiveness, financing, governance and stakeholder engagement. The Agreement to participate as an associated region was signed on the 10th of July.
- 9) **Community Climate Action Programme with IKC3 team:** Recruitment has commenced for a community climate innovation training programme in Arklow which will be delivered from September to December. The training is open to community group representatives, businesses, sporting organisations and individuals. The training programme is co delivered with Trinity College Dublin and Munster Technical University. It aims to build climate knowledge and develop opportunity to network.
- 10) **Litter Management Plan:** public consultation closed on the 25th April. Four submissions were received. The Litter Management Plan proceeded before the SPC in July.



11) Wicklow Biodiversity Action Plan 2025 - 2030

The development of the Biodiversity Action Plan is supported by the Biodiversity Forum. 50 number draft actions have been drafted and presented in a workshop to the SPC. The draft plan was completed by 30th June and presented to SPC on the 11th July. Wicklow County Council has put its draft Biodiversity Action Plan 2024 – 2025 out for public consultation from the 14th of July until the 11th of August.

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12) Environment Awareness:

- Supported and funded a Uniform Swap event in Blessington Community College. The Parents' Council led event was the first in its kind in the school and was well received with skirts, school jackets, ties and sports gear being exchanged. Any leftover textiles went to the local charity shop that has a dedicated rail for local school uniforms. In addition, during the uniform swap, people who left with second hand items gave a donation to the school funds. 111 uniforms were moved onto new homes. Using the UK's Carbon Trust estimates the carbon footprint of 1 t-shirt, 111 uniforms approximate carbon footprint could be estimated at 1.65 carbon tonnes. This is the equivalent of 1.8 cubic metre of trees or 11,794km driving



- Coastal and woodland inspired textile upcycling mini Summer camps took place during July. These mini workshops under our Re-Imagining Textiles were held in a number of libraries including Greystones and Arklow, taking advantage of their coastal proximity, and Carnew and Tinahely, taking advantage of the close proximity of Tomnafinnoge Woods and the Derry River. All workshops were fully booked.

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- The annual Wicklow County Council Tidy Towns and Sustainable Development Awards have been opened for entries with a closing date of the 27th of July. The awards recognise the great work being done by Tidy Towns groups and other community groups in advancing sustainability in our communities.



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Litter/Waste Management

- Litter/Waste Statistics up to end of June 2025**

No. of Complaints Created	109	
No. of Cases Closed, Resolved or Completed	192	
No of Litter Fines Issued	13	
No. of Waste Management Files Opened	3	
No. of Warning Letters Issued	3	
No of Abandoned Car Notices Issued	22	
No. of Temporary Signs Granted	5	
No. of Notices Issued under Section 14 of the Waste Management Act	10	
No. of files prepared for Court and included in Court Lists	16	
No. of Cases in Court under the Litter Pollution Act	4	<p>Two cases under the Litter Fine Acts were listed for mention by the Courts. These were adjourned until a later date.</p> <p>In the third case, the defendant pleaded guilty to the dumping of waste at Kilpatrick, Arklow. A fine of €350 was imposed and costs of €350 were awarded to Wicklow County Council.</p> <p>The final case involved 2 related defendants. Wicklow County Council agreed to withdraw the summons for one defendant in exchange for a guilty plea by the second defendant. The second defendant was prosecuted under the Waste Management Act not the litter acts.</p>

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No of Cases in Court under the Waste Management Act	7	<p>The first case involved non-compliance with tyre regulations. The Council agreed to adjourn the matter as the defendant carried out substantial rectification of the non-compliances.</p> <p>The second case was listed for mention.</p> <p>In the third case, the judge issued a bench warrant for the defendant who failed to show for hearing.</p> <p>In the fourth case, the defendant pleaded guilty to handing over waste to an unauthorised waste collector who subsequently illegally dumped the material in the countryside. A fine of €500 was imposed and costs of €350 were awarded to WCC.</p> <p>Cases 5 and 6 were withdrawn by the Council with liberty to re-enter at a later date if the council were unsatisfied with progress. These cases involved waste present in both defendants' gardens. Both defendants made substantial efforts to clear the waste although a smaller amount of waste remained.</p> <p>The seventh and final case was held in the Dublin District Court Area. The defendant pleaded guilty to handing over their waste to an unauthorised collector who dumped the waste in the Sally gap area. In lieu of receiving a conviction, costs of €450 were awarded to WCC and a fine of €50 was imposed to be paid to the Court Poor Box for Penny Dinners</p>
Income - Litter	€900.00	

Pollution Control

Pollution Control Statistics up to end of June 2025

Pollution Response & Investigation

- 3 Water pollution complaints received and investigated.
- 4 Water pollution complaints closed.
- 4 Noise pollution complaints received and investigated.
- 2 Noise pollution complaints closed.
- 0 Air pollution complaints received and investigated.
- 0 Air pollution complaints closed.

Ambient Air Monitoring

- 1 Inspection of Ambient Air Monitoring Station

Private Water Supplies

- 13 Regulated Private Water Supplies scheduled in Drinking Water Monitoring Plan.
- 11 Private Water Supplies were monitored.
- 7 Private Water Supplies with available results were compliant.
- 4 Private Water Supplies with available results were non-compliant for coliform bacteria, 1 for e. coli and 1 for enterococci.
- 4 Private Water Supplies were requested to take remedial actions.

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Bathing Water

- 26 Bathing Waters were monitored and had excellent quality. Bray South, Greystones Cove, Greystones South, Silver Strand, Brittas Bay North, Brittas Bay South and Clogga. South of Bray Harbour, Kilcoole. The Murrough Wicklow, Wicklow Harbour, Wicklow Travelahawk, Arklow South, The Cove Arklow.
- Public consultation on the identification (designation) of existing and new bathing waters in County Wicklow and length of the bathing season is now opened until September via www.wicklow.ie
- Prior warning notices were issued for 11 bathing waters on 12th June informing the public of the potential drop in microbiological quality in view of Met Eireann's yellow status rainfall warning. The notices were lifted on 18/06/25 after excellent/good water samples on 16/06/25.
- Heavy rainfall can result in wastewater overflows, runoff from agricultural and urban areas which can cause short term deterioration in water quality.

Water Framework Directive National Monitoring Programme

- 2 Lakes monitored for checking compliance with environmental quality standards
- 20 Rivers monitored for compliance with environmental quality standards.

Water Framework Directive River Management Engagement and Investigations

- 0 Catchment engagement activities were undertaken.
- 3 Investigative river samples taken

Septic Tank Inspections - National Inspection Plan 2022-2026

- 1 Inspection Plan prepared.
- 1 Engagement activities undertaken.
- 1 Inspections of domestic waste water treatment systems were carried out.
- 1 domestic waste water treatment systems were found compliant.
- 2 domestic waste water treatment systems were found non-compliant and were issued advisory notices.

Good Agricultural Practice Inspections

- 0 Inspections of farms carried out for adherence to good agricultural practice.
- 0 Inspection of a farm carried out on foot of pollution complaint.
- 0 Sewage sludge nutrient management plan applications to land reviewed.

Well Grants

- 11 New Water Grant application received
- 3 New Well granted
- 19 New Pumps granted
- 15 Water Treatment/Disinfection Equipment Units granted
- 42 inspections in advance/completion of works

Petrol Vapour Recovery

- 4 Installation inspected
- 0 Installation issued with Certificate of Testing
- 0 Stage Ib applications assessed
- 1 Stage Ib Installations Inspections.

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Deco Paint Solvent Regulations

- 0 Dry cleaner installations inspected.
- 1 Inspection of vehicle refinishers carried out.
- 0 Letters issued to vehicle refinishers.
- 0 Paint retailer inspections for compliant products.

Smokeless Coal Regulations

- 2 Wholesalers/distributors/retailers inspected.

Licensed Effluent Discharges to Waters/Sewer

- 4 licensed wastewater discharges to waters were monitored and deemed compliant.
- 0 licensed wastewater discharges to waters were monitored and deemed non-compliant and corrective action requested.

Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plants – Ambient Monitoring

- 4 River samples were taken upstream and downstream of wastewater discharges of municipal wastewater treatment plants.
- 4 Lake samples were taken upstream and downstream of wastewater discharges of municipal wastewater treatment plants.

Planning & Development

- 2 environmental reports on referred planning applications/consultations were completed concerning agricultural development.
- 10 environmental reports on referred planning applications/consultations were completed concerning commercial development.
- 3 environmental reports on referred planning applications/consultations were completed concerning housing development.
- 2 environmental reports on referred planning applications/consultations were completed concerning quarry development.
- 2 environmental reports on compliance with planning permission conditions were 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	2025
Total	158	114	118	92	90	94	666
WCC	59	47	44	41	37	35	263
Cremation	49	45	37	26	26	28	211
Other	50	22	37	25	27	31	192

Percentage Breakdown YTD

2025	
%	
666	Total Published Death Notices
39	Traditional Interment in Local Authority Burial Grounds

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32	Cremation/Other non-traditional interments
29	Other Burial Grounds
100	

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.

The table below is a list of current projects funded under ORIS being completed during 2025:

ORIS	Project Name	Brief description	Completion
OR320WW01	Wicklow Coast Project	Project infrastructure completed at Greystones, Wicklow Harbour, Brittas Bay and Arklow with project signage installed.	31/05/2025
OR221WW02	Bray to Greystones - Cliff Walk Protection Scheme	Established Bray-Greystones Cliff Walk Task Force. Updates due from Task Force.	Extension granted by DRCD.
OR221WW01	Jubilee Loop and Avonmore Way link 2021 Scheme	Accessibility works at Samuel Hayes bridge. Meeting on site to find route in for piling equipment – last piece for input to new tender and access works required.	In progress. Extension granted.
OR321WW01	The Sugar Loaf Repair	Interpretative signage installed and a newly constructed baby Sugarloaf at the start of the walk to showcase the upgrade trail works. New fencing installed at the entrance and gates moved. Car park upgrade works completed.	31/05/2025
ORIS 2022 M2 OR222WW03	Coolkenno Equestrian Trail	Construction of equestrian trail and access. Licence Agreement with landowners pending their planning permission process, which is not resolved yet.	In progress
ORIS 2022 M3 OR322WW01	Roundwood Recreation Area	Groundworks and extension of existing car park with fencing works completed. Play equipment installed, surface works completed. Resurface of main trails in progress with emergency repair works completed after extensive storm damage and rerouting signage in place. Tender completed for bike area. Running routes planned. Storm damage recovery due completion by Uisce Eireann in central area.	31/05/2025

ORIS 2023 - Project Development Measure (PDM), Measure 1 and Measure 2

The total funding awarded by the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD) to 2023 ORIS Measures 1, 2 and Project Development Measure projects in Wicklow amounts to **€858,780**.

ORIS	Project Name	Brief description	Completion
ORPDM23WW01 CC781	Lugnaquilla Recreation Plan	Recreation Plan for the area is now completed.	30/06/25
ORPDM23WW02 CC782	Bray Head Sustainable Recreation Plan	Feasibility project to provide a work plan to deliver: AA screening, a biodiversity survey, trail design, landscape design, bike hub design. Tender completed.	Extension granted to 31/12/25

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OR123WW01-CC791	Hollywood Natural Play Area	Provision of a natural play area within Ballysize forest. Play Equipment area works due to commence. Play area at design stage. Specification ready, being signed off before publication.	31/10/25
OR123WW02 - CC792	Wicklow Way (Glencree River) Re-surface	200m of new trail construction and 800m of surface dressing. Works completed.	30/06/2025
OR123WW03 - CC793	Knockree Bridge	Knockree bridge replacement at the Glencree brook on the Wicklow Way, between Ballyreagh and Onagh Bridge. To be completed during July.	31/07/2025
OR123WW04 - CC794	Knockamunnion-Stranahely Bridges	Replacement of 2 bridges and additional drainage works between them over a track of some 200m. Contractors on site with works completion in July.	31/10/2025
OR123WW05 - CC795	Three Wells and Cushbawn Link	8m of surfacing on Three Wells crossing and 270m of surfacing on the looped upper trail. Completed.	31/05/2025
OR123WW06 - CC796	Wicklow Uplands rebranding to Sugarloaf Way	Signage replacement along an 18km route. Discussions ongoing with WUC and Roundwood community group. Project planning ongoing.	31/10/2025
OR223WW01 - CC903	Baravore Car Park, Glenmalure	Contract awarded for car park upgrade works. Due to commence soon.	30/06/2026
OR223WW02 - CC904	Three Trouts Bridge, Delgany	New bridge across Three Trout stream, linking 2 sections of the route. Greystones MD Engineer to manage this project and submit updates.	30/06/2026
OR223WW03 - CC905	Tinahely New Loop Trail	Additional spur to loop walks on a 10km route to Tinahely village. Design and landowner agreement in progress. Tinahely walking group in discussions with landowner regarding access to trail crossing land. Alternative routes being identified.	30/06/2026

ORIS 2024 - Project Development Measure (PDM), Measure 1, Measure 2 and Measure 3:

Applications for DRCD's 2024 ORIS funding round were submitted during March 2025. Wicklow County Council has applied for 2 Project Development Measures, 6 x Measure 1, 3 x Measure 2, 1x Measure 3 projects with a total funding application of **€1,355,740** for the 2024 ORIS funding round.

WICKLOW OUTDOOR RECREATION COMMITTEE (WORC)

WORC is comprised of members from Coillte, National Parks and Wildlife Service, Wicklow County Council, County Wicklow Partnership, Wicklow Local Sports and Recreation Partnership and Wicklow Uplands Council and is an information sharing forum of parties most involved in planning, development and management of recreation in Wicklow. The draft Outdoor Recreation Strategy 2025-2029 has now been reviewed by the County Wicklow Outdoor Recreation Committee. This will inform the development and management of outdoor recreation in the County.

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OR320WW01 – The Wicklow Coast Project – Facilities



The Cove, Arklow, changing screen and benches



Brittas Beach South, outdoor showers



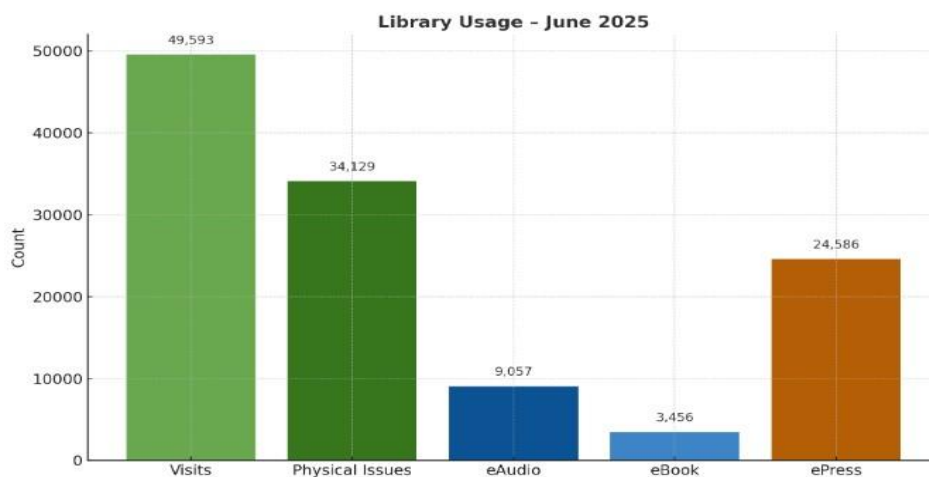
Wicklow Harbour, outdoor showers

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Wicklow County Library Service

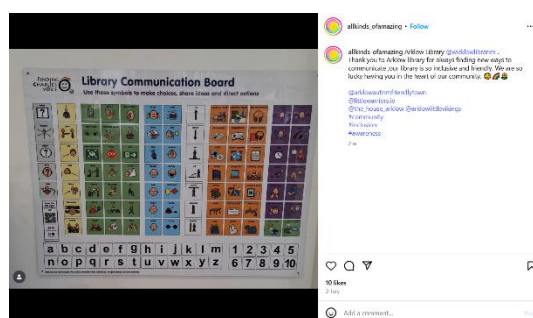
Library Statistics January to June 2025:

- In June 2025, the library recorded a total of **49,593** visits.
- Physical lending remains a core service, with **34,129** items issued during the month. This continues to reflect a high demand for tangible resources and in-person borrowing.
- However, digital services also saw substantial use with **9,057** eAudio loans showing a strong interest in audiobooks, supporting both leisure and learning on the go.
- **3,456** eBook checkouts demonstrate a steady interest in digital reading formats.
- **24,586** ePress issues shows the value of free, digital access to newspapers and magazines, helping to keep our community informed and connected to national and international news, especially important for people from other countries to have their newspapers available.
- In total, the library facilitated **71,228** combined loans and accesses across physical and digital platforms in June.



Arklow Library

This month at Arklow Library, kids enjoyed weekly **Storytime**, **Baby Sing-alongs**, drop-in **Arts and Crafts**, **Lego**, and **Chess Clubs**. Highlights include hands-on workshops like comic book-making and **Salty Stitch Mini Summer Camps**, promoting creative upcycling inspired by the Wicklow coastline. Adults were well catered for with book clubs, writing meetups, knitting, and **Tuatha**, a male career support group offering focused sessions for men seeking a career change. Conversations continued with the **Irish** and **English Conversation Groups**, while the **Adult Knitters' Group** shared skills, and the inclusive **All Kinds of Amazing** group welcomes parents and carers back with a creative meet-up.



Feedback from the All Kinds of Amazing group.

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Ballywaltrim Library

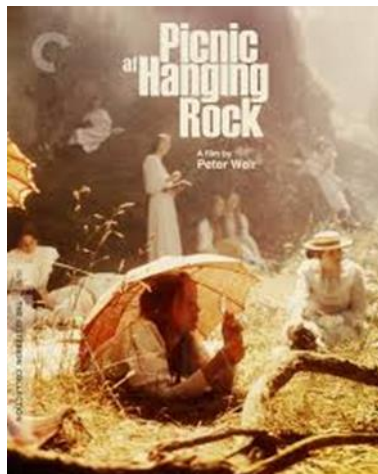


Clodagh from Ballywaltrim Library and their Summer Stars Wall

- For kids, Weekly **Teddy Bear Storytime** sessions and creative workshops took place, while babies and toddlers are enjoyed **Tummy Time Sessions**, **Moo Music**, and **STEM free-play**. The **Summer Stars** campaign resulted in hundreds of star-shaped drawings by our young readers, which now decorate the library, bringing colour and energy to the space.
- Adults could take part in regular activities with **Scrabble**, **Knitting** and **Quilting** group as well as several book clubs. Community groups like Sunbeam House and St. John of God's also made use of the interactive *ToverTafel* table.
- 37 local people attended the Irish Heart Foundation's mobile health unit.

Baltinglass Library

- Described by members as *"very diverse, welcoming and so supportive"* the monthly **Creative Writing Group** continued at Baltinglass Library.
- The Baltinglass Film Club screened the classic *Picnic at Hanging Rock* while also promoting local talent with a short film by a Wicklow animator. For one patron there was a solo, autism-friendly, screening of *The True History of the Kelly Gang*.
- The meeting/creative space was well utilised by two different groups supporting young people, **InSync** and the **WAY Youth Diversion Programme**, with regular visits throughout the month.



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Bray Library

- A highlight this month was an evening recital by classical guitarist **Chien Buggle** on July 22nd.
- A week-long **Creative Ireland Comic Club Camp** for 9–11 year olds ran each morning from the 21st July.
- The **Bray Library Reads** group is reading *Still Life* by Sarah Winman.
- Regular favourites continued to draw families in, including both **Toddler and School-age Storytime**, and the ever-popular **STEAM Saturday** with open-ended construction play.
- On July 16th, the PPN Network hosted a drop-in clinic in the branch, connecting community members with local supports.



Karen from Bray Library with a choice from the Comic Club Camp

Blessington Library

- Over 300 children signed up for Blessington Library's **Summer Stars Programme**.
- Other events have included a talk on raising puppies, a hands-on **Origami workshop**, and book clubs and **Spanish Conversation Group**.
- The library also trialled a number of new initiatives: **Wednesday Movie Afternoons** ran through July and will continue into August, and a new **Italian Conversation Group** called *Bello Blessington* has launched for adult learners.
- In addition, a classical guitar recital with **Chien Buggle** and *Music and Movement* sessions took place for babies and toddlers with Kate.



Carnew Library

Carnew Library hosted a fully booked **Upcycling Workshop** this month, led by Tamara Fiabane in collaboration with the county's Environmental Awareness Officer. Children used repurposed materials to create imaginative, forest-themed pieces—blending creativity with a strong environmental message.

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Greystones Library

- This July Greystones library welcomed local authors from the **SeaScribes Writer's Group** for a reading from their new book *Cargo Of The Soul*. This book is available to purchase at local bookshops and all proceeds from the sale of the book go to RNLI.
- For children Greystones library hosted a 2 day **Salty Stitch** marine themed workshop on textile upcycling.
- Greystones Library hosted the **Chess Challenge** for its teenage members. Facilitated by **Red King Chess**, participants had to use their chess skills to complete puzzles, solve problems and beat opponents in a variety of chess tasks and mini games.



Photo: *Textile upcycling at Greystones Library.*

Tinahely Library

A standout event this month was the **Woodland Stitch Mini Camp** with Tamara Fiabane, which blended nature and craft for a creative experience.

Wicklow Library

- Wicklow Library's **Summer Stars** programme was launched with children taking part in storytelling, writing workshops, circus skills, and the popular **Bingo – Having Fun with Numbers**.
- Wicklow Libraries is collaborating with **Visit Wicklow** for the new **Wicklow Town Passport Trail**. The initiative invites families to collect stamps at eight local landmarks and return to the library for a certificate.
- Other highlights include the Mermaid Theatre's week-long **Rebel Resisters Radio Club** workshop for girls aged 10–12, the **Once Upon a Line** writing session for children, and two wonderful exhibitions running back to back: *Perspectives* by Veronica O'Reilly and Gabrielle Kirby, and *Wicklow Memories* by Joaquín Martínez del Fresno.

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Enniskerry Library

- Multi-generational chess games proved a big hit—junior players were encouraged to drop in and join in with the Adult Chess Club on Tuesday mornings (11:00–12:30).
- Due to strong interest, the Friday Lego Club will continue through July and August as will two junior Book Clubs—a 6th Class group and a 1st/2nd Year group.
- The SDG-themed Junior Book Club is transitioning into a general reading club, with children now taking turns choosing the books and plan to meet throughout July and August.
- Summer Stars is also progressing well, with plenty of children eagerly collecting stamps

Mobile Library

- The Mobile Library continues its whistle-stop tour across Wicklow, bringing much-needed books, reading materials, and occasional relief from the summer sun to our members. Recently, Librarian Ana Sofia joined the Mobile in Roundwood for **Pocket Tales**.
- The Mobile also made an appearance at the **Shelton Abbey Community Open Day** earlier this month, an event that drew over 3,000 visitors. In a county as vast as Wicklow, the Mobile Library plays a crucial role in reaching those who might not easily access a branch, ensuring reading and learning opportunities are available to all.



Ana Sofia at Pocket Tales in Roundwood.

Archives & Genealogy Service

- 1) **Digitisation programme:** An additional twenty years have been added to the digitised minutes of Wicklow County Council, bringing the online collection up to 1980 at <https://www.wicklow.ie/Living/Services/Arts-Heritage-Archives/Archives/Collections/Digitised-Collections>

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- 2) **Collection management:** Cataloguing of the collection's business archives has been completed. Descriptive lists will be uploaded to Wicklow.ie shortly. Cataloguing of local authority collections continues with records of labourers' cottages and early vehicle registration volumes.

iCAN: Wicklow County Archivist is a new member of the board of the Irish Community Archive Network (iCAN) Advisory Group under the National Museum of Ireland, as a representative of local authority archives service.

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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 (14/07/2025) outstanding stands at **292 – 1.84%** of total stock of 15,869.

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.

147 lighting faults were attended in June, while 116 faults were logged during the same period; see below for breakdown by MD.

STATUS	ARKLOW MD	BALTINGLASS MD	BRAY MD	GREYSTONES MD	WICKLOW MD	Grand Total
Faults Reported (June)	47	27	7	12	23	116
Faults Attended (June)	53	40	19	10	25	147
No Supply		1	2	1		4
Access Issues (Attended)	2	1	9	1	3	16
Cable Fault (Attended)			2			2
Civils	12		10		6	28
Council Approval	14			2		16
ESB Interface required			6			6
ESB Notified	6	29	25	14	22	96
ESB Required	3	2	2	3	5	15
Knock Down (Attended)	3		2	1	1	7
Materials required						0
On Hold	1	2	6	2	4	15
Submitted	12	13	5	3	16	49
TMR	3		18	3	5	29
Tree Cutting Required			6	3		9
Grand Total	56	48	93	33	62	292
Percentage Not Working	1.76%	1.98%	2.72%	1.11%	1.60%	1.84%
No. of Lamps	3181	2424	3422	2960	3882	15869
Percentage of Total Lamps	20%	15%	22%	19%	24%	100%

Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project (PLEEP)

The retrofitting of lanterns has commenced in all MDs with c. 1,017 lanterns replaced to date (07/07/2025).

Road Schedule

The road schedule is currently under review, with an aim to have a completed schedule available online by the end of 2025.

Speed Limits

A review of urban speed limits is due to commence shortly.

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Transportation Statistics

	Total 2023	Total 2024	Total 2025	May 2025	June 2025
Solicitors Queries	1026	1014	599	129	119
Road closure applications	42	50	41	7	8
Road Opening licences	1956	1254	925	193	154
Abnormal Load applications	54	50	20	2	2

Junction 4 to 14 Improvement Scheme

The Option Selection report was published along with Bulletin #11 on the project website www.n11m11.ie on 14 December 2021. The publication followed the review of submissions received during public display in 2021. Phase 3 Design and Environmental Evaluation was due to commence in Q1 2022. 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.

M11N11 Bus Priority Interim Scheme

The BPIS seeks to achieve the early delivery of bus priority measures along with addressing operational and safety issues in advance of the main scheme between Loughlinstown Roundabout and Junction 9 (Glenview). The scheme is concluding the Options Selection phase (Phase 2 of TII's Project Management Guidelines).

The Option Selection report was published along with Bulletin #7 on the project website www.n11m11bpis.ie on 10th April 2025. The publication followed the review of submissions received during public display in September 2023. This review resulted in a revisit of the preferred option that now includes additional major road improvement features, such as: -

- A major upgrade at Junction 7 Bray South to a full grade separated junction
- A northbound Service Road at Junction 8 Kilmacanogue
- A northbound Service Road linking Junction 7 Bray South to Junction 6 Fassaroe

The Phase 2 (Options Selection) preferred option will be used at Phase 3 (Design and Environmental Evaluation) as the basis on which the project design will be developed. The design will be subject to further and more detailed analysis including more detailed traffic analysis and the further examination and assessment of alternatives to the Herbert Road access to the N11. An environmental evaluation will also be completed. This design and analysis will ensure that the project progressed through to the Statutory Approval submission is fully appraised and all implications are known and addressed. Wicklow County Council anticipates that following the publication of the Phase 2 Options Selection Report that the Phase 3 Design and Environmental Evaluation will be progressed, with the statutory approval phase following thereafter

The Wicklow County Council project team are continuing to meet with stakeholders any interested parties.

N11 Parallel Service Road at Kilmacanogue

Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) have directly appointed the contractor for the construction of the Noise mitigation fence. The start date advised by TII has been pushed out by the contractor. A new confirmed start date is to be advised. Wicklow County Council is continuing to liaise with residents as required.

N11 Junction 12 Road Safety Improvement Scheme

A Feasibility and Options report was submitted to TII on 9/5/25 for a proposed scheme to improve the southbound diverge ramp at the Garden Village / Newtownmountkennedy exit. TII returned comments on 16/6/25. An amended report was formally submitted to TII on 7th July 2025.

N11 Kilpedder 'Rat-Run' Road Safety Improvement Scheme

A Feasibility and Options Report has been approved by TII. Design and documents to support proposed statutory approvals process are currently being prepared.

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).

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The Park & Ride at Junction 6 Fassaroe commenced construction work in April 2025.

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.

The preliminary design for the Bus Park & Ride at Junction 11 (Kilpedder) is being progressed in conjunction with the NTA Park & Ride Delivery Office.

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

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 Options Selection work is currently progressing under TII's Project Management Guidelines. A non-statutory Public Display event on the Route Options was held in Baltinglass, on 27th March 2024. A second non-statutory public consultation on the emerging preferred option commenced on the 30th January 2025 with a display event in Germaines in Baltinglass. Submissions and observations were accepted up until 12:00 noon on 27th February 2025. The public display documents are available to view on the project website www.N81whitestownandtuckmill.ie.

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

The Feasibility and Options report (Phase 2) was approved by TII in November 2023. The Design Report (Phase 3) was approved by TII in April 2024. The Part 8 statutory process (Phase 4) commenced on the 28th March 2024 with the period for submissions by interested parties ending on the 14th May 2024. At the May 2024 meeting of Baltinglass Municipal District the Elected Members voted to approve the Chief Executive's recommendation for the scheme to proceed. The Detailed Design and Contract Documents (Phase 5) were completed in advance of the publication of a Tender in March 2025 for the procurement of a contractor for construction. Tenders were received on 17th April 2025. Following the tender assessment process, a Tender Award Request was issued to TII on 16th May 2025. TII approved the awarding of the contract on 4th June 2025. The construction contractor was appointed in July 2025.

Park & Ride/Share at Hollywood

A feasibility report, funded by the Baltinglass Municipal District was prepared and submitted to TII in Oct 2021. This report considered an option for parking accessed from the N81. TII subsequently provided funding to further examine the feasibility and options.

TII have indicated that they do not support the proposed additional access to the N81. As a result, the option for a parking facility accessed from the N81 has been discounted from the traffic calming scheme. Suitable parking locations, that can be accessed from the regional/local road network, are being investigated.

N81 Blessington Gateway Project

The Feasibility and Options report (Phase 2) was finalised and approved by TII in October 2023. TII also approved funding to proceed with the design phase in accordance with TII Standards. Wicklow County Council are progressing this project at the design phase (Phase 3) to be followed by any necessary statutory approvals process (Phase 4).

N81 Baltinglass South Gateway Project

The construction of the roundabout by the developer (Aldbrough Manor), under the auspices of WCC, is nearing completion. A Feasibility and Options report (Phase 2) has been submitted to TII for a proposed scheme on the southern approach to Baltinglass.

Arklow to Shillelagh Greenway

The Phase 2 Options Selection Report, which will determine the preferred route for the Greenway, is currently being reviewed by Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII). Negotiations are still ongoing with landowners. Following TII approval of Phase 2 we will proceed to Phase 3, involving Design and Environmental Evaluation. A meeting was held in April with NPWS on site to review the impacts of the scheme on Tomnafinnoge Wood which is designated as a Special Area of Conservation (SAC).

Blessington Inner Relief Road

An Bord Pleanála (ABP) granted permission for the northern section of the Blessington Inner Relief Road on 9th September 2024. However, the residential element of the development (330 units) was refused permission by ABP.

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

Construction work commenced on Section 1 in April 2025. A road closure currently in place on Section 1 until August 2025. The completion of section 1 is currently expected in Q4 2025. Section 2 follows with completion of same currently expected Q2 2026

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Wicklow Greystones Greenway

Wicklow to Greystones Greenway is at the options selection phase of TII's Project Management Guidelines. A Public consultation on the emerging preferred corridors was held in April and May 2024. Route options within those corridors are now being developed and are undergoing a Multi Criteria Assessment (MCA). A public consultation on the emerging preferred option is expected in later in 2025.

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

TII have instructed Wicklow County Council to issue tender documents for design services for the development of the Kilmacanogue to Southern Cross Active Travel Scheme.

The appointment technical consultants are necessary to prepare an EIAR for the scheme for submission to An Bord Pleanála. The tender was published on e-tenders on 22nd April 2025 with submissions received on 17th June 2025. The tender evaluation is currently being progressed.

Active Travel Updates

Projects under Construction

Ballyguilemore Active Travel Facilities (Wicklow MD)

Provision of new pedestrian facilities and road safety improvements along the Ballyguilemore Road between Carrig View and the entrance to the proposed new St. Patricks GAA Pitch. The scheme includes for new footpaths and road widening works. Construction of the new footpath is complete, along with the drainage and public lighting works. Accommodation works are ongoing with the stonework wall now complete. The remaining surfacing works are scheduled to be completed in August.



Ballyguilemore



Arklow South

Arklow South Cycle and Pedestrian Scheme (Arklow MD)

Provision of 2.8km of segregated cycle track along the R-772 Wexford Road, Arklow between Knockmore Roundabout and M11 Junction 21. The scheme will also construct 1.4km approx. of pedestrian footpath. Construction works have been completed on this project. Stage 3 Road Safety Audit has been completed.

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Safe Routes to Schools: St. Kevin's National School, Greystones (Greystones MD)

Provide infrastructure for schools to increase walking and cycling as the preferred travel mode where possible and improve safety at front of schools. Front of school implementation works are completed.

New pedestrian crossing and footpath civil upgrade works are completed on Church Lane. Construction completed including new boundary lines and treatments, lighting, automated gates, ramp, cycle parking, retaining wall and CCTV. The permeability link was opened to students on Friday 28th March. The Official Opening took place on the 17th June 2025.



Scoil Nioclais Naofa

Safe Route to Schools: Scoil Nioclais Naofa, Dunlavin (Blessington MD)

Provide infrastructure for schools to increase walking and cycling as the preferred travel mode where possible and improve safety at front of schools. This project includes implementing a one way system on the eastern side of Fair Green. The front of schoolworks, for the school zone, has been completed and works on permeability link are also complete. Public lighting is scheduled to be installed, date to be agreed with contractor. Stage 3 of Road Safety Audit completed. The Official Opening took place on the 23rd June 2025.

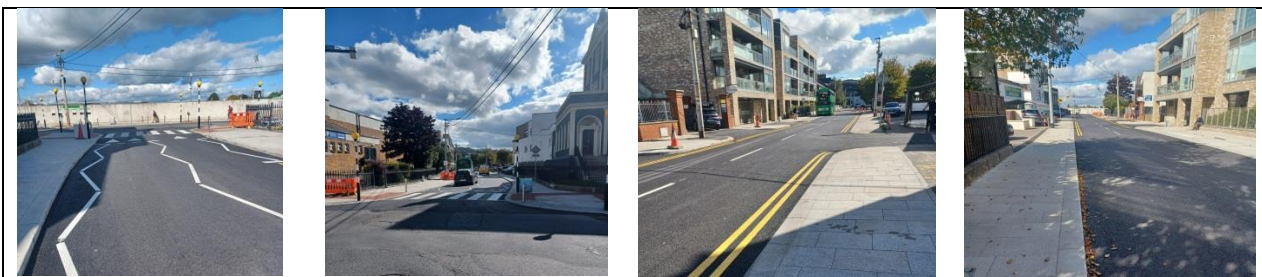
Kilcoole Road Footpath (Greystones MD)

Footpath to be constructed linking Greystones to Kilcoole. Construction works have been completed on the new boundary wall at Barna Cottage. Surfacing works have been completed on the new footpath. Project is now complete.

Project Updates

Bray Transport Interchange (Bray MD)

New plaza and public transport interchange in front of Bray DART station, with revised car parking, set down and taxi rank arrangements. Works are substantially complete apart from ESB undergrounding works and paving in front of McEleney site on Station Road. Station Road is now fully operational with buses returned to the station forecourt. Station Road was declared a public road at the Council Meeting held on 7th April. Final works to be completed both Contractor and ESB due on site in August. Official Launch being planned for the 17th September 2025.



Bray Transport Interchange

Wicklow Station Pedestrian and Cycle Link (Wicklow MD)

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

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has been completed. Work has commenced on Detail Design Stage and APIS application for the bridge has been submitted to Irish Rail.

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. AtkinsRealis appointed as consultants to manage the project through Phases 4-7. Design review has been commenced by AtkinsRealis.

Bray Bridge footbridges and tie ins (re-draft tender) (Bray MD)

New footbridges and alterations to the road to make provision for cyclists. Tender advertised for consultant to progress the scheme from Phase 3 to Phase 7 closing date 27/07/2025.

Baltinglass Bridge Active Travel Scheme (Baltinglass MD)

Provision of improved facilities for pedestrians and cyclists at Baltinglass Bridge. Atkins have been appointed as Consultant for the scheme. A kick-off meeting was held in June and the Consultant has commenced work on Phase 2 – Option Selection and Development.

Greystones Pathfinder (Greystones MD)

Provision of new and improved pedestrian and cycle links to Greystones Train Station. The spine route extends from Greystones Marina to Shoreline Sports Centre. Design review to be carried out by Atkins.

• Phase 1 – Charlesland Dual Carriageway Roundabout Upgrade Works –

The phase will include new and improved pedestrian and cycle crossings along the Charlesland Dual Carriageway. Construction works are nearing completion. New Toucan Crossings installed at 5 roundabouts. ESB connections still to be made.

Phase 2 - Church Road Improvement Works -

This phase of the project will reduce vehicle speeds and provide a safer environment for pedestrians and cyclists along Church Road through the narrowing of the carriageway, junction realignment, new and improved pedestrian crossings and road resurfacing. Works completed and road markings installed.

• Phase 3 - Greystones Marina to Charlesland Pedestrian and Cycle Improvements –

This phase includes the design 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. AtkinsRealis appointed as consultants to manage the project through Phases 4 -7. Design review has been commenced by AtkinsRealis

Safe Routes to Schools: Gaelscoil na gCloch Liath, Greystones Educate Together & Temple Carrig School (Greystones MD)

Construction phase has commenced July 1st for the school zone, new cycle tracks, two new crossing locations, upgraded junction works and SuDs measures

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. Preliminary Designs are being updated by the designer. Site meeting held with District Engineer and Consultant to review park 'n' stride area and the crossing required on R755. A draft of the one way system for the church car park and grounds where drops off are currently taking place has been provided. Meeting held with the designer to review progress an expedite project. Updated preliminary design has been issued from the designer. Meeting had with school management, parents' council and An Taisce to review designs and scope given the layout and confined space to work with. The school are looking to review the options for a school street to trial for the current church car park

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2025 Budget Allocation – New Projects

From the NTA Budget Allocation for 2025 the following project proposals will be initiated this year -

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

Meeting with School and District Engineer has taken place. An Taisce have arranged a further meeting with the School in April. The school zone (NTA Project) is planned to be progressed with the Brittas footpath project. Consultant is currently being appointed. The project will be managed by the Wicklow Municipal District for now as the footpath is their project. Meeting with School held and tender completed for designer and PSPS as part of Footpath renewal project. Meeting with NTA and ATSO on design. An Taisce have circulated the GDP to WCC for review.

- ***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. Meeting with School and District Engineer took place in March. An Taisce to provide delivery plans and surveys. Traffic surveys have been undertaken. Meeting had with NTA and ATSO on design.

- ***Scalp Road Footpath, Enniskerry***

Provision of footpath along Scalp Road, Enniskerry. Tender evaluation for topographical survey is underway, 4 tenders received.

- ***Aughrim Road Pedestrian Crossing, Tinahely***

New Zebra / Controlled Crossing and upgraded footpath to link Kilcommon National School to Residential Areas. Topographic survey completed. Works to include second pedestrian crossing and additional footpath. Section 38 to be prepared.

- ***Kiltegan Road Pedestrian Crossing, Baltinglass***

New Zebra Pedestrian Crossing and footpath extension at Baltinglass GAA Club Grounds to link to residential areas. Topographic survey completed. Gateway 5 request issued to NTA.

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

Construction of 150m footpath and pedestrian crossing linking to the GAA Club. Topographic survey completed. Gateway 5 approval received from NTA, WCC to prepare design for extension of footpath works.

Bridge Rehabilitation (Local and Regional Roads)

Work commenced on 1 new bridge (Bonabrocka).
Work completed at Grangecon Hill Bridge.

Surface Dressing

Continued during June. Works completed on 19 days at 26 locations.
Remaining projects will be completed in early July.

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Parking Income

January to June 2025

Parking Income by Municipal District	EURO
Bray Municipal District	503,115.70
Greystones Municipal District	170,854.61
Wicklow Municipal District	236,753.86
Arklow Municipal District	131,627.55
Parking Permits	67,813.33
Parking Fines	320,453.20
Wicklow County Council Total	1,430,618.25

Infrastructure Delivery

Affordable Housing Information as at 30th June 2025

Aldbrough Manor Baltinglass - 11 Houses

- All sales closed as at 31/03/2025

Murrough View Greenhill Road – 36 Houses

- All sales closed as at 30/06/2025

St. Ernan's Rathnew – 44 Dwellings 34 Houses, 10 Apartments

- 34 closed - 32 houses, 2 apartments
- 9 paid pending close – 2 houses, 7 apartments
- 1 pending payment - apartment no. 37

Wicklow County Council also has plans for further developments throughout the county.

Housing Supply – Programme of Delivery

Schemes Recently Completed	UNITS	CURRENT STATUS
Avondale Phase 2 Design & Build	20	Completed and allocated
Cedar Court Bray Design & Build	14	Completed and allocated
Greenhills Road (Affordable)	36	Completed and sold
Ballard, Shillelagh	20	Completed and allocated
Merrymeeing, Rathnew Phase 2	21	Completed and allocated
Liam Kavanagh Park, Ballynerrin	10	Completed and allocated
Cois Droichead, Greystones	41	Completed, allocation in progress
Lugduff, Tinahely	20	Completed, allocation in progress
Scheme on Site	Units	Current Status
Fassaroe, Bray	11	Contractor on site.
Lott Lane, Kilcoole	75	Contractor on site.
1A Mill Road, Greystones	3	Completion expected Q1 2026
5A Rednagh Road, Aughrim	1	Completion expected March 2025

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Pipeline Schemes	Units	Current Status
Merrymeeing, Rathnew, Phase 3	7	Contractor appointed. To commence on site July 2025.
Burgage More, Blessington PPP	106	Part of PPP bundle 3 with NDFA. Site clearance commenced
Rehills, Bray Phase 1	140	Stage 1 funding application to be submitted to Dept.
Rockbrae, Bray	53	Stage 2 funding application submitted
Carrig Eden Tiglin	12	Preliminary Design Stage
Ballyguile Rd, Wicklow	16	Stage 1 approved. Masterplan being developed prior to Part 8.
Burnaby, Greystones PPP	262	PPP Bundle 5 continuing
Ballinahinch, Ashford	19	Tender assessment done. Contractor to be appointed pending review by WCC shadow design team and further Stage 4 approval from Dept.
Tinahask, Arklow	74	Detailed design and tender docs underway
Tinahask PPP, Arklow	128	PPP Bundle 6 continuing
Sheephouse, Arklow	48	Design Stage
Mountainview, Blessington	10	Design team being appointed
Hawkstown Park Phase 2, Wicklow Design & Build	54	Detailed design and tender docs underway

Traveller accommodation

Capital Programme

Ballintreskin – 3 houses	Houses allocated
Avondale Heights, Rathdrum – 3 houses	Contractor on site completion date July 2025
Barndarrig Group Housing scheme for 3 houses and 17 social houses	Three group housing schemes. Final layout agreed with department/families. Social house layout is being finalised for the rest of the site. Part 8 to be advertised July
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 complies 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.

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Part V

The following Part V units are due during 2025:

Location	No. of Units	Due for Delivery	Method
Bray	1	Delivered Q1 2025	CALF
Bray	3	Delivery due Q3 2025	CALF
Newcastle	5	Delivery due Q4 2025	CALF
Delgany	2	Delivered Q2 2025	WCC
Rathnew	36	24 Delivered Q2 2025, remainder due Q3 2025	WCC
Wicklow	4	Delivery due Q3 2025	WCC
Rathnew	3	Delivered Q2 2025	WCC
Roundwood	6	Delivery due Q3 2025	WCC
Baltinglass	9	Delivery due Q2 to Q1 2026	WCC
Delgany	10	6 Delivered Q2, remainder due Q3 2025	WCC
Bray	3	Delivery due Q3 2025	CALF
Roundwood	2	Delivered Q2 2025	WCC
Delgany	2	Delivery due Q3 2025	WCC
Dunlavin	18	Delivery due Q3 2025 to Q1 2026	WCC
Wicklow	15	Delivery due Q3 2025 to Q1 2026	WCC
Roundwood	2	Delivery due Q3 2025	CALF

Potential units

Wicklow County Council currently has agreements in place for units in Delgany, Rathnew, Bray, Roundwood, Newtownmountkenedy, Baltinglass, Wicklow, Rathdrum, Newcastle and Arklow with delivery ranging from 2025-2027. 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 2025:

Location	No. of Units	Due for Delivery	Method
Bray	17	Delivered Q1 2025	CALF
Newtownmountkenedy	56	Delivered Q2 2025	CALF
Newcastle	11	Delivery due Q4 2025	CALF
Baltinglass	12	Delivery due Q3 & Q4 2025	CALF
Rathnew	1	Delivered Q2 2025	WCC
Arklow	3	Delivered Q1 2025	WCC
Baltinglass	2	Delivery due Q3 2025	WCC
Roundwood	4	Delivery due Q3 2025	WCC
Rathnew	5	1 Delivered Q2, remainder due Q3 2025	WCC

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Kilcoole	5	Delivery due Q3 2025	WCC
Arklow	2	Delivery due Q3 2025	WCC

- Negotiations are on-going with a number of Developers and AHB's in relation to acquiring further Turnkey units.
- Expression of Interest for Turnkey Housing Developments/Housing Schemes and or land for the provision of social housing/affordable housing was advertised on 25th and 26th February 2025. Closing date is 25th July.

Vacant Homes Scheme

Current Compulsory Purchase Orders on long term vacant houses around the county 2025.

No.	Property Location	Current Status
1.	5 Priory Way, Delgany	Tenants in situ.
2.	30 South Green, Arklow	Tenants in situ.
3.	53 South Green, Arklow	Tenants in situ.
4.	88 Wicklow Heights, Wicklow Town	Tenant in situ.
5.	6 Ashleigh, Ashford	Refurbishment complete. Waiting on ESB connection.
6.	2 Harbour Road, Arklow	Refurbishment complete. Waiting on ESB connection.
7.	114 Hillside, Greystones	Works commenced.
8.	108 Charnwood, Bray	Works commenced.
9.	53A South Green, Arklow	Works complete.
10.	36 Wheatfield, Bray	Works commenced.
11.	10 Liam Mellows Avenue, Arklow	Works commenced.

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	237
Applications in progress/information requested from applicants to date	38
Applications Approved in Principle to date	112
Number of Applications paid to date	48
Value of 48 Grants paid out to date	€2,643,137.70
Applications pending execution of Legal Deed of Charge/Payment to date	5
Applications withdrawn/Rejected to date	46

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Emergency Response

Fire Service

There were **104 incidents** attended during the month of June 2025. Due to laid down procedures to mobilise two stations to potentially serious incident types, individual Fire Stations were mobilised on a total of **127 occasions** including **16** 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 2025 **decreased by 16% (-25 mobilisations) on the preceding month May 2025 (152 mobilisations)**. There were decreases in domestic fires (-5 mobilisations), gorse / rural fires (-12 mobilisations) and false alarms (-8 mobilisations). There was an increase in RTCs (+4 mobilisations).

Operational activity for the month of June 2025 **increased by 9% +15 mobilisations) on the equivalent month in 2024** (June 2024, 112 mobilisations). There was an increase in malicious urban fires (+10 mobilisations), incidents attended in other counties (+9 mobilisations) with a decrease in domestic house fires (-7 mobilisations).

Incidents in County Kildare (10-incidents total, examples below):

- 04/06/2025 Blessington crew supported crews from Naas at a 2-car RTC at Tipper North.
- 05/06/2025 Fire crews from Blessington and Dunlavin supported crews from Dublin at a fatal RTC at Barretstown, Newbridge.
- 09/06/2025 Blessington crew supported by a fire crew from Dublin attended a 2-vehicle RTC at Punchestown.
- 09/06/2025 Blessington crew supported fire crews from Naas at two separate RTCs near Eadestown.
- 11/06/2025 Blessington crew supported fire crews from Naas at a single vehicle RTC near Barretstown Castle.
- 12/06/2025 Baltinglass crew supported fire crews from Athy at an arson attack on a domestic house near Castledermot.
- 19/06/2025 Blessington crew supported fire crews from Naas at an RTC involving a car and 3 cyclists at Baysland.

Incidents in County Wexford (4-incidents total, examples below):

- 09/06/2025 Arklow crew supported crews from Gorey at a domestic fire in Gorey.
- 29/06/2025 Carnew crew supported a fire crew from Bunclody at a single car roll-over RTC at Ballybeg, Ferns.

Training

- Wicklow hosted a regional meeting of Building Control Officers on 23rd June.
- Two 2-day Breathing Apparatus Refresher training courses were delivered to 24 firefighters in Dundalk Training Centre.
- Two 4-day Emergency First Responder Initial courses were held in Blessington and Dunlavin for a total of 12 students.
- Two 1-day Cardiac First Responder courses were held in Rathdrum and Blessington for a total of 13 students.
- Two 2-day Emergency First Responder Refresher courses held in Rathdrum for a total of 12 students

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Fire Prevention Statistics June 2025

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

Application type	Received	Deemed Invalid, refused or withdrawn	Requested additional information	Inspections	Recommended for Grant
FSCs	9	0	0	0	6
Revised FSCs	2	0	0	0	2
FSC 7-Day Notice	4	0	0	0	2
Regularisation FSCs	0	0	0	1	1
DACs	13	0	0	0	7
Revised DACs	1	0	0	0	0
Dispensations / Relaxations	0	0	0	0	0

25 planning files were referred to the Chief Fire Officer for comment. Observations were made on 11 files received.

Licensing	Received	Inspected	Request further info	Letter / Licence Issued	No objection entered on Courts on-line Service
District	0	0	0	0	
Circuit	1	1		1	1
Dangerous Substances Act	0	0	0	0	0
Explosive Act	2	2	0	2	0

Building Control

Commencement Notices for June 2025:

Commencement Notices Submitted: 32

- 7 Commencement Notices with Compliance Documents
- 20 Opt Out Declarations
- 4 Commencement Notices without Compliance Documents
- 5 Seven Day Notice

Submission Statistics

- 62 % of Commencement Notices - Opt Out
- 84 % of Commencement Notices Revised Information required & requested = 27 No. Commencement Notices (CN) of which
 - 7 with Compliance Documentation (26%)
 - 14 are Opt Out (51%)
 - 1 Without Compliance Documentation (4%)
 - 5 Seven Day Notice (19%)

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- 27 Valid Commencement Notices
- 21 new build residential Units and additional 8 Extensions
- 68 Apartments
- 4 Non Res new builds
- 3 Invalidated CNs from June

- **Certificates of Completion processed in June 2025**

- 9 New No. of CCC submitted
- 7 Required Revised Information
- 18 No. Validated
- 0 No. Invalid
- 53 new Residential units
- 2 Non Res. Builds

Submission Statistics

18 No. Validated CCCs related to;

- 1 no. CCCs submitted in March 2025
- 10 no. CCCs submitted in May 2025
- 7 no. CCCs submitted in June 2025

**BCA not notified on completion of opt out developments

21 new residential houses, 68 new apartments & 8 Extensions were notified to LA for Commencement & 53 newly completed residential units & 2 non-residential units were submitted, assessed and validated in June. In June, 3 BCMS submissions were invalidated.

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.

Building Control continued with multiple site inspections in June to identify non-compliances with Building Regs onsite and 2 Section 11 Compliance Requests were issued.

Revised Information requests remained high in June for both Commencement Notices and Certificates of Compliance on Completion, 84% of Commencement Notice submissions & 77% 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.

Opt Out submissions are both extensions and single unit dwellings, generally from BCMS users who are unfamiliar with both BCMS and Building Regulations which leads to Building Control resources being directed to resolving both administration and technical issues with Opt-Out Submissions. Some Opt Out Submissions are requiring 2 or 3 Revised information requests which results in submissions being assessed multiply times to ensure the proposed design is illustrating compliance prior to commencement.

It has been observed by Building Control during CN Assessments that there has been an increase in the proposed use of non-traditional, uncertified products and systems. Additional resources have had to be used to assess both these new products/systems and associated alleged certification. These resources are being used for Market Surveillance & Construction Product Regulations which is one of the key roles of Building Control.

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

On the 23rd June, Wicklow Building Control hosted the Quarterly Regional Building Control meeting in the Glenview hotel. It was a well-attended Regional meeting with representatives from DHLGH, NBC&MSO and 11 other Local Authorities. The agenda included National Policy updates, regional & local perspective. Minutes have been circulated to attendees.

In June, Wicklow Building Control also attended a CPD day event hosted by NBC&MSO on the Building Regulation requirements for works to existing dwellings.

Civil Defence

June was a busy and productive month for Civil Defence Wicklow, with volunteers providing critical support at events, participating in high-level training, and engaging with the wider emergency services network. Below is a summary of key activities carried out during the month:

Operations & Duties

Event Support & Medical Cover

- Carlisle Games – Medical duty and event support
- Cumann na mBunscol Sports Day
- Enduro Mountain Biking Event – Medical cover and safety support

Search & Rescue

- Assisted in 2 missing persons search in the Wicklow area
- Liaised with Mountain Rescue and Coast Guard colleagues during coordinated response efforts

Emergency Services Engagement

- National radiation monitoring exercise
- Demonstrated Civil Defence capabilities and built inter-agency relationships
- Training & Development
- Phoenix Park Training Weekend
- Successful volunteer training weekend at the Civil Defence Training Facility in Ratra House

Focused modules on:

Search & rescue operations

- Communications & coordination

- Team leadership and safety protocols

First Aid

Team Building

First Aid Responder Course for volunteers to learn and be certified in valuable first aid skill

Personal Safety Training Course

- New course for boat crews rolled out and attended by key members
- Enhanced crew readiness for water-based operations

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County Training Night

- Ongoing monthly training to maintain core skillsets and unit cohesion among all teams



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Wicklow

Local Authority Integration Team



Comhairle Contae Chill Mhantáin
Wicklow County Council



LGMA
An Ghriomharacht
Sainrochtas Riaráin Áitiúil
Local Government
Management Agency



An Roinn Dó Eagraíochta
Gníomhaíocht Riaráin
Department of Justice
Home Affairs and Migration

Top Line Data

Totals per Municipal District (in Department run emergency accommodation only)			
MD	IPAS	Ukrainian Response	Total
Arklow	30	52	82
Baltinglass	638	127	765
Bray	258	535	793
Greystones	0	86	86
Wicklow	369	90	459
Total	1,295	890	2185

IPAS Centre information	
Current number of IPAS centres in County Wicklow	10
Number of new centres opened	0
Total number of residents	1295
Of which are children	415

IPAS Totals per MD	
Arklow	30
Baltinglass	258
Bray	638
Greystones	0
Wicklow	369

WCC LAIT Activity to date in 2025	
Total number of Integration Clinics delivered	49
Total number of face-to-face support sessions	323
Total number of sessions with single adults	149
Total number of sessions with couples	4
Total number of sessions with families	143

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LAIT Integration Support Data Recorded for June

Basic Clinic Data	
No. of clinics	12
No. of Individuals	38
No. of Couples	0
No. of Families	39
No. in Ireland less than 1 month	13
No. in Ireland 1-3 months	10
No. in Ireland 3-6 months	6
No. In Ireland more than 6 months	42
No. of International Protection Applicants	62
No. Persons with Status	17
No. of BOTPs	0
Total number of Referrals to outside agencies	14

Integration Supports – Key Enablers

In Session Support	Incidence
Accommodation	10
Community/Family	41
Culture/Religion	2
Education/Training	21
Employment/Enterprise	23
Events	0
Finance/Welfare	34
Health/Wellbeing	35
Language/Communication	6
Legal/Justice/Civic	42
Transportation	2
Other	0

Follow up Support	Incidence
Accommodation	3
Community/Family	5
Culture/Religion	0
Education/Training	4
Employment/Enterprise	4
Events	0
Finance/Welfare	11

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Health/Wellbeing	11
Language/Communication	0
Legal/Justice/Civic	7
Transportation	0
Other	10

Overall Support June	
Emails sent for Clinic work	170
Emails Received	263
Emails Sent	369
Contacts with stakeholders	120
Referrals	14

Other Activity

In collaboration with Wicklow Sports & Recreation Partnership, CYPSC confirmed funding of €20,000 under the IPSS (International Protection Support Services). The Local Authority Integration Team and Wicklow Sports & Recreation Partnership are targeting over 200+ children in County Wicklow age 4 to 12 years to participate in summer camps local to their areas.

As the funding is specifically for children in IPAS centres, the LAIT also used project funding from Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to collaborate with Bray North Wicklow Area Partnership and County Wicklow Partnership to deliver summer camps for Ukrainian children. €5400 was allocated to this project with 60+ children targeted.

As both these projects are ongoing the final numbers will be available at the end of August.

Wicklow's Community Integration Forum was invited to take part in Irish Network Against Racism (INAR) training on the 25th of June at Wicklow County Campus, Clermont House, Rathnew, Co. Wicklow. The group participated in a Needs Assessment Workshop prior to the training. The needs assessment was to gather the issues and obstacles that the participants may face in their work throughout County Wicklow. The training covered the definitions, forms and dimensions of racism, contextualised the Irish experience and then looked at CIF members' responsibilities, including Public Sector Duty. It also focused on the importance of reporting racism using [iReport.ie](https://www.iReport.ie) and responding to racism in a community context in a more coordinated, strategic way.

Ukrainian Response

As of the end of June 2025, there are 890 Ukrainian displaced persons in emergency accommodation, although it is known that there are significantly more in the county.

The breakdown of Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection from DCEDIY is as follows:

- Arklow MD: 52
- Baltinglass MD: 127
- Bray MD: 535
- Greystones MD: 86
- Wicklow MD: 90

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Note: These figures do not contain details of BOTP clients placed in accommodation providers by any other bodies separate to DOJHAM (Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration). Therefore the total in any accommodation provider may not reflect the total number of BOTP clients in that establishment.

The Department of Justice is now officially titled the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration (5th June 2025). This reflects its expanded remit and broader responsibilities.

BOTP Relocations will resume from June and continue through summer. Details are available here: [Accommodation centres returning to original or alternative use](#).

Accommodation Recognition Payment for hosting refugees from Ukraine

The Order to reduce the monthly payment to €600 was signed by the Minister on 30th May. The Order takes effect from 1st June. It was assigned Statutory Instrument Number 228 of 2025 and published in Iris Oifigiúil. As the payment is payable monthly in arrears, the first payment at the reduced rate will be received by hosts on 8th July 2025.

The ARP scheme has been extended to 31 March 2026 in line with the extension of the EU Temporary Protection Directive.

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Organisational Development

The following interviews were held in June 2025:

- Interviews Assistant Scientist
- Interviews General Services Supervisor
- Shortlisting Library Assistant
- Shortlisting Senior Library Assistant

Employee Numbers

Employee Numbers	Q3 2024	Q4 2024	Q1 2025	Q2 2025
Managerial/Administrative	334	333	343	356
Professional/Technical	146	146	147	150
Outdoor	255	252	250	246
Temporary/Seasonal	91	68	66	95
Non DoHPLG	5	5	2	2
Total	831	804	808	849

*** Increase in Temporary/Seasonal as lifeguards commenced on 1st June 2025**

Freedom of Information

June 2025: 4	June 2024: 9
January – June 2025: 42	January – June 2024: 75

Ombudsman Requests

June 2025: 2	June 2024: 1
January – June 2025: 18	January – June 2024: 11

Press Releases

June 2025 – 19

Register of Electors

Online applications via www.checktheregister.ie continue to be received and processed daily.

Work is ongoing on the Electoral Registration Project in advance of the migration to a national database of Register of Electors. Preparatory work in advance of the Presidential Election has commenced.

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Customer Service Hub

Customer Service Innovation Hub			
Communication Channels	No.	Public Counters	No.
No. of Phone Calls received to (0404) 20100	7,746	Motor Taxation transactions in County Buildings	1,801
No. of Customer Service Emails received	2,771	Revenue Transactions	1,458
No. of Elected Members / Deputy Representatives Received	75	Housing Counter Visits	n/a

Energy

Projects Completed in 2024;

- Bray Fire Station – Air Source Heat Pumps, Window and Appliance bay door replacement
- Bray MD Civic Office – Air Source Heat Pump
- Arklow MD - Solar Photovoltaic System
- Civil Defence HQ Greystones – Air Source Heat Pump & Solar PV
- Blessington Fire Station – Air Source Heat Pump, Fabric Upgrades & Solar PV

The Energy office collaborates with all sections of the council and supports the development of other energy efficiency works such as;

- Bray Courthouse – Energy Efficiency Works
- Wicklow Fire Station – Energy Efficiency Upgrades
- Arklow Depot – Solar PV System
- Arklow Recycling Centre – Solar PV System

The Energy Office is currently scoping a number of energy efficiency and carbon reduction projects for 2025 with support for Mid-East Energy Unit, Codema and SEAI

SEAI Pathfinder Funding 2025

- Arklow MD / Library (Part removal of gas boiler, ASHP, PV solar panels)
 - Tender published through supplygov
- Blessington MD office (Removal of gas boiler, ASHP, PV solar panels)
 - Tender published through supplygov
- Greystones MD (TBC following survey and cost review)
- Shoreline Leisure Centre Energy Performance Contract (Preparatory Work)

Other ongoing projects

District Heating Feasibility Study – Arklow Decarbonised Zone

Mid-East Energy Unit

- Tender published to establish multi-party framework for smaller works outside EPC
 - Evaluation Complete and entering competitive dialogue stage
- First EPC project for Kildare CoCo gone to tender (competitive dialogue stage)
- Second EPC for Meath County Council gone to tender (competitive dialogue stage)
- Installing sub heat meters in leisure centres across the region to inform EPC process

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Finance, Water & Information Systems

Finance

Revenue Account

DRAFT REVENUE ACCOUNT							
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 30 JUNE 2025							
	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	33,595,654	56,316,634	60%	(34,811,519)	(59,446,038)	59%	(1,215,865)
Road Transport & Safety	11,131,540	26,329,169	42%	(7,683,541)	(18,925,016)	41%	3,447,999
Water Services	2,337,281	4,633,084	50%	(2,674,105)	(5,554,021)	48%	(336,824)
Development Management	8,465,830	16,414,646	52%	(4,376,286)	(9,859,576)	44%	4,089,544
Environmental Services	9,165,358	17,038,883	54%	(2,698,956)	(5,011,509)	54%	6,466,402
Recreation and Amenity	4,808,122	10,003,906	48%	(539,924)	(1,151,712)	47%	4,268,198
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	1,263,897	2,393,346	53%	(566,135)	(1,103,228)	51%	697,762
Miscellaneous Services	4,480,714	9,487,115	47%	(8,264,197)	(16,490,485)	50%	(3,783,483)
Central Management Charges	12,898,570	25,473,897	51%	(484,311)	(1,050,000)	46%	12,414,260
Local Government Fund				(8,600,235)	(17,200,469)	50%	(8,600,235)
Commercial Rates				(16,459,040)	(32,448,626)	51%	(16,459,040)
	88,146,965	168,090,680	52.4%	(87,158,248)	(168,240,680)	52%	988,718

Cashflow/Overdraft

Wicklow County Council manages its cashflow requirements daily and did not avail of its overdraft facility during the period 1 June to 30 June 2025.

Capital Account

CAPITAL ACCOUNT					
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 30 JUNE 2025					
	Opening Balance at 01/01/2025	Actual Expenditure	Actual Income	Transfers to/from Reserves	Closing Balance at 30/06/2025
	€	€	€	€	€
Housing and Building	12,210,356	40,457,854	(34,026,300)	(178,250)	18,463,660
Road Transport & Safety	(36,985,832)	8,447,745	(3,434,844)	(189,514)	(32,162,445)
Water Services	(6,760,795)	680,172	(228,977)	(45,000)	(6,354,599)
Development Management	(58,018,087)	12,147,766	(15,555,376)	(181,816)	(61,607,513)
Environmental Services	4,260,881	4,460,680	(2,708,541)	(243,188)	5,769,833
Recreation and Amenity	1,466,601	2,327,832	(1,315,696)	(37,564)	2,441,172
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	(2,069,769)	162,062	(380)	(122,548)	(2,030,635)
Miscellaneous Services	(10,918,102)	1,925,604	(255,397)	2,549,474	(6,698,420)
	(96,814,747)	70,609,715	(57,525,510)	1,551,594	(82,178,948)

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Commercial Rates, Rents and Loan Collections

SUMMARY OF MAJOR COLLECTIONS AT 30 JUNE 2025										
Income Collection Area	Opening Balance 01/01/2025	Accrued	Vacancy Property Adjustments	Write Offs	Waivers	Total for Collection	Collected	Closing Arrears 30/06/2025	Specific Doubtful Arrears	% Collection
Rates	3,064,245	32,918,080	0	0	0	35,982,326	(22,882,665)	13,099,661	786,503	65%
Rents & Annuities	3,310,655	9,268,460	0	2,117	0	12,581,233	(9,369,769)	3,211,464	0	74%
Housing Loans	513,181	1,089,628	0	0	0	1,602,809	(1,251,600)	351,209	0	78%

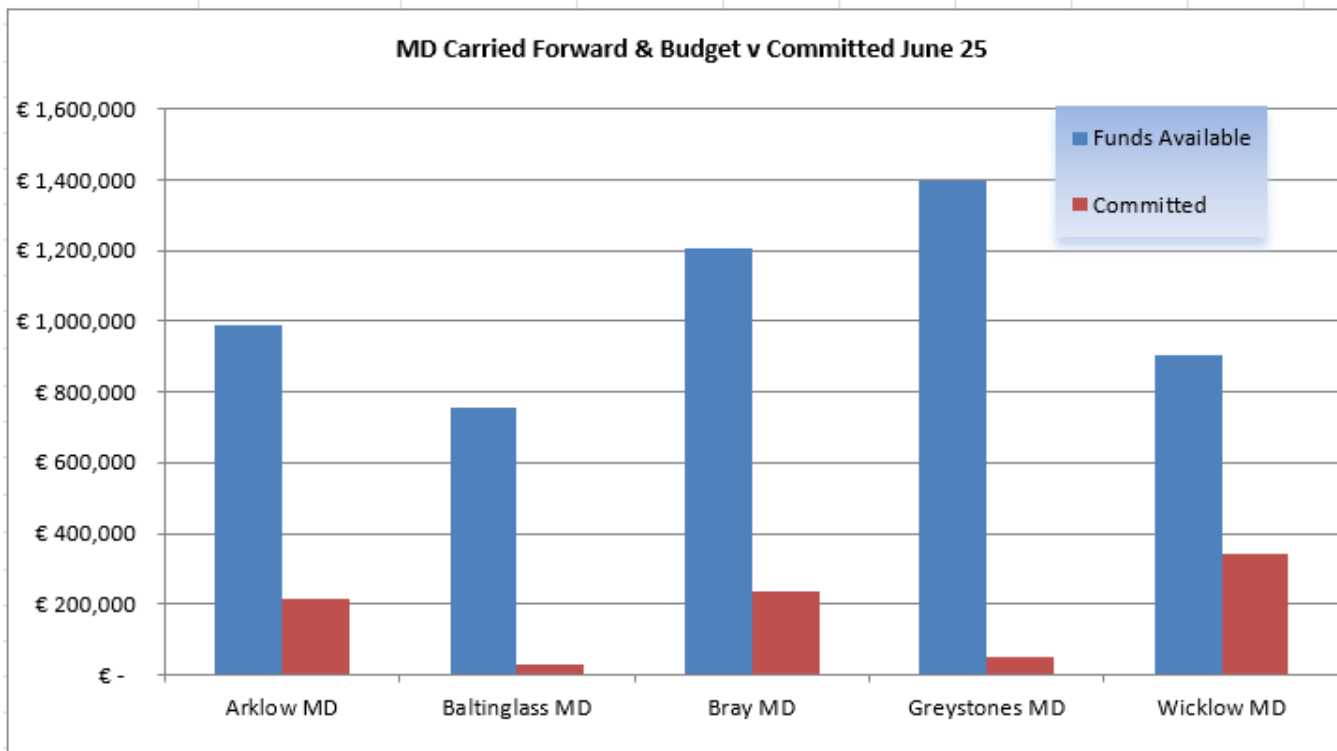
NB: The collection percentages are below normal levels due to the carry forward of arrears at the start of the new financial year. This situation will be regularised over the course of the year.

General Municipal Allocation and Discretionary Fund 2025

The decision taken by Members at the LPT meeting on 14 October 2024, to maintain the LPT basic rate increase at 6%, generated circa €1.3m which was ring-fenced for discretionary funding within the five Municipal Districts to implement important public realm projects. The total Municipal District's General Municipal Allocation funding for 2025 is set out below:

Municipal District	C/F from 2024	Adopted Budget 2025	Funds available to MD	Committed	Balance to Expend
	€	€	€	€	€
Arklow MD	399,545	591,804	991,349	216,642	774,707
Baltinglass MD	228,949	527,124	756,073	26,819	729,255
Bray MD	512,742	691,048	1,203,790	236,276	967,513
Greystones MD	873,886	521,458	1,395,344	49,998	1,345,346
Wicklow MD	374,922	529,443	904,365	341,308	563,057
Total	2,390,043	2,860,877	5,250,921	871,043	4,379,878

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Capital Investment Programme 2025-2027

The Capital Investment Programme 2025-2027 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 April 7th 2025. The table below outlines the proposed capital expenditure by programme group.

PROGRAMME GROUP	Expected Outlay				Proposed Funding				
	2025	2026	2027	TOTAL	Dev Charges ¹	Loan	Grant Aid ²	Other ³	TOTAL
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
HOUSING AND BUILDING	97,600,000	146,800,000	227,450,000	471,850,000	-	30,000,000	414,800,000	27,050,000	471,850,000
ROAD TRANSPORT & SAFETY	30,102,000	37,019,000	30,280,000	97,401,000	23,201,000	7,000,000	64,800,000	2,400,000	97,401,000
WATER SERVICES	255,000	140,000	140,000	535,000	-	-	535,000	-	535,000
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT	5,889,420	6,872,557	9,747,343	22,509,320	2,466,157	-	15,470,959	4,572,204	22,509,320
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	7,920,000	23,070,000	23,687,000	54,677,000	-	-	48,377,000	6,300,000	54,677,000
RECREATION AND AMENITY	7,960,000	13,875,000	21,313,572	43,148,572	13,692,072	-	25,486,500	3,970,000	43,148,572
AGRICULTURAL, EDUCATION, HEALTH & WELFARE	5,700,000	16,410,000	23,500,000	45,610,000	1,759,500	-	37,175,500	6,675,000	45,610,000
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES	900,000	900,000	900,000	2,700,000	-	-	-	2,700,000	2,700,000
OVERALL TOTAL	156,326,420	245,086,557	337,017,915	738,430,892	41,118,729	37,000,000	606,644,959	53,667,204	738,430,892

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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)	Ballinaclesh	€44,000	€4,400
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Enniskerry	€44,000	€4,400
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Laragh	€27,000	€2,700
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Tinahely	€5,500	€550
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Baltinglass	€10,000	€1,000
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Arklow	€39,500	€3,950
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Wicklow	€44,444	€4,444
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Greystones	€44,444	€4,444
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Rathdrum	€27,000	€2,700
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Broadband Connection Points	€44,444	€4,444
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Kilcoole	20,000	2,000
T&V 2020 Main	Stratford	€200,000	€22,222
T&V 2020 Main	Avoca	€100,000	€11,111
T&V 2020 Main	Enniskerry	€100,000	€11,111
T&V 2020 Main	Annamoe	€100,000	€11,111
T&V 2021	Ballinaclesh	€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

Forward Planning

- Updated zoning and settlement boundary data in accordance with the recently adopted *Blessington Local Area Plan 2025–2031*.
- Carried out updates to the County Development Plan's Landscape Category Maps to reflect current planning policies.

MyPlan Upload (Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage)

- Continued work on improving zoning data topology to prepare for upload to the national *MyPlan* spatial planning portal.
- Uploaded zoning datasets for the towns of Donard, Newcastle, Roundwood, and Shillelagh for departmental review.

Data Support – Planning, Economic and Rural Development

- Converted road drainage information from AutoCAD format to GIS format, enabling the data to be displayed in the internal *ArcGIS Roads Viewer* for improved accessibility and planning reference.

Eircode and Utility Network Updates

- Integrated the latest Eircode dataset from *GeoDirectory* into the council's online mapping viewers to support service delivery and planning.
- Updated the gas network dataset received from *Bord Gáis*, now viewable in the GIS viewer for reference by internal departments.

Community and Wellbeing Mapping

- Held a collaborative meeting with the Sports Partnership team to support food poverty mapping initiatives. Sample datasets are to be shared, with a prototype web mapping application to follow.

Town Regeneration Support

- Processed spatial data tiles for Baltinglass in preparation for the town's upcoming Regeneration Plan.
- Transferred 3D spatial data to consultants to support analysis and design in ongoing regeneration projects.

Infrastructure

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