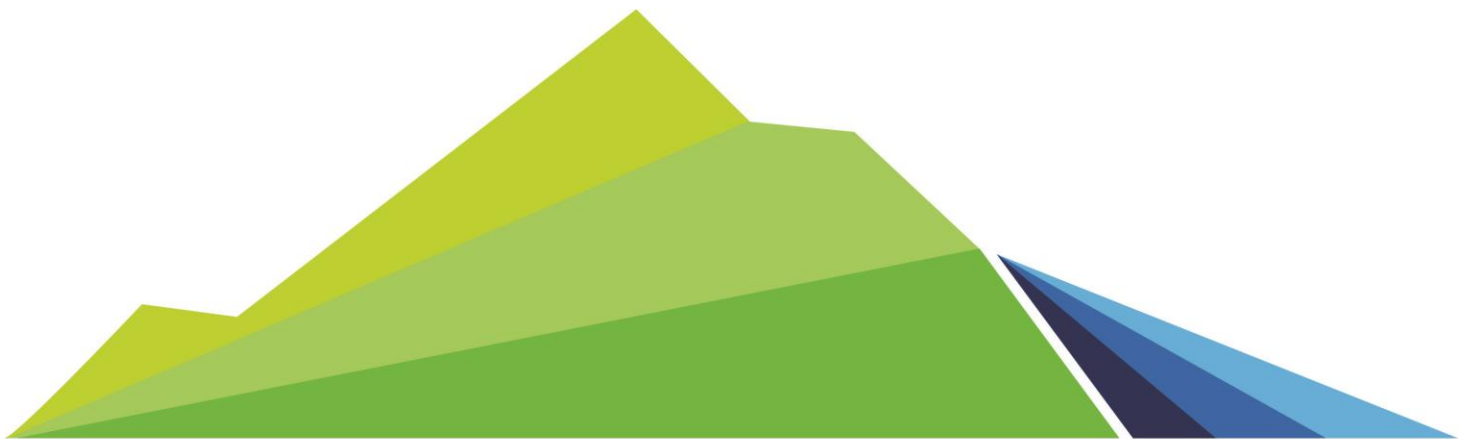


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Wicklow County Council Chief Executive's Monthly Report



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This month:

- **Sir John Boorman Honoured by Wicklow County Council**

World famous film director and long-time Wicklow resident, Sir John Boorman, was honoured by Wicklow County Council today (Weds) with a Lifetime Achievement Award.

Mr Boorman, who directed such films as 'Deliverance' and 'The General' has made Wicklow his home for a long number of years. He now plans to return to his native England to be closer to family.

At a ceremony in County Buildings, Wicklow, the Council conferred a civic award for a lifetime contribution to the screen industry and through this and his lifelong commitment to the natural world bringing enrichment and honour to County Wicklow.

- **Wicklow included in list of 'Best of the World 2023' Destinations**

Wicklow has been included in a 'Best of the World 2023' list of destinations by the famous National Geographic magazine.

National Geographic has compiled its annual Traveller's 'Best of the World' list recommending 35 destinations for 2023. The selection is split into five categories: Adventures, Culture, Nature, Family and Community.

The list highlights some of the most exciting and exceptional experiences on the planet, 25 of those selected by National Geographic global editors, and another 10 selected by the UK edition.

Wicklow is featured as one of the top family destinations alongside San Francisco, Trinidad and Tobago, Colombia, Manchester, Switzerland and Bath.

- **Beyond the Trees Avondale Recognised as a World Leader**

Age Friendly Ireland has awarded Age Friendly recognition to Beyond the Trees Avondale, acknowledging it as the first age friendly tourist destination in the country.

Beyond the Trees Avondale received its official Age Friendly Charter and will now also be recognised by the World Health Organisation (WHO) as an international model of good practice for age friendly development.

Beyond the Trees is a spectacular new visitor destination, developed in partnership between Coillte, Fáilte Ireland and EAK Ireland in Avondale Forest Park, County Wicklow, combining a stunning 700 metre Treetop Walk with a 12-story high Viewing Tower, created for the project by EAK Ireland.

Age friendly principles were incorporated into Beyond the Trees Avondale in order to ensure its ease of use and accessibility across the life course.

Housing & Community

1. Housing

Housing Needs Assessment

Wicklow County Council are currently out a social housing assessment in accordance with section 21 of the Housing Miscellaneous provisions Act 2009.

The assessment is a review of all approved applicants on Wicklow County Councils housing list at given date 3/9/2021 - The housing section have written to all the relevant housing applicants who have been approved for social housing prior to 3/9/2021 using the current contact information that is on file.

Each applicant is required to complete a form and return it with any supporting documentation on or before 7th October 2022 – failure to do so could result in persons being removed from Wicklow County Councils social housing waiting list. (Every effort will be made to avoid this happening)

There is dedicated email address for any queries on any of the above e hna@wicklowcoco.ie

Social Housing Support

	October 2022	October 2021
No. on list for Social Housing Support – (includes RAS & HAP)*	4575	4470
No. availing of Rental Assistance Scheme (RAS)	201	254
No. availing of Housing Assistance Payment	2610	2386
No. in Long Term Leasing Accommodation	25	17
No. in Short Term Leasing Accommodation	29	30

Allocation of Social Housing

	October 2022	October 2021
Wicklow County Council	78	8
Approved Housing Bodies	1	10

Social Housing Stock

	October 2022	October 2021
Tenancies occupied	4,803	4,660
Total weekly rental accrual	315,119.18	305,022.16
Arrears	2,745,694.79	2,708,677.63

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Housing Supply – Programme of Delivery

Schemes Completed	Units	Current Status
O'Byrne Road, Bray	1	Completed and allocated
Old Library Arklow	7	Completed and allocated
Avondale Heights Rathdrum	20	Completed and allocated
Delany Park, Arklow (Phase 1)	17	Completed and allocated
16A Oak Drive, Blessington	1	Completed and allocated
Druids Brook, Kilcoole	2	Completed and allocated
Whitehall, Baltinglass	34	Completed and allocated
Farrenkelly Greystones Phase 2	24	Completed and allocated
Convent Lands	51	Completed and allocated
Urban Villas (FCA Hall), Wicklow Town	8	Completed and allocated
Jameson Heights, Kilmacanogue	20	Completed and allocated
Kilmantan Place, Bray	4	Completed and allocated
Carnew Rapid Build	30	Completed and allocated
Rathnew RAPID BUILD	47	Completed and allocated
Kilbride Court (Bray)	42	Completed and allocated
Ard na Greine, Bray	31	Completed and allocated
Delany Park Arklow (Phase 2 + 3)	47	Completed and allocated
Hawkstown Park (Ashtown Lane), Wicklow Design & Build	40	Completed and allocated
Mountainview, NTMK Design & Build	22	Completed and allocated
Sheehan Court Arklow	7	Completed and allocated
Schemes on Site	Units	Current Status
Greenhill Road Wicklow Design & Build (Changed to Affordable scheme)	36	Completion anticipated Q1 2023
Avondale Phase 2 Design & Build	20	Completion anticipated Q1 2023
Cedar Court Bray Design & Build	14	Completion anticipated Q3 2023
Three Trouts Greystones	41	Completion anticipated Q1 2024
Pipeline Schemes	Units	Current Status
Lugduff Tinahely	20	Part 8 complete – tender documents being prepared
Merrymeeing, Rathnew, Phase 2	21	Retendered, with Department for approval.
Ballard Shillelagh	20	Site start anticipated Q3 2022
Fassaroe, Bray	15	Stage 2 approval received–detailed design and part 8 being prepared.
Ballynerrin, Wicklow	10	Part 8 received. Site start during Q4 2022
Burgage More Blessington	106	Part of PPP bundle 3 with NDFA.Tender stage
Lott Lane, Kilcoole	75	Stage 2 received. – part 8 ongoing
Rehills, Bray	80	PPP bundle 5
Burnaby, Greystones	75	PPP Bundle 5

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Public Private Partnership.

Following a request from the Department of Housing, the following sites have been submitted for consideration for inclusion in future bundles:

- Burnaby, Greystones
- Rehills, Bray.
- Tinahask, Arklow.

Part V

Location	No. of Units	Due for Delivery	Method
Bray	20	18 Delivered, remaining 2 Units Scheduled Q4 2022	CALF
Rathnew	6	3 Delivered Q1 2022 , 3 Scheduled Q4 2022	WCC
Wicklow Town	4	Scheduled Q1 2023	WCC
Delgany	3	Scheduled Q2 2023	WCC
Rathdrum	5	Delivered Q3 2022	CALF
Rathdrum	3	Scheduled Q4 2022	WCC
Kilcoole	3	Scheduled Q4 2022/Q1 2023	WCC
Greystones	60	44 Delivered, 16 Scheduled Q4 2022	CALF
Enniskerry	2	Delivered Q3 2022	WCC
Delgany	4	Delivered Q4 2022	WCC
Delgany	1	Scheduled Q4 2022	WCC
Rathdrum	7	Scheduled Q1 2023	WCC
Rathdrum	6	Scheduled Q1 2023	CALF

Potential units

Wicklow County Council currently has agreements in place for units in Delgany, Bray, Rathnew, Wicklow, Rathdrum, Kilcoole and Enniskerry with delivery ranging from 2022-2024. This includes the 59 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

Location	No. of Units	Due for Delivery	Method
Arklow	10	10 Delivered Q2 2022	CALF
Rathnew	10	10 Delivered Q2 2022	WCC
Bray	188	30 Units Delivered Q2-Q3, Remaining units Scheduled for Delivery Q4 2022	CALF
Rathdum	13	Scheduled Q1 2023	WCC
Rathdrum	30	Scheduled Q1 2023	CALF
Arklow	45	23 Delivered, Remaining units Scheduled for Delivery Q4 2022/Q1 2023	CALF

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

Capital Advance Leasing Facility (CALF)

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

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

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

Home Improvement/Adaptation

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

› Grant funding for private house - €2,299,375 (2022 budget) €1,377,768.10 spent to date

› Grant funding for social house - €818,793.00 (2022 budget) (€542,142.65 spent to date)

Private Houses

› Open Applications 140 (some carried over from 2021, approvals not included in this figure)

› Approved applications 195 (some carried over from 2021)

No of applications received:

Year	No of Private Grant applications received
2019	216
2020	266
2021	327
2022 (to October)	270

Co. Wicklow Strategic Plan for Housing People with a Disability

The Housing and Disability Steering Group has prepared the new draft Co. Wicklow Strategic Plan for Housing People with Disability 2022-2027. The National Housing Strategy for Disable People 2022 – 2027 will be launched in mid-January 2022

Housing for Older People - Age Friendly Schemes

Millbank, Mill Road – 2 x 2 bed properties	Contractor on site
Castle Villas - Two 2 bed properties	Contactar on site
Carrig Eden - 14 units x 1 bed age friendly units	Part 8 complete commencement of design and build project to begin shortly
Kilcoole Health Centre - 4 no 1 bed apartments	Detailed design complete – stage 3 approval received

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Vacant Homes Scheme

There are now 16 CPOs underway on long term vacant houses around the county.

30 South Green, Arklow	House in possession of the Council since March 2022. House will be Vested in Wicklow Co Co with effect from 5 th of Decemeber 2022.
5 Priory Way, Delgany	House in possession of the Council since March 2022. House now Vested in Wicklow Co Co with effect from 12 th of November 2022
8 Sycamore Drive, Newtownmountkennedy	House purchased from START Mortgages by agreement. Council tenant now in situ.
5 Ashwood, Roundwood	Confirmed CPO. House now purchased by agreement and will be refurbished prior to allocation.
108 Charnwood, Bray	Oral hearing held by An Bord Pleanála on 17 th August 2021 but no decision yet notified to parties.
10 Liam Mellows Avenue, Arklow	House now in possession of WCC since 8 th of November 2022. Compensation package to be agreed.
33 Connolly Street, Arklow	CPO Confirmed. Purchased by agreement with Receiver. In our possession since 20/5/2022 and will be refurbished prior to allocation.
6 Ashleigh, Ashford	Oral hearing of An Bord Pleanála held on 21 st June. Purchase by agreement with Receiver now complete (in WCC ownership from 24 th of October 2022).
114 Hillside, Greystones	CPO published. Objection lodged. Oral Hearing opened on 20 th of October but adjourned for 3 months to allow parties to conclude sale by agreement.
18 Delgany Glen, Greystones	CPO published. Objection lodged. Oral Hearing due 22 nd of November. However purchase by agreement with Receiver now complete with effect from 15 th of November 2022.CPO will now be annulled so that Oral Hearing will not proceed.
2 Lakeview Grove, Wicklow Town	CPO published. No objections lodged. CPO confirmed 12 th April. Confirmation newspaper ad 26 th April. Notice to Treat and Notice of Entry served. House in possession of WCC since 3 rd August 2022. This house will require a Vesting Order – which cannot happen until Feb 2023 at the earliest. Refurbishment work to follow.
88 Wicklow Heights, Wicklow Town	CPO confirmed. Notice to Treat and Notice of Entry served. In our possession since 28 th of June. Compensation now agreed. Contracts being exchanged.
100 Wicklow Heights, Wicklow Town	House now acquired by agreement with Link Financial and in possession of the Council since 25 th of August 2022.
53 South Green, Arklow	CPO published 1 st week in April. Objection from owner. Oral Hearing 15 th September 2022. CPO Confirmed by An Bord Pleanála 12 th of October. 8 week period to allow for application to High Court for Judicial Review. Notice to Treat will follow in Mid December if no JR.
53A South Green, Arklow	CPO published 1 st week in April. Objection from owner. Oral Hearing 16 th September 2022. CPO Confirmed by An Bord Pleanála 12 th of October. 8 week period to allow for application to High Court for Judicial Review. Notice to Treat will follow in Mid December if no JR.
41 Kilgarron Park, Enniskerry	CPO confirmed. Receiver in contact with Council with a view to purchase by agreement. Our Valuer has inspected the house and is preparing his report.

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

Further reports relating to Co Wicklow on www.vacanthomes.ie were received in June. Information received from the public in this manner is crucial to identifying vacant houses and to taking action.

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Since it began in 2017 we have received 206 reports relating to Co. Wicklow. 12% of these contained insufficient information to identify the house in question. 21% of reports related to the same house (often multiple reports submitted by the same person).

Croí Cónaithe (Towns)

This is a new scheme announced by the Department of Housing, Heritage and Local Govt in July 2022. Up to €30,000 grant available for houses which are:

- Vacant for more than 2 years.
- Built prior to 1993.
- Within a town or village (rural houses not covered).
- To be used as the applicant's permanent dwelling.

The grant amount can be increased to €50,000 in cases where the building is Dangerous or Structurally Unsound (requires an Engineers Report). Buildings which are currently non-residential (such as vacant commercial units – shops etc) but which the applicant intends to convert to residential use, can also qualify.

It is intended to revitalise towns and villages by addressing vacancy and dereliction.

A small number of applications have been received and a number of enquiries about the scheme have been received and answered.

4 houses that were approved for sale at the January Housing and Corporate Estate SPC meeting are being advertised for sale to either existing tenants of Wicklow County Council or persons on the WCC social housing list.

Infill Sites

- Blackhills - Two 3 bed semi-detached properties are completed and allocated.
- Knockroe – Part V111 approved and a revised stage 2 application has been submitted to the department for 2 x 4 bedroomed fully accessible units

Housing Maintenance - Heating Upgrade Programme

The adopted budget for 2022 is €236,000 and due to the significant increase in cost of new installations, only 19 houses will be done in 2022. 17 of those installations were complete as of 11th of October.

Housing Maintenance – Boiler servicing & safety checking campaign

The focus now is on servicing and safety checking of 1416 Oil and 2269 Gas boilers around the county. Contractors are reporting **access rates as low as 60%** which is surprising given the current “Cost of Living” crisis with high fuel costs. It is in tenants’ interests to ensure that they provide access to contractors to service and safety check boilers. Oil boilers in particular will consume more fuel if soot build up is not removed at the annual service. Also important checks and replacement of components such as fuel hoses are carried out on oil boilers which prevents expensive loss of fuel and environmental damage which is extremely expensive to clean up. All new boilers fitted now are condensing boilers which have higher thermal efficiency and use less fuel.

Local Authority Home loans 2022

Received	Approved in principle
77	25

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2016 Tenant (Incremental) Purchase Scheme

	To date	October 2022
Applications Received	385	4
Completed	93	0
Declined	264	1
Ongoing	28	28

Homeless figures for October 2022

Addressing Homelessness			
	As at 31/10/2022	Year To Date	As at 31/10/2021
No of New Presentations	41	370	19
No. of Repeat Presentations	0	17	3
No. of Families (Minimum 1 Adult + One Child)	12	170	7
No. of Individuals (Single Adult, no children)	28	200	14
No. Of Couples (2 Adults, no children)	1	14	2
No. of Children	28	310	19
NTQ/Asked to Leave/Landlord selling	15	139	4
Family Circumstances	16	119	9
Leaving Prison/Hospital Care	0	9	0
Mental Health	2	10	0
Risk of Homelessness	4	25	2
Arrears/Loss of Income	1	11	2
Addiction Issues	0	18	4
DV/DA	1	31	2
Medical Issues	0	5	0
Overcrowding	2	11	0
Unsuitable/Voluntarily Left	4	49	1
ASB:	1	6	0
Rough Sleeping*	0	9	4
Sofa Surfing*	2	35	3
Staying with Family*	6	60	2
Staying with Friends*	0	17	2

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

Own Door Temporary Accommodation at 30/09/2022	
Families	21
Adults	35
Children	57
Single individual	1

Bed & Breakfast Accommodation - No. of Homeless Emergency Accommodation Placements & Duration @ 31/10/2022								
	No. of Households	No. of Adults	No. of Children	< 3 mths	3-6 mths	6-9 mths	9-12 mths	>12mths
Household breakdown	21	26	19	6	6	3	2	4
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Household breakdown	17	18	18	7	1	3	3	1

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, 416 households (306 families & 105 singles) have been assisted under the Homeless HAP Scheme in Wicklow County Council from the inception on 1st October 2018 to 31st October 2022. (180 homeless cases, 227 prevention cases to date and 9 direct provision). 124 properties were sourced by WCC.

Addressing Homelessness in partnership with Approved Housing Bodies

Homeless Supported Temporary Accommodation – Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow

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

Homeless Family Service – Fitzwilliam Road, Wicklow

Dublin Simon has been engaged by Wicklow County Council to operate and manage the facility at Fitzwilliam Road, Wicklow as a Family Homeless Service. The building comprises of 3 x 1 bed units 2 x 2 bed units and 2 x 3 bed units - Refurbishment works and snagging are now complete.

All of the apartments in the hub are now occupied.

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

Homeless Supported Temporary Accommodation – San Remo, Bray

San Remo opened to clients in October 2020. The facility, operated by Dublin Simon, incorporates a service model where there are a number of emergency/cold weather 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

The facility providing 35 ensuite bedrooms with associated kitchens and common areas is fully operational. Wicklow County Council have made arrangements to 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 Arklow, leased to AHBs, provide 12 units of low to medium supported accommodation targeted to the particular support needs of the clients.

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 to achieve the targets identified in the programme. Housing first recognises that a stable home provides the basis for recovery in other areas.

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

Wicklow County Council has, to date, successfully accommodated 12 clients under Housing First and it is hoped that 1 further allocations will take place before the end of 2022. 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 one bed units in suitable locations with easy access to services etc.

Traveller Accommodation

A mid-term review of the Traveller Accommodation Plan 2019 - 2024 has been completed and submitted to the Traveller Accommodation Unit.

Capital Programme

Ballintekin – 3 houses	Contractor on site
Avondale Heights, Rathdrum – 4 houses	Approval received for funding from Department, – Part V111 approved detailed design and tender documents complete - stage 3 issued to the dept for funding 3 weeks ago – awaiting response
Barndarrig Group Housing scheme for 2 houses	Stage 2 approval received. Pre part V111 discussions underway.
Ballintekin Extension	Contractor on site – Family have moved to allow for works to be completed.

Fire safety on Halting sites were completed by members of the Housing section in October 2021 and further inspections will be carried out in 2022.

Energy Efficiency

Energy Efficiency Fabric Upgrade Phase 2

Works completed on 57 properties in West Wicklow and Rathdrum and snagging underway

Additional BERs and suitability inspections being carried out on properties listed as being down for fabric upgrades in 2022. Framework for fabric upgrade works is complete.

71 [properties given approval for energy efficiency fabric upgrade works in 2022 - Works commenced in Parnell Park Rathdrum.

Ukrainian Response

- As of 11th November the numbers of Ukrainians Displaced Persons in emergency type accommodation is 1,350 (although we know that there are considerably more in the County)

This number is broken down as follows –

- Arklow MD 221 No.
- Baltinglass MD 218 No.
- Bray MD 602 No.
- Greystones MD 147 No.
- Wicklow MD 162 No.
- WCC are currently assessing all Displaced Ukrainians persons in the County in order to identify their accommodation needs as well linking them in with all the relevant services and supports within the community.
- WCC are working through a list of pledged properties within the County and matching families accordingly. As of the 14th October we will have housed 131 number displaced Ukrainian people. Larger buildings and vacant units are also being identified and explored as potential options for medium to long term accommodation.
- A new National Vacant Home call which will be lead be Local Authorities will launch on 24th November called “Offer a Home”. A property can be offered directly to Wicklow County Council and the Ukraine Response Team will be responsible for these pledges.
- The Community Response Forum continues to meet on a fortnightly basis

2. Community

Wicklow County Council announces the return of 'WAY WITH WORDS'

Wicklow County Council's Arts Office and Wicklow Library Service are delighted to announce the return of the 'Way with Words' Literature Festival on Saturday, 19th November 2022, in Blessington Library.

Designed for writers and readers, this day long mini-festival is funded by Creative Ireland and features readings, workshops, in-conversations and song for all ages with a variety of genres and approaches to writing represented.

Funded by Creative Ireland, all 'Way with Words' events are free, but booking is essential. To find out more and book today by visiting: www.waywithwords.ie.

Age Friendly Ireland

County Wicklow Age Friendly Strategy 2023-2027

The strategic goals and actions for the new 5 year strategy, developed in consultation with individual members of the Age Friendly Alliance, were presented to the full meeting of the Age Friendly Alliance in September and adopted by the Alliance. The full draft to the Age Friendly Strategy 2023-2027, will be presented to the Alliance at its next meeting, in December.

Beyond The Trees Avondale – National Recognition as Age Friendly Tourist Destination

'Beyond the Trees Avondale' received national recognition as the first age friendly tourist destination in the country. Minister Mary Butler TD presented its official Age Friendly Charter, at a launch event on 3rd November. It is now recognised by the World Health Organisation (WHO) as an international model of good practice for age friendly development. A case study publication was also launched by Age Friendly Ireland, outlining the work undertaken at Beyond the Trees Avondale, with input from members of the Older People's Council and Disability and inclusion Steering Committee.





Older Person's Council

The Older Person's Council (OPC) – met in September and October, to agree on the programme for the annual Seminar and Open Day scheduled for 25th November. Preliminary results of the research commissioned by the OPC, in collaboration with Citizens Information Services and MABS, older people's use of financial services on the internet in County Wicklow will be presented at the Seminar. Speakers from MABS, Sage Advocacy and Alone have also been confirmed for the Nov 25th Event, which will be held in the Brockagh Resource Centre, Laragh.

Triobikes for Community Care

Wicklow County Council have purchased two triobikes, with funding from the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme, these will be deployed to two community care centres for the use of older people in their care and vulnerable older adults with limited mobility, for outdoor recreation.

The Bikes arrived in September and will be deployed when assembly is completed and pilot training has been scheduled.



Disability Inclusion Steering Committee Update

The DISC strategy has made progress with ILC Consultants, draft expected in early December. At this point a final input from public will be requested to ensure we have captured the correct target audience's input.

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A draft of the Community Group Accessibility Toolkit consultants, has been completed and received final inputs from the DISC at the October meeting. DISC plan to launch in early December, to coincide with International Day for People with a Disability (IDPWD).

Library



Warm Winter Welcome programme at Wicklow's Libraries

Libraries across Wicklow will be putting their heads together to send out a warm welcome to members and non-members this coming winter.

Wicklow County Council Library Service is keen to let everyone know that the library spaces are as always accessible and welcoming and that there will be an increased focus on the organising additional activities and events for the winter ahead.

So far events include new Book Clubs, Creative Writing, Art History Talks, Chair Yoga, Coffee mornings, Scrabble, Music, Family History Talks, Local Studies presentations and many other opportunities to engage in artistic and creative pursuits.

Details of all upcoming library events and activities for all ages can be viewed here. <https://wicklow.spydus.ie/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/MSGTRN/WPAC/EVENTS?HOMEPRMS=EVSESPARAMS>



Art History Talks in Greystones Library

Join Art Historian Susan Campbell in Greystones Library as she delves into a book from the shelf.

You will learn how to analyse artworks in order to figure out the artist's influences, when it was created and its relevance in today's world.

These 'slow art' sessions will take place at 12:15 pm on Thursday November 10th, 17th & 24th.

Booking is advisable by calling, 01 287 3548

Sensory Bus Visits Dunlavin Library

Dunlavin Branch Library was delighted to host the Senco Sensory Bus on a recent visit to the village. Children from the local Solas School, junior infants from Scoil Niocláis Naofa and children from the Jonathan Swift National School had a spectacular time as they explored and enjoyed the many resources the sensory bus had to offer.

Meeting the sensory needs of children and young people is an area of key focus in Wicklow's libraries and this bus provided a particularly enjoyable opportunity for children from junior classes but more importantly for neuro-divergent children and teenagers.

YARN Storytelling Festival

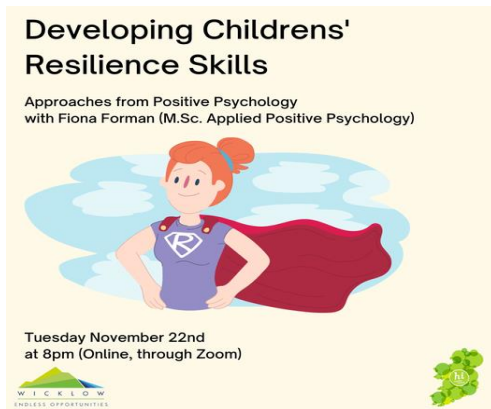


Wicklow County Council Library Service is thrilled to have partnered with the Mermaid Arts Centre to bring the YARN Storytelling festival across the county to various library locations. Locations include Dunlavin, Baltinglass, Blessington, Tinahely, Carnew and Ballywaltrim. Featured are the amazing storytellers – Eddie Lenihan, Joe Brennan, Philip Byrne and Choctaw Storyteller Tim Tingle.

See link below for full details. <https://www.mermaidartscentre.ie/whats-on/events/wicklow-libraries-yarn-series>

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Developing Children's Resilience Skills



Resilience is one of the greatest gifts we can give our children. They need to be equipped with the skills they need to flourish and thrive.

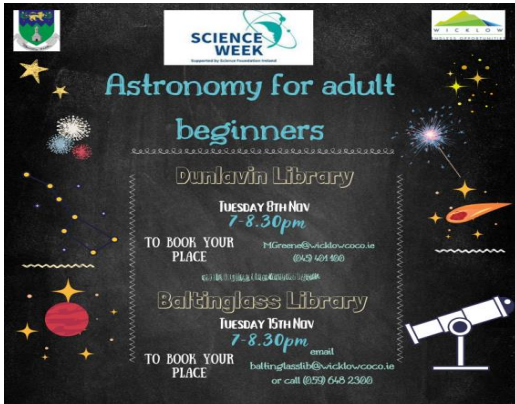
The field of Positive Psychology, which is the science of well-being, offers many approaches and ideas for nurturing children's resilience with a combination of support and skills.

In this talk, author and former teacher, Fiona Forman, (M. Sc. Applied Positive Psychology) will share insights and research on resilience, as well as 8 practical resilience skills and how parents can develop them in their children.

An eerie Halloween experience in Baltinglass Library

This year's Halloween celebrations got off to a great start with librarians taking children on a spooky tour of the cells that served as a prison for offenders in the past. These cells are very eerie at the best of times but for the season that was in it, sound effects, mannequins, coffins and other scary offerings were included. Children also enjoyed an Autumnal Printing session and mask making as part of the Halloween entertainment.

Astronomy Baltinglass and Dunlavin

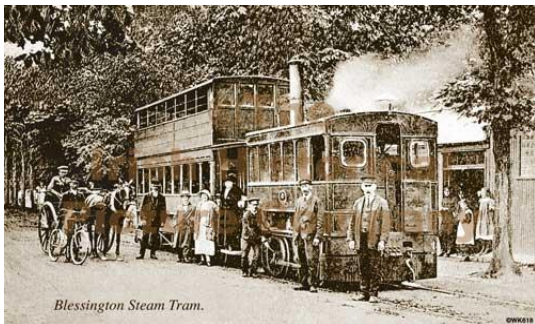


Adults and older teens with an interest in astronomy will enjoy a fascinating introduction to the art of astronomy with Astronomy Ireland in Dunlavin and Baltinglass libraries as part of Wicklow Libraries' Science Week programme.

These events are free of charge and will include an exciting lecture followed by the chance to explore our skies using powerful telescopes and binoculars (weather permitting).

Booking is recommended for Dunlavin on the 8th of November and Baltinglass on the 15th.

Dublin and Blessington Steam Tram Exhibition



An exhibition of images and information associated with the Dublin to Blessington Steam Tram, facilitated by Blessington History society will take place in Blessington Library from November 22nd to November 26th. Launching on Tuesday 22nd November at 7 pm, the exhibition can be viewed during usual library opening hours.

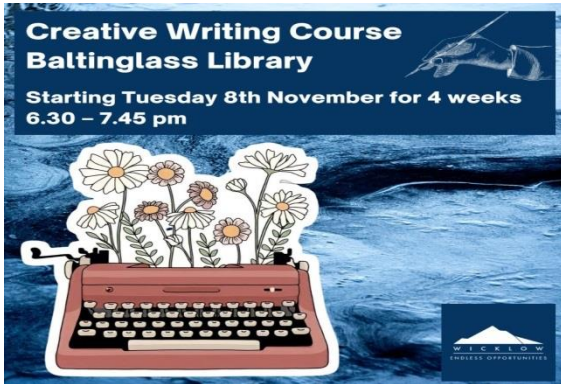
The Artist's Way for Retirement, Ballywaltrim Library



As part of the Winter Welcome programme, Ballywaltrim Library is hosting a 12 week course focussing on getting the best out of retirement. Facilitated by Briege Byrne, this course aims to highlight the wonderful opportunities that can be enjoyed in retirement.

Limited spaces available, please contact Ballywaltrim Library at 01 272 3205 or ballywaltrimlib@wicklowcoco.ie to book.

Creative Writing Course, Baltinglass Library



John Rossiter returns to Baltinglass Library this November to deliver a course in Creative Writing. John will be looking at different genres and ideas to inspire new writers. Places are limited for this event, and booking is essential.

This course starts Tuesday November 8th and will continue for 4 weeks, from 6.30pm - 7.45pm.

(059) 648 2300

Email: baltinglasslib@wicklowcoco.ie

Mother and Baby Yoga at Arklow Library



Arklow Library hosts a series of 4 Mother & Baby Yoga classes every Thursday this November from 11-12 pm.

This post-natal yoga class has a heartfelt approach to creating space for the new mother to nurture the relationship with herself, her baby and other women.

Together, we will create a safe and nurturing space to bring gentle movements back to the body, building strength and flexibility. At the same time, your baby will benefit from gentle baby yoga movements. Babies from 6 weeks up to pre-crawling are welcome.

“Way With Words” at Blessington Library

Wicklow County Council’s Arts Office and Library Service are delighted to announce the return of the Way with Words Literature Festival on Saturday 19th November 2022 in Blessington Library.

Designed for writers and readers, this day-long mini-festival will feature readings, workshops, in-conversations and song for all ages with a variety of genres and approaches to writing represented.

The line-up includes Claire Keegan, Declan Burke, Louise Phillips, Peter Donnelly and Sarah Sparkles.

There’s something for all ages!

Local & Family History Talks Wicklow Library

A great evening was had by all in Wicklow Library’s exhibition space recently as historian Jim Scannell's gave a colourful and fascinating talk about the history and development of the colour postcard and the John Hinde technique. This event was attended by over 40 people who enjoyed a presentation on various postcard locations to show how each had changed over time.

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Upcoming talk by John Goodman on Thursday 24th November at 7 pm on the topic of 'Wicklow Men in the Great War' will be of great interest.

Local Studies Service

As part of its outreach activities, Wicklow County Council Local Studies Service introduced a 6 month Pilot Genealogy Advisory Service to guide individuals through their family history search and answer family history queries. This service is provided by a local accredited genealogist and no appointment is necessary.

The first session took place on the 13th of October. Further sessions will take place on Thursday 17th Nov, 15th Dec, 12th Jan, 9th Feb and 16th March from 6.30pm to 8.30pm.

Local history lecture series was launched on the 27th of October with a colourful and engaging talk by local historian James Scannell entitled '*John Hinde and his Colour County Wicklow Postcards*'. The talk took place in the Exhibition Space in Wicklow Library. It was well attended and received, stimulating much discussion and varied questions afterwards.

This is the first in a series of upcoming talks. The full programme of talks is

Local History Lecture Schedule 2022/23

Wicklow Library, Exhibition Space.

Month	Date	Time	Speaker	Title
October	Thurs 27 th	7pm	Jim Scannell	<i>'John Hinde and his Co. Wicklow Postcard Views'</i>
November	Thurs 24th	7pm	John Goodman	<i>'Wicklow Men in the Great War'</i>
December	Wed 14th	11.30am	Jim Scannell	<i>'Christmas in Wicklow 1947'</i>
January	Thurs 26th	7pm	Brian White	<i>'Freedom of the Roads: early motoring in County Wicklow'</i>
February	Thurs 16 th	7 pm	Gay Conroy	<i>'Researching your Wicklow Ancestors – Part 1'</i>
	Thurs 23 rd	7 pm	Gay Conroy	<i>'Researching your Wicklow Ancestors – Part 2'</i>
March	Thurs 9 th	7pm	Rosemary Raughter	<i>'Suffrage in County Wicklow'</i>

To book a place contact Wicklow Library 0404 67025 or email Wicklowlocalstudies@wicklowcoco.ie

New Wicklow Educational Resources – Wicklow County Archives & Wicklow Local Studies Services

As part of our outreach activities, Wicklow County Archives, with support from the Heritage Council, and Wicklow Local Studies Library Service have developed two resource packs for teachers and students, on the Junior Certificate Class Based Assessment (CBA) and the Leaving Certificate History Research Study Report (RSR). We have developed these new resources to highlight the collections of the County Archives & Local Studies services and how they can assist in the study of history at second level. The resource packs can be downloaded from the archives and library pages at www.wicklow.ie. They include general guides on the archival and local studies collections and a series of digital resources, including power point presentations. Copies of both the Junior Certificate and Leaving Certificate Guides will be distributed shortly to all secondary schools and library branches in the county.

Undertaking the History RSR

WICKLOW COUNTY ARCHIVES - RESOURCES FOR SCHOOLS
Leaving Certificate History RSR



As part of our outreach activities, Wicklow County Archives, with support from the Heritage Council, have developed a resource pack, for teachers and students, on the **Leaving Certificate History Research Study Report (RSR)**. The pack is designed to support both teachers and students as they undertake work on the RSR project.

The resource pack is made up of six elements: *A guide to Wicklow County Archives, Student and Teacher guides to the RSR, a guide on How to do Historical Research*, in PowerPoint and PDF format



Undertaking the History CBA

WICKLOW LOCAL STUDIES LIBRARY - RESOURCES FOR SCHOOLS - Junior Cycle History CBA



As part of our outreach activities, Wicklow Local Studies Library have developed a resource pack, for teachers and students, on the **Junior Cycle History Class Based Assessments (CBAs)**. The pack is designed to support both teachers and students as they undertake work on their CBA projects.

The resource pack is made up of six elements: *A guide to Wicklow Local Studies Library, Student and Teacher guides to the CBA, a guide on How to do Historical Research* (available in PowerPoint and PDF format) and a series of *CBA Worksheets* for students to record their activities and findings. All are available free to download from the Local Studies Library website.



We hope that these support and guidance documents will be useful teaching resources and will help students in completing their CBA projects while also encourage them to explore Wicklow's rich history for possible topics for the project.



Ukrainian Refugee Health and Wellbeing Support

Wicklow County Council has received notification from the Department of Health that an additional allocation of €28,575 is being made available to the Local Authority for Ukrainian Refugee health and wellbeing support. The proposed activations under this programme must be submitted to the Department by the 18th November for the purpose of improving the health and wellbeing of Ukrainian Refugees. Collaboration between Wicklow County Council, Bray Area Partnership and County Wicklow Partnership is ongoing in planning interventions and delivering initiatives for this element of funding.

Bray Community Addiction Team Stabilisation Programme

Bray Community Addiction Team is running 12 week stabilisation course in Wicklow Town for active drug users. The aim of the course is for service users to potentially reduce their drug use. As part of this course Healthy Wicklow is funding 3 weeks of healthy food made easy and 3 weeks of yoga/creative element which commences on 9th November.

Active Communities

Tinahely/Shillelagh/Carnew



A Cool Dude 5 week healthy eating programme started in Crossbridge national school on the 7th November for the 16 pupils in 5th & 6th class. A dance and healthy food made easy programme will commence on the 10th November for Tinahely active retirement group for 5 weeks. Local physio David Blake is starting a 4 week injury prevention course for Knockananna women's group on the 17th November.

Rathnew

Two active on the green events are taking place in Drumkay and Hazelbrook Rathnew on the 12th and 19th November respectively. On the day there will be representation from Leinster Rugby to deliver drills/fun activities and Aisling Nolan will also be there to deliver a pound taster session. The hugely popular giant garden games will also be available. A 4 week walk and talk programme is starting on Wednesday 23rd and will take place every Wednesday and Friday evening.

Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP)

- Bray Area Partnership and Co. Wicklow Partnership have been successful in their applications to the government's International Protection Integration Fund (IPIF) which supports the integration of International Protection Applicants/asylum seekers. Bray Area Partnership have been awarded €20,000 and Co. Wicklow Partnership €16,600. Projects will begin shortly.
- Both Partnerships are currently compiling their SICAP Annual Plans 2023 and have sought voluntary increases in relation to the number of individuals they will support next year. In 2023 BAP will work with 477 individuals and CWP will work with 376. The deadline for submission of Annual Plans is November 18th after which time the plans will be assessed by the LCDC and Pobal.

Public Participation Network (PPN)

Consultations: Arklow & Baltinglass MD Recreational Needs Assessment; Baseline Data regarding Social Enterprise in Ireland; Irelands 4th national Biodiversity Action Plan; Wellbeing in Ireland – What Counts?.

Training Courses & Workshops: Conflict Management; Introduction to Community Group Governance; Group Team Work & Leadership; Engage Training; Safe Talk Training; Where to Find Funding; Developing a Local Food Hub; Equality & Human Rights in the Public Service.

Funding Opportunities/Competitions: Katie Taylor Bursary; Volunteer Ireland Awards; Spark A Change; Brexit Blue Economy Enterprise Development Scheme; Enhanced Community Centre Fund; Euro Spar Community Awards; Youth Micro Grants Scheme; Our EU Story Awards; Irish Hospice Foundation Seed Grants.

See www.countywicklowppn.ie for further information or email info@countywicklowppn.ie

Men's Shed Funding

The Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, [has](#) announced funding of €800,000 to support Men's Sheds. The initiative will see grants of €2,000 provided to over 400 Men's Sheds nationwide to assist them with running costs such as electricity or insurance bills. The individual grants will be distributed to the over 400 Men's Sheds via its representative body, the Irish Men's Sheds Association (IMSA).

Blessington eGreenway

An Bord Pleanála had listed the decision date on the planning submission for the Blessington eGreenway Project, as the 25th October 2022. No decision on the Project has received from the Bord on this date. A new decision date is not available and Wicklow County Council awaits correspondence from the Bord.

Economic Development, Planning, and Infrastructure

1. Economic Development

Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) (Economic)

The Economic Development Unit of the Enterprise and Corporate Services Directorate is charged with implementing the economic actions in the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP). LECPs detail how Local Authorities will support economic and community development in their areas.

The next Wicklow Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) 2023 – 2029 will set out, for a six-year period, the objectives and actions needed to promote and support the economic development and the local and community development of County Wicklow, both directly and in partnership with other economic and community development stakeholders.

5 High Level Goals have been identified incorporating both Community and Economic Development. The Economic Development unit is seeking to engage with the business community and government and local agencies to help identify priorities for the County over the lifetime of the plan.

Wicklow County Council has appointed a team of consultants from People and Place to assist with the preparation of the LECP. The timeline for completion of the Plan is end of 2023.

Retail

Bray Central

The transfer of Title took place on 28th October 2022. Since then two restaurants and the car park with 250 spaces have opened. Oakmount continue to engage with prospective anchor tenants on the two main units in the centre. It is hoped that agreements to let will be settled in the coming weeks. Oakmount has advised that there are leases in place on all of the leisure spaces and heads of terms are agreed with several new retail units.

Town Teams

Under the Government policy, Town Centres First, the establishment of Town Teams is encouraged and we are likely to see more Town Teams in situ over the coming years.

Town Teams in Wicklow have been operating since 2016. It is considered timely to carry out a review of the town teams and with this in mind Wicklow County Council appointed Mr Allen McAdam of MCA Consulting to conduct the review. The result of the review was presented to the elected members at their October meeting and a response is being prepared in respect of the points raised.

The review is currently being presented to the Town Teams and it is proposed to have a plenary session with all Town Teams early in 2023 when the TRO is in place. Interviews have been held recently to appoint the Town Regeneration Officer and it is expected that she will be in place early in the New Year.

Blessington Town Centre First Masterplan

Blessington has been awarded funding of €100,000 to develop a Master Plan for the town under the Town Centre First policy. This will also allow plans for projects identified as part of the drive to become e-Greenway ready to be advanced.

This initiative is a key part of Our Rural Future – the Government’s ambitious five-year strategy designed to reimagine and revitalise rural Ireland. It is also linked to the Government’s Housing for All strategy and a key component of the Town Centre First policy.

Wicklow County Council will work closely with local community groups, retailers and members of the Town Team in devising and delivering on the objectives of the Masterplan building on the very comprehensive Health Check carried out by Future Analytics.

Blessington Town Team

At the most recent Blessington Town Team meeting held on 27th of September last, updates on the following projects were given to the town team members.

- Progress on the Blessington Inner Relief Road.
- An update on the Towns First Policy.
- The Blessington RRDF.
- Progress on the Blessington CCTV scheme.
- The ongoing work of the Tidy Towns group.

The next meeting is due to take place on the 29th November 2022

Arklow Town Team

A new Arklow Pottery website was launched on the 11th November in Arklow Library. The website explores and records the history and heritage of Arklow Pottery. The project was initiated by Arklow Town Team and funded by The Heritage Council. The website offers its visitors the opportunity to follow the Arklow Pottery Trail through the town. The website has been well received by many families who have a connection with Arklow Pottery and by visitors to the town with an interest in pottery and antiques. You can visit the site at <http://www.arklowpottery.ie> .

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A feasibility study for the Ballyduff weir has been completed by CDM Smith Ireland Ltd. The report identifies the optimum solution for fish to move through an impassable barrier at Glenart Ornamental weir on the Ballyduff River in the Avoca catchment.

Bray Town Team / Bray Town Recovery Team

Terms of reference were issued to the Bray MD Members in 2021. The Cathaoirleach is reviewing these and will be examining the best way forward.

Wicklow Town Team

Wicklow MD is progressing the Part 8 to reconnect Wicklow Town Centre and the South Quay through its network of laneways was advertised and put on public display on the 26th October. The project, which is funded through Town and Village funding seeks to reanimate and revitalise these important central links between South Quay, Harbour and Port, Main Street and Market Square through lighting and some large-scale public artwork. The theme throughout the project will have a local and maritime focus. Closing date for submissions is the 12th December 2022.

The AGM of Wicklow Town Team was held on the 29th September. Wicklow Town Team has now been in existence for 5 year. Reports were provided from the working groups.

The Heritage trail has been a great success with over 500 people taking part in the guided walks. A Wicklow Camino Trail and Ballyguile to Dunbur Scenic Walking route is also being explored.

Discussions regarding with Wicklow MD re Part 8 and Licence to provide the Murrough Bike Track are underway.

Greystones Town Team

The Christmas Lights will be switched on in Greystones on Saturday 19th November, 2022 and Santa and his helpers will arrive from Hollyhead. The parade will follow a route throughout the district on the day also. This event is co-ordinated by the Greystones Town Team with the support of Greystones MD

A Ladies Night will take place in Greystones on Thursday 24th November 2022. Local businesses will be open on the night and provide an opportunity to shop local and enjoy some entertainment on the night too.

Tourism

Tourism Strategy and Marketing Plan 2018-2022

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

The Key Priorities are:

1. Develop New Accommodation

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

Wicklow Included in Best of the World 2023 destinations by National Geographic

Wicklow has been included in a 'Best of the World 2023' list of destinations by the famous National Geographic magazine. Wicklow is featured as one of the top family destinations alongside San Francisco, Trinidad and Tobago, Colombia, Manchester, Switzerland and Bath. Special mention is given to 'Beyond the Trees – Avondale,' its canopy walk, 12 story tower and Ireland's tallest slide.

Avondale recognised as First Age Friendly Tourism Destination in Ireland

Beyond the Trees Avondale received its official Age Friendly Charter and is also recognised by the World Health Organisation (WHO) as an international model of good practice for age friendly development.

Autumn Colours of Wicklow

Wicklow Tourism produced a promotional blog focussed on autumn colours in Wicklow. Wicklow is home to the largest forestry area in Ireland. It is probably where autumn colours can be best experienced when from October to December, the 'fifty shades of green' turn to Brown, red, yellow and gold!

Bray International Flavours

In October, we decided to focus on the various restaurants around the Bray area offering distinctive international flavours. We have compiled a list of appetising, award-winning venues providing internationally renowned food from highly skilled chefs.

France TV shoots in Killruddery

France Television is the biggest TV group in France and Wicklow were host to a crew from France Television to shoot the pumpkin pie competition that was held in Killruddery over the Halloween weekend.

Würzburg Visit

A delegation from Würzburg visited Wicklow over the October bank holiday weekend. County Wicklow and the town of Bray are twinned with the city of Würzburg, Lower Franconia, Germany.

The delegation was treated to a tour of Wicklow to enjoy all it has to offer in the line of scenic beauty and the delights of local food and drink producers. The tour included breakfast at Killruddery, lunch at Wicklow Brewing Company, a tour at Coolakay House and a whiskey tasting at Powerscourt Distillery. They also got to experience Beyond the Trees at Avondale, the new jewel in the crown for Wicklow.

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Wicklow County Campus Masterplan

The Wicklow County Campus Masterplan will focus on developing Wicklow County Campus as a Centre of Excellence in Enterprise, Education, and Innovation in County Wicklow. With the Masterplan in place, Wicklow County Council will use it to act as a catalyst for economic development in the county and attract investment and further development.

The Tender for the Masterplan is in the process of being awarded with the contract due to commence in December.

Abbey Grounds, Wicklow

The purchase of the Abbey Grounds, Wicklow completed in August and it is intended that the space will be enhanced and redeveloped into the Abbey Gardens and Event Space. The Parochial House has been retained by St. Laurence O'Toole Diocesan Trust and a separate entrance way will be provided as part of the redevelopment.

The redevelopment will include converting the existing Coach House for use as a Café/Retail/Exhibition space and public toilets, installing a natural amphitheatre arrangement to provide for public performance events, a new pedestrian access, pathways for improved accessibility, and public seating.

The plans take careful consideration of the conservation and enhancement of the biodiversity of the grounds, as well as the protection of the ruined remains. The plans are being amended at present following archaeological surveys of the grounds.

Glendalough Masterplan and Wicklow Visitor Orientation Study

In 2020, Fáilte Ireland, in partnership with National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS), the Office of Public Works (OPW), the National Monuments Service (NMS), and Wicklow County Council commissioned Consarc Design Group with a multidisciplinary team to deliver a Visitor Experience and Management Masterplan for Glendalough and Wicklow Mountains National Park and Visitor Orientation Recommendations for Co. Wicklow.

The Consultants have presented the Draft Plan to the Councillors and the consultation period will run from 11th November, 2022 until 18th January, 2023. The Draft Plan can be viewed in Libraries and online. There will be an opportunity to discuss the plan with the design team on Tuesday 29th November at the Brockagh Centre, Glendalough. This will be a walk in event running from 2 pm – 4 pm and from 6 pm to 8 pm. There will also be an online consultation event on Wednesday 7th December. A separate meeting for the local Glendalough Group will be arranged.

Outdoor Performance Space

The letter of Contract Award for design Consultants issued to the successful tenderer on the 30th March. The successful tenderer is Vincent Hannon Architects. Meetings have taken place with Strand Road residents, Royal Marine Terrace and

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Martello Terrace. Site meetings have taken place with the Design Team, Council officials and representatives from the Mermaid Theatre where the different canopy options were discussed. The project team continue to consult with experts in this industry on the different styles of canopy options available. When the final design is agreed drawings will be prepared and presented to the Members prior to commencing the Part 8 process.

Rural and Urban Regeneration Development Fund Grant Applications

Blessington has been awarded just over €1m funding under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund (RRDF). This will be used for a major regeneration of Blessington Town Centre and related projects. It will be utilised for the regeneration of Blessington Town Centre, the development of plans for public realm works, the redevelopment of a derelict property to create an eHub and a Visitor Centre for the forthcoming Blessington Lakes eGreenway. This strategic funding along with the planned completion of the Blessington Inner Relief Road and the funding for the Blessington Lakes eGreenway will help achieve Wicklow County Council's long-term vision for Blessington and enhance Blessington as a place to visit. Combined with the proposals for developing a Masterplan for Blessington, this project will add to the quality of life of the entire community by optimising digital connectivity, supporting employment and skills and enhancing the public realm in line with the objectives that underpin "Our Rural Future" Ireland's Rural Development policy.

URDF: Urban Regeneration Development Fund

Part 1 of the Arklow URDF Project involved the refurbishment of the Courthouse and the development of an Enterprise Space in the former Town Council offices which is now complete. Part 2 of the project the public realm works are nearing completion.

Bray Harbour Improvements

The requirement for additional environmental assessments was identified in the draft Feasibility Report. RPS was requested to carry out an EIA Scoping Exercise as an add-on to their current engagement. A draft EIA has been reviewed and approved. This identifies all of the potential environmental impacts that need to be addressed in the EIAR. A Stage 1 Screening for an Appropriate Assessment report has yet to be provided after which it is proposed to organise further public consultation that includes a 3D visualisation of the proposed scheme.

Land Management

Wicklow County Council Economic Development Unit are progressing the acquisition of an Enterprise Space in Greystones from Cairn.

A resolution was signed in respect of the disposal of 0.54 hectares (1.33 acre) site on Mill Road/South Beach to the HSE for the development of a Primary Health Care Centre.

A disposal notice was brought before the Elected Members on 3rd October, 2022 and a Resolution signed for the disposal of 0.4047 hectares (1 acre) or thereabouts of land on School Road, Lugduff, Tinahely, Co. Wicklow to Automatic Plastics Limited.

A claim has been submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development to draw down the funds which were approved for the purchase of the former Bank of Ireland building in Carnew.

Offshore Renewable Energy

The area of offshore renewable energy is rapidly evolving. Due to the number of projects proposed off the coast of Wicklow it is important that the County engages with the process to enable the community of Wicklow to benefit from the opportunities arising while mitigating against any likely impacts that any offshore renewable project will have.

Key milestones have been:

1. The Offshore Renewable Energy Support Scheme Consultation. Wicklow County Council made a submission strongly supporting the case for the funds created as a result of the offshore renewable energy projects to be managed and distributed locally rather than centrally.
2. The adoption of the Maritime Area Planning (MAP) Act 2021 aimed at harnessing Ireland's offshore wind potential while protecting our marine environment.
3. The Marine Area Consent process is now open for relevant projects, it should be noted that the Arklow Bank Wind Farm, which is Ireland's first offshore wind farm, is at an advanced stage of planning and has been operating under an earlier consent regime. SSE has recently announced its intention to apply for a larger more ambitious project under the new MAC scheme.
4. An Bord Pleanála granted planning permission to SSE Renewables to develop the onshore grid infrastructure necessary to connect the 800MW Phase 2 of Arklow Bank Wind Park.
5. Codling Windpark has submitted their Marine Area Consent application, this is a very significant milestone in the development of Ireland's largest offshore windfarm.
6. Shelmalere Offshore Windfarm (DP Energy Iberdola) has completed consultation on its EIAR
7. Bord na Mona Ocean Winds Réalt na Mara Offshore Windfarm has delivered a number of community engagement clinics and is seeking to further engage with the local authority.
8. Energia is hosting monthly information clinics in Wexford and South Wicklow in respect of the South Irish Sea Project

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The next significant milestone will be the announcement of the Offshore Renewable Energy Support Scheme (ORESS) Auction in 2023. Under ORESS eligible projects will be invited to bid to deliver renewable energy services. The Community Benefit Fund associated with the ORESS Auction will be significant.

Food and Beverage Strategy

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

Wicklow County Council recently appointed James Burke Associates (JBA) to carry out a review of The Wicklow Food and Beverage Strategy 2019-2021 and to develop an Action Plan going forward. The new Plan will be similar to the original Plan but will have more focus on Climate Action and development of the Food Incubation Hub.

As part of the Review, James Burke updated the Wicklow Naturally members at a recent meeting in the Glenview Hotel giving them the opportunity to hear about the Review of the Food Strategy and to receive their feedback.

James Burke will deliver a draft of the new Plan on the 14th December, 2022.

Wicklow Naturally has continued to increase its network of members in 2022 which adds to the array of County Wicklow's finest food and drink producers.

Wicklow Naturally has been involved in a number of activities in recent months:

October Feast is a month-long celebration of Wicklow's food and drinks story, including farming, foraging, brewing, distilling, and much more. October is traditionally the end of the harvest, so it is the perfect month to showcase Wicklow Naturally's members' unique selection of food and drink. The launch of the event took place on Saturday 1st October at Powerscourt Distillery. Highlights from the event were Meet the Makers, Enjoy a taste of Wicklow Naturally, Have a Culinary Adventure with bespoke food and drink from the producers, Forage for Tasty Ingredients, Library Talks on 'stopping food waste', Wicklow Naturally Indoor Market and the October Feast Student Challenge for both primary and secondary school students.

Wicklow Naturally will feature at Gifted which will be held in the RDS from 30th November to 4th December, 2022. Gifted is Ireland's biggest and best Christmas craft fair, featuring 100's of makers, designers and artisan food producers.

The Farm to Fork Trails continues as guided and self-guided tour throughout County Wicklow with the aim of showcasing the best of Wicklow food and drinks producers and providers. It is hoped that the initiative will continue to enhance the reputation of County Wicklow as a great destination for quality food and drink.

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Skills Taskforce for County Wicklow

The Skills Taskforce is now up and running and now has members representing the Film, Food and Renewables sectors.

A Request for Tender has been published with a deadline for responses in November 2022 to engage consultants to carry out a skills audit to identify existing skills and competencies and future skills required to support economic development in the County and also to produce a Skills Strategy for the county.

Greenways Update

Arklow Shillelagh Greenway

The route options continue to be revisited for a few sections of the proposed greenway route with updated ecological surveys just having been completed on those sections. The role of independent agronomist has just been appointed; the Agronomist's details will be communicated to Landowners in the coming weeks.

Wicklow Greystones Greenway

Wicklow County Council has just recently appointed consultants to this project, an inception meeting between the Council and the Consultants will take place in the coming weeks. The consultant will be tasked with carrying out detailed environmental surveys and develop and bring forward the project to statutory approval stage.

Blessington eGreenway

Planning documents under Section 177AE of the Planning and Development Act were lodged with An Bord Pleanála with the end date - 4th March 2022. No update has been received yet from An Bord Pleanála on a likely decision date. It is still anticipated that an oral hearing will be required by ABP before any decision is made.

Local Enterprise Office

To foster an enterprise culture and stimulate enterprise at local level by:

- Promotion of the enterprise message at local level.
- Working with the relevant stakeholders in the county to foster entrepreneurship.
- Delivering appropriate enterprise training and mentoring to entrepreneurs.
- Providing funding options to entrepreneurs, early-stage promoters and viable businesses to support growth and development of micro enterprises.
- Developing a progression pathway for clients to Enterprise Ireland
- Acting as a 'First Stop Shop' for business information and referral

METRICS: Grants	HISTORICAL	TARGETS	YEAR TO DATE
	2021	2022	2022
Grants Approved (number/ value)	- 33/ €641,745	- Meet Demand	-24/ €737,080
- Measure 1	- 4 / €6,594	- Meet Demand	-7/ €12,286.95
- Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters			
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
	2021	2022	2022
Total No. of All Programmes (Training/Networking/Events/Seminars)	77	64	42
Start Your Own Business Participant numbers (included in total training programmes)	105	75	99
Total No. of all Participants participating in above Programmes	994	900	510
Women in Business Network Number of Meetings	10	10	7

METRICS: Business Advice & Mentoring	HISTORICAL	TARGETS	YEAR TO DATE
	2021	2022	2022
Number of new clients added to database	849	750	156
*Criteria have been amended for this			

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metric			
Number of One-to-One Business Advice meetings including Businesses assigned a mentor and Brexit 1-1	530	500	360

METRICS: Student Enterprise Programmes	HISTORICAL	TARGETS	
Academic Year	2020/2021	2022/2023	Year to Date 22-23
No. of Secondary Student Participants	953	1000	1138

METRICS: Irelands Best Young Entrepreneur	HISTORICAL	TARGETS	
Academic Year	2021	2022	Year to Date 2022
Number of Applications	Programme review	Programme review	Programme review

Trading Online Voucher	HISTORICAL	TARGETS	
No of Trading Online Vouchers approved	2021	2022	Year to Date 2022
Trading Online Vouchers	135 Total value: € 279,127.40	50 Depending on budget and demand	59

Lean For Micro Project	HISTORICAL	TARGETS	YEAR TO DATE
	2021	2022	2022
No. of Companies who have undertaken a Lean for Micro Assessment by a Lean Expert	8	11	11

Microfinance Ireland	HISTORICAL	TARGETS	YEAR TO DATE
	2021	2022	2022
No. of Companies who have submitted a MFI loan application through the LEO	7	11	8

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OCTOBER 2022 Activities

- Social media and LEO website updates are carried out a number of times a week to raise awareness and promote the LEO supports.
- National Women's Enterprise Day took place on Thursday 13th October. LEO Wicklow organised a joint event with LEO Kildare, which took place in Newbridge, co. Kildare. The event was a great success and over 100 female entrepreneurs attended. The speakers were Nina Carberry, Tara Lane and Kate Dempsey, Aqualicense (Arklow).
- The Ukraine Enterprise Crisis Scheme was launched nationally, to assist LEO (& EI) clients that have been affected by increased energy costs (only manufacturing and internationally traded service businesses are eligible).
- Customised Export Development Support Introduced to help businesses who completed the Export Programme earlier this year to win sales in export markets.
- New Pilot Digitalisation programme launched by LEO Wicklow with 4 client companies engaged to date

Business Skills and IT skills Training Programme

The Autumn/Winter business skills training programme has been published on the LEO website. Courses are open for bookings through our online portal on www.localenterprise.ie/wicklow. A wide range of courses are on offer from August through to December.

Recently held courses include

- 'Bookkeeping using Excel' (4th October).
- Effective Marketing for SMEs (5th October)
- Business Planning & Accessing Finance (11th October)
- Maximising Sales from your Website & Social Media (13th October)
- 'Content Creation & Copywriting' (24th October)

2. Planning

Wicklow County Development Plan 2022-2028

Wicklow County Council made a new County Development Plan 2022 - 2028 (CDP) on Monday 12th September 2022. This plan replaces the Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022.

The new plan is in effect as of 23 October 2022 other than those elements that have been the subject of the draft Ministerial Direction, which was published for public consultation on 03 November 2022. The final date for the making of submissions was 16 November 2022 and a total of 14 submission were received. The Chief Executive's Report to the OPR and the Minister will issue in December 2022, after the matter is discussed at the Council meeting of 05 December 2022.

Healthy Placemaking, Climate Change and Economic Opportunity are the three overarching cross-cutting themes that inform and shape all aspects of the new plan. The plan also includes the Core Strategy and the Settlement Strategy for the County.

- This plan also includes new **Town Plans** for the following settlements:- Baltinglass, Newtownmountkennedy, Rathdrum, Ashford, Auhtrim, Carnew, Dunlavin, Tinahely, Avoca, Donard, Newcastle, Roundwood, Shillelagh and Laragh-Glendalough.
- This plan is accompanied by a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA), an Appropriate Assessment Natura Impact Report and a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment as well as a number of other important appendices.
- As part of the making of the new County Development Plan, the Record of Protected Structures (RPS) and the Schedule of Tree Preservations Orders have been amended, including the making of additions, deletions and amendments to existing entries. The RPS is included in Appendix 4 of the published County Development Plan. Owners and occupiers of relevant structures have received a separate written notification with regard to this.
- The plan is available to view and download on <https://www.wicklow.ie/Living/Services/Planning/Development-Plans-Strategies/National-Regional-County-Plans/Wicklow-County-Development-Plan-2022-2028/Stage-7>

Local Area Plans

Work has commenced on the preparation on three new LAPs for Greystones – Delgany & Kilcoole, Wicklow Town & Rathnew and Blessington. The team are at the data gathering and surveying stage, and are currently consulting with all internal departments and state agencies. It is intended to start pre-draft plan public consultation in Q4 2022.

Consultants have been appointed to carry out the SEA and AA for these LAPs and they have commenced their preliminary work. All other studies / assessments are intended at this time to be carried out in-house.

Residential Zoned Land Tax

This is a new tax to activate vacant land for residential purposes, and which will in time replace the Vacant Site Levy, was enacted as a part of the Finance Act 2021, as referred to in Circular NRUP 06/2021 of 22 December 2021. The aim of the tax is to activate and bring forward the development of housing on lands which are suitably zoned and serviced, as indicated on maps to be prepared and published by local authorities for their respective functional areas. These maps are to be published by 01 November 2022. The legislation also sets out certain lands which are to be excluded from the scope of the tax. The tax measure is intended to encourage activation of existing planning permissions on lands which are identified as being in scope and to incentivise owners of suitable lands without planning permission to commence the process of engagement with Planning Authorities.

While residential zonings which include existing dwellings are to be included on the map(s), where connected or able to be connected to services, permanently occupied residential premises which are liable for Local Property Tax will not be liable for the tax.

The Minister has issued guidelines under Section 28 of the PDA to provide guidance to planning authorities in the preparation and publication of maps to identify lands in the scope for this new RZLT.

Mapping has been undertaken and lands identified. Advertisements were placed in local papers over a 3 week period ~~week~~ beginning Monday 17th October 2022 and the draft map was published on the Wicklow County Council website on November 1st. Submissions can be made by post, online through the consultation hub and by email. The closing date for submissions will be the 1st January 2023. Submissions will be published on the Wicklow County Council website.

Heritage Officer –November 2022

Climate Action: Biodiversity Actions/ Activities

Brittas Bay Conservation project Continuation of conservation measures, including ecological recording & monitoring and conservation grazing. A Community Engagement programme of field outings and workshops is underway, six events in total. Volunteer Sea Buckthorn removal day held on 5th November, final event planned for 19th November.

Wicklow Barn Owl Project – Over 30 confirmed sightings of Barn Owls for county Wicklow, have now been recorded, a significant increase from 3 at the start of the project. Over 170 potential sites for future nesting boxes have been identified through public engagement.

Conservation Management Plans for WCC owned land at Bray Head and Wicklow Head: Heritage Office liaising with MD staff and ALCNature (ecological consultants). Drafts due by end of year.

Pollinator resources –Over 200 ‘managed for wildlife’ and ‘Don’t mow let it Grow’ outdoor signs distributed to MDs and members of public. Noticeable increase in pollinator friendly management at roadside verges, roundabouts and open spaces.

East Coast Nature Reserve Events: Monthly seasonal free public event programme in place in partnership with Bird Watch Ireland at East Coast Nature Reserve. Next event on Sunday 13th November with Bird Ringing demonstration, final event scheduled for 11th December.

Climate Action (Built Heritage - Archaeology):

Community Archaeology Service for County Wicklow

Allocation received through County Heritage Plan Fund from the Heritage Council and WCC for appointment of a part time community archaeology service. A programme is currently underway by De Faoite Archaeology and managed by the Heritage Officer. Part of the programme entails the survey of medieval ecclesiastical sites in Wicklow through a recording template specially developed by the Council’s GIS officer.

Community Monuments Fund (CMF) : Funding to increase the resilience of our Built Heritage (archaeology) to climate change via Community Monument Fund (CMF) 2022- Seven CMF projects currently underway, co-ordinated by Heritage Officer, allocations as follows: Arklow Castle repairs, Arklow Castle repairs €84,621; Mullinacuffe Historic Church ruins repairs €14,954; Castlekevin, Roundwood conservation plan €18,682; Baltinglass Hills – Lidar Survey €29,362; West Wicklow Medieval church and graveyards –geophysical survey and access improvements €30,000; Castlekevin podcast production €7,748; Abbey Lane, Arklow – research & interpretation €7,072.

Climate Action (Built Heritage – Architecture):

Conservation Management Plan for Clermont: Consultants 7L appointed as part of multi-disciplinary team to provide conservation management advice for natural, built and cultural heritage at Clermont House and campus. Initial meeting held on 12th Sept. Report due by end of year.

Protected Structures Grants: Projects under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) and the Historic Structure Fund (HSF) grant schemes from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage underway. BHIS includes 11 projects under a county allocation of €96,000. HSF includes 3 projects; €25,000 towards Russborough Weir Wall repairs; €40,000 for St Matthews Church, Newtownmountkennedy, and €10,000 to vernacular house at Greenan More. Project, reporting and recoupment overseen by heritage officer in 2022 on behalf of the planning section.

Development Management

E-Planning Project

The commencement of the roll out of the ePlanning system is scheduled in Wicklow for Q1 2023.

The project will include the following elements:

- Standardised naming/structure of all documentation in Local Authorities and An Bord Pleanála.
- Web Portal through which all electronic planning applications and all correspondence regarding same would pass.
- All submissions can be made on-line for both planning application and part VIII applications.
- Fees will be paid online by means of card payment or EFT.
- Part VIII applications for all Local Authorities would be submitted and stored centrally.
- Referrals to all prescribed bodies and the receipt of their submissions would be electronic.
- Electronic transfer of planning files to An Bord Pleanála following an appeal.

The e-Planning system will provide a better service to the public. It will allow agents to build their applications before submission, and will reduce the printing, copying and scanning of documentation. It will also facilitate electronic interaction between Local Authorities, An Bord Pleanála and prescribed bodies.

Planning Applications

Total valid applications received	To 31st October 2022
Received (Valid)	984

A total of 82 valid applications were received during October as follows:

Type of Development	31 st October 2022 Number Received
Individual Houses	21 (20 refer to a rural house)
Housing Developments*	10
Agricultural Structures	01
Commercial	03
Other Developments**	47
Total	82

* Large housing development

PRR22/1090 Liam Carroll, 14 no. apartments, Main Street, Blessington

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

Decisions issued in respect of 87 applications in October,

Type of Development	Number of Decisions
Housing Developments	03
Individual Houses	08 (07 refer to a rural house)
Other Developments	75
Other Developments Requiring EIA	01
Total	87

Decisions issued between January to October 2022, in comparison to the same period for 2021:

	31/10/2021	31/10/2022
Total Number of decisions issued	968	903
Total Number of decisions to grant	828	751
% Grant Rate	86%	83%
No of applications withdrawn		12

Applications Lodged with An Bord Pleanála

Strategic Housing Development

ABP-312652-22, Kilgarron Hill, Parknasilloge, Enniskerry (219 Units), Members meeting 1/3/2022, CE report forwarded to ABP by 31/3/2022, Granted 13/10/22

ABP-312020-21, Lands at Bray Head House (179 Units) Members meeting 7/12, CE report forwarded 26/1/22, Granted 23/3.

ABP-313229-22 – Lands at Coolagad, Greystones (586 Units) Members Meeting 27/4, CE report forwarded 30/5

ABP-313314-22 – Lands at Fassaroe and Monastery, Bray (650 Units) Members Meeting 10/5, CE report forwarded 07/06 – 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, CE report forwarded 22/06

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, CE report due by 21/11

Strategic Infrastructure Development

An Bord Pleanála has received an application for approval under section 182A(1) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended -ABP-310090-21- Proposed development will comprise the onshore grid infrastructure including 220kV export cable circuits and fibre optic cables, new 220kV GIS substation at Shelton Abbey and overhead line connection and all associated ancillary works. In the townlands of Johnstown North, Johnstown South, Seabank, Ballymoney, Killiniskyduff, Templerainy, Coolboy, Kilbride, Shelton Abbey, Ballyraine Lower and Ballyraine Middle, in Co. Wicklow – approved with conditions 27/5

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

Substitute Consent

An Bord Pleanála has received an application for substitute consent for the remainder of the development on lands at Ashford, Co. Wicklow - ABP-312283-21 refers.

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, bunded oil storage tanks, diesel generator container & electrical substation (all totalling circa 376sqm) The application is accompanied by a remedial EIA and remedial NIS. Lands at Ballinabarney North & Bolagh Lower, Redcross, Co. Wicklow.

Planning Enforcement

New Files	7
Advisory Letters	13
Warning Letters	5
Enforcement Notices	1
Legal Files	1
Closed	11

Derelict Sites

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

Vacant Sites

Municipal District	No. of Sites on Register
Arklow	7
Baltinglass	1
Bray	4
Greystones	3
Wicklow	8

03 sites on appeal to ABP – Section 9 (Notice of Entry)

03 sites on appeal to ABP - Section 18 (Demand Levy)

Short Term Letting

Applications for registration received in 2022	41
Complaints	1
Warning Letters	29
Enforcement Notices	7
Legal proceedings	2
Under Investigation	67

3. Environment

Waste Management

Litter/Waste Enforcement

No. of complaints created	128
No. of cases closed, resolved or completed	36
No. of Litter Fines issued	25
No. of Waste Management files opened	2
No. of Warning Letters issued	2
No. of Abandoned Cars Notices issued	5
No. of Burning Applications granted	5
No. of Temporary Signs granted	0
No. of Notices issued under Section 14 of the Waste Management Act	0
No. of Notices issued under Section 18 of the Waste Management Act	0
No. of Notices issued under Section 55 of the Waste Management Act	0
No. of Fixed Penalty Notices issued	2
No. of files prepared for Court and included in Court Lists	38
Income-Litter	€900.00
Income-Waste Management	€3,700.00
No. of cases in Court under the Litter Pollution Act	9
No. of cases in Court under the Waste Management Act	11

5 convictions were successfully secured in court under both the Litter Pollution Act and the Waste Management Act.

Whitestown Remediation Project

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

The Remediation Plan has been presented to the Courts and confirmation is awaited

Climate Action

Climate Action Plan 2021 – Securing Our Future

The Climate Action Plan, which was launched on 4th November 2021, is an ambitious plan to put Ireland on a more sustainable path, cutting emissions and creating a cleaner, greener economy and society

The Climate Action Plan follows the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act 2021, which commits Ireland to a legally binding target of net-zero greenhouse gas emissions no later than 2050, and a reduction of 51% by 2030. These targets are a key pillar of the Programme for Government.

The plan sets out 475 separate actions to halve Ireland's greenhouse emissions by 2030, including extensive offshore wind power, retrofitting 500,000 homes and putting a million electric vehicles on the roads.

The public sector will lead by example and halve emissions by 2030. Green Teams will be established in every public sector body. No new fossil fuel heating systems will be installed in public buildings after 2023, except in very limited exceptional circumstances. All new fleet purchases will be electric from 2023, where such vehicles are available.

A new National Retrofit Plan will drive demand and make retrofitting more affordable whilst there are increased targets for district heating and the public sector, and strengthening building standards for all buildings.

Just transition principles are embedded in the plan, including the principles that people need to be equipped with the skills to benefit from changes and that costs need to be shared. A Just Transition Commission will be established.

All increases in carbon tax receipts are earmarked for targeted social protection measures, an expansion of retrofitting, particularly for social and low-income homes, and agri-environmental projects.

Wicklow Climate Action

Climate Action Plan

Wicklow County Council has commenced the Advance Planning Stage of the development of Wicklow's Climate Action Plan and ran a tender competition to appoint a consultant to develop a Countywide Baseline Emissions Inventory (BEI) and a Climate change Risk Assessment. The deadline for tender responses was 20th October and eight responses were received, four each for the two lots, four on the baseline emissions inventory and four on the climate risk assessment. They are currently being assessed. Arklow Decarbonisation Zone will form a chapter of the plan.

Mid East Energy Unit

Wicklow County Council, in partnership with Meath and Kildare County Councils is establishing the Mid East Energy Unit. As lead authority, Wicklow County Council is at the final stages of signing a MOU with the SEAI to progress the establishment of the Energy Unit.

Service Level Agreements between Wicklow and the partnering authorities are being progressed in parallel. Work within the energy unity will deliver on public sector energy efficiency and energy reduction projects via the SEAI Pathfinder scheme which includes 50% funding for these projects from the SEAI.

In advance of the establishment of the Energy Unit WCC has purchased a licence to use an energy management software called Energy Elephant. This will assist in managing the energy usage in all WCC buildings and to identify projects which can be progressed by the Energy Unit through the Pathfinder Programme.

The recruitment process for the positions of the Regional Energy Manager and the Energy Officer is in progress.

Arklow Decarbonisation Project

RPS Consulting Engineers has delivered the Baseline Emissions Inventory, the Register of Opportunities and Placemaking and Active Travel Reports and the draft Implementation Plan. The Final Implementation Plan will be delivered in the coming weeks. The DZ Implementation Plan will become a chapter of the Climate Action Plan.

Bicycle Parking

- Create bicycle friendly buildings for employees and visitors, by putting bicycle parking in place by 2022 – which is secure, accessible and simple for cyclists to recognise and use.

As per this action in the Climate Action mandate for the public sector, work has commenced to identify suitable locations to install bicycle parking at our public buildings, car parks and amenities.

New posts

The posts of Biodiversity Officer and Community Climate Action Officer have been advertised

EV Charge Point (EVCP) Infrastructure

Wicklow County Council is collaborating with Easy Go to build on the existing EVCP infrastructure in the County. Municipal District Engineers will work with Easy Go to identify suitable locations for installations.

The Green Team are working on a number of initiatives:

- A draft **Paper Use Policy** has been drawn up.
- Eco friendly cleaning products for our buildings
- A staff travel survey was completed with a great response. Results are being analysed.
- Home Energy Retrofit Information day for Staff was held in September and was well attended.
- Weekly key information notices are being circulated to all staff as part of the Reduce Your Use Campaign
Several members of the Green Team have completed Green Team training and are now working on the development of an action plan for the coming year.

ALCNature have been appointed to develop a **Conservation Management Plan for Bray Head and Wicklow Head**. For Wicklow Head an initial meeting has been held between the Climate Action Team, Forward Planning and Sports Partnership to ensure there is a smooth crossover between the plans being developed by each section.

Environmental Awareness

- An assessment is being undertaken on the possibility of introducing an ebike rental scheme for commuters in Bray. Discussions have taken place with three service providers and each has been asked to submit a

proposal on how they would operate a service for Bray. The aim is to find a service provider who will trial a scheme for 12 months.

- An application submitted to the Regional Waste Management Office for funding to work with Wicklow Naturally to look at better waste segregation practice in the food sector and waste prevention for the sector has been successful. One initiative will be promotion of a deposit return scheme for coffee shops. Training will also be provided on waste segregation and waste prevention.
- Wicklow is participating in the Rubbish Film festival with Create Schools based in Clermont. The schools participation is funded by Wicklow County Council. Five schools have registered for the project.
- A Bikes for Africa project with the Rotary Clubs of Wicklow and Bray has exceeded targets receiving over 150 bikes. The bikes will now be repaired in Shelton Abbey Open Prison before being shipped to The Gambia.
- A travel survey was undertaken with staff and will be used to look at what options can be explored to reduce car dependence for staff.
- The annual Tidy Towns, Estates and Sustainable Development awards for Tidy Towns, residents associations, community groups, businesses and schools were judged. The awards have been linked to the Sustainable Development Goals.
- Thirty community groups were awarded a tree grant in October and planting is now under way. Three further applicants were received and are being processed.
- A Climate Action for TY event was held in October. It will be held in the Brockagh Centre and Raoul Empey of Sustineo was the key note speaker. 140 students from four Wicklow secondary schools participated.
- To mark October Feast, talks on food waste were given in Blessington and Greystones libraries.

Sustainable Energy Committees

A one day study tour for SECs with completed EMP's was planned to Dunleer SEC in Co. Louth. Participating SECs were invited to collaborate on a joint project to identify houses for a Community Fund retrofitting project.

Greystones SEC is leading on a solar meitheal project which aims to group householders looking to install solar panels on their properties together as one project with the aim of getting a better price while also help to ensure all household get a quality installation. Several SECs are participating.

The Energy Master Plan for Blessington is now complete. Work is near completion on the Energy Master Plans for High Park. In Arklow survey work is being undertaken. A new application for an Energy Master Plan has been received from Carnew Community Care. Newtownmountkennedy, Glenmalure, Greystones, Enniskerry, Wicklow and Laragh have also completed Energy Master Plans.

Pollution Control

Pollution Response & Investigation

- 3 Water pollution complaints investigated and 3 closed.
- 3 Air pollution complaints 3 closed.

- 3 Noise pollution complaints investigated and 1 closed.

Water Framework Directive National Monitoring Programme

- 9 Lakes monitored for checking compliance with environmental quality standards
- 40 Rivers monitored involving 184 samples for compliance with environmental quality standards.

Water Framework Directive River Basin Management

- Water Quality in Ireland Report 2006-2021 published by EPA.
- Nearly half of Ireland's surface waters are in an unsatisfactory condition caused by human activities that cause water pollution or habitat degradation.
- 50% Rivers, 69% Lakes, 36% Estuaries and 81% Coastal Waters are good or better.
- The picture in Wicklow is expected to buck the trend and show an improved situation – awaiting release of data from the EPA.
- Main causes in order of magnitude are run-off from farm yards and land, drainage and barriers in rivers, discharges poorly treated sewage from urban wastewater treatment plants, domestic wastewater treatment system and storm water overflows and run-off from forestry.
- WFD Directive requires that all waters are protected and restored to satisfactory condition by 2027.

Deco Paints and Solvent Regulations.

- 1 Vehicle refinisher (car spraying) installation was issued a compliance certificate.
- 1 Dry Cleaner installation was inspected.

Petrol Vapour Recovery Regulations.

- 1 Filling station was inspected.

Smokeless Coal Regulations

- New regulations governing the sale and distribution of solid fuels came into effect on 31st October this year. These extend the ban on the sale and distribution of smoky solid fuels to the entire county and countrywide and make retailers and transporters (including couriers) legally liable for the product which they carry for sale or distribution.
- The sale of turf is also banned in all circumstances. People with turbarry rights may still cut and burn their own turf, as well as gift it to family, friends etc.
- The moisture content of timber is also regulated for the first time and is required to carry specific labelling.
- All solid fuel packaging must carry the label "Contents Comply with Air Pollution Act Regulations".
- Interim measures are to apply for labelling in the 2022/2023 season.

Septic Tank Inspections - National Inspection Plan 2022-2026

- 1 Preparation of Inspection Plan

- 1 Inspection of domestic waste water treatment systems carried out and found compliant.

Drinking Water Regulations – Non-exempted Private Supplies

- 18 Regulated Private Water Supplies were monitored and compliant with tested parameters
- 2 Regulated Private Water Supply was monitored with non-compliances with the microbiological parameters.
- 3 Regulated Private Water Supply was monitored with non-compliances with the pH parameters.
- 1 Boil Water Notice was issued in consultation with the HSE and proprietor requested to take remedial action.
- 1 Boil Water Notice was lifted in consultation with the HSE after remedial action was taken by the proprietor.

Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plants – Ambient Monitoring

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

Planning & Development

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

Well Grants

- 9 Number of New Applications
- 3 Number of New Wells Granted
- 8 Number of New Pumps Granted
- 12 Number of New Equipment (Filters etc.) Granted
- 19 Number of Inspections in advance/after works

Harbours and Ports

Activity at Wicklow Port - Shipping Movements

Month / Year	Ships	Single (Import or Export)	Double (Import & Export)	Transactions	Imports	Exports
Jan-22	5	4	1	6	4	2
Feb-22	5	6	0	6	5	1
Mar-22	11	8	3	14	10	4
Apr-22	9	9	0	9	7	2
May-22	8	8	0	8	7	1
Jun-22	7	5	2	9	7	2
Jul-22	10	8	2	12	9	3
Aug-22	8	6	2	10	7	3

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Sep-22	9	8	1	10	8	2
Oct-22	6	5	1	7	6	1
Total	78	67	12	91	70	21

Arklow Flood Relief Scheme

In July An Bord Pleanála published two orders approving the Planning Application (EIAR) and Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) for Arklow Flood Relief Scheme. As the Judicial Review period has expired, Wicklow County Council has moved to confirm the CPO and procure the detailed design to allow construction proceed. The Council will also procure further Archaeological and other surveys in the coming months to inform the detailed design.

Flooding at the Breaches, Kilcoole – two options are now being considered by NPWS for the management of water on their lands.

4. Transportation, Water & Emergency Services

Transportation

Public lighting

For your information below is a comparison on the number of outstanding faults. Please find attached the latest update on the outstanding public faults. The total number of faults currently outstanding stands at **396 - 2.61%** Please note that some of these faults are dependent on ESB attendance and co-operation.

Status	ARKLOW MD	BALTINGLASS MD	BRAY MD	GREYSTONES MD	WICKLOW MD	Grand Total
Access Issues (Attend)	5	1	1	1	3	11
Cable Fault (Attend)		1	1		1	3
ESB Required (Attended)	7	3	4	8	11	33
Knock Down (Attended)						0
Materials required	1	1				2
No Supply	1	1	2	3	1	8
On Hold		3	13		4	20
Submitted	28	49	89	59	58	283
TMR	4	5	8	7	5	29
Tree cutting required	2			1	4	7
Grand Total	48	64	118	79	87	396
Percentage Not Working	1.63%	2.67%	3.54%	2.84%	2.37%	2.61%

	10/10/22	17/10/22	25/10/22	01/11/22	14/11/22	14/11/22
Access Issues (Attend)	5	6	6	6	9	11
Cable Fault (Attend)	3	3	3	3	12	3
ESB Required (Attended)	28	28	28	28	28	33
Knock Down (Attended)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Materials required	2	2	2	2	2	2
No Supply	8	8	8	8	8	8
On Hold	19	20	18	18	18	20
Submitted	221	213	268	263	302	283
TMR	32	30	30	32	33	29
Tree cutting required	8	8	8	8	9	7
Total	326	318	371	368	421	396
Percentage not working	2.15%	2.10%	2.45%	2.43%	2.78%	2.62%

Public Consultation- Speed Limits

Speed Limit review has been published to make Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws in respect of certain national, regional and local roads within the administrative area of County Wicklow following a review of speed limits in accordance the “Guidelines for Setting and Managing Speed Limits in Ireland” issued by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport (March 2015).

The “Draft” Speed Limit Bye-Laws together with associated maps are available for inspection at Wicklow County Council Offices during normal office hours 9.00am to 5.00pm from Wednesday, 12th October, 2022 to Friday, 25th November, 2022

The “Draft” Bye-Laws are also available for inspection or download on the Council's website <https://www.wicklow.ie/Living/ConsultationHub>

Submissions and observations with respect to the “Draft County Wicklow Road Traffic Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws of 2022” can be made at www.wicklow.ie/Living/ConsultationHub or in writing to the Senior Executive Officer, Transport & Roads Infrastructure, Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow, Co. Wicklow marked “Draft County Wicklow Road Traffic Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws of 2022” to or by e-mail to speedlimits@wicklowcoco.ie.

The latest date for receipt of objections or submissions regarding this matter is 12:00 noon on Friday, 25th November 2022.

Transportation Statistics

	Total 2020	Total 2021	Total 2022	September 2022	October 2022
Solicitors Queries	842	923	710	80	74
Road closure applications	23	53	69	12	4
Road Opening licences	1279	1575	1209	155	117
Abnormal Load applications	33	54	50	5	4

TRANSPORTATION

M11N11 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 has been provided to continue during 2022. 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 in advance of the main scheme between Loughlinstown Roundabout and Junction 9 (Glenview). The scheme is currently at the Options Selection phase (Phase 2 of TII’s Project Management Guidelines).

A non-statutory public consultation on the preferred option commenced on 28th November 2022. A two day public consultation event took place in the Glenview Hotel on the 28th and 29th November 2022. Submissions will be accepted up until 22 December 2022.

The public consultation information is available to view on the BPIS project website www.n11m11bpis.ie. This website will provide up to date information on the progress of the scheme.

N11 Parallel Service Road at Kilmacanogue

A noise assessment of the 7 no residential properties that are adjacent to the new Parallel Service Road Scheme was carried out during April and May 2022. The draft report concluded that the change in junction layout does not change the noise levels at nearby properties when compared to the previous layout. However when road traffic speeds are increased to 100km/h along the N11, noise levels were elevated at the nearest noise sensitive locations by up to 4.5

dB Lden. This would cause a potentially significant impact to the receptors along the N11. Following on from this report, feasible noise mitigation measures are now being investigated.

N81 Knockroe Bend Realignment

The tenders for the Per Cent Art Feature are being procured by the Arts Officer. A Design & Delivery Competition for new public sculpture closed on e-tenders on 23rd November 2022.

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

Following completion of Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) Phase 1 feasibility studies (N81 Four Studies – Feasibility Report), Wicklow County Council will now look to progress the following two projects:

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

Wicklow County Council have commenced the procurement of Technical Advisors to undertake planning and design services under TII Project Management Guideline Phases 2 to 4 (inclusive), with the aim to appoint an advisor and commence Phase 2 early in 2023.

N81 Pavement Capital Works

Resurfacing works of 1km of the N81 between Tuckmill and Saundersgrove will be tendered for in 2022. The design of the pavement is being carried out, expected to be completed in 2023.

N81 Capital Maintenance

Resurfacing work at Monaspick and Annalecky was completed in May. Drainage works at Mullycagh and Tinode were completed during October 2022.

N81 Fencing Retrofit

The contract for the fencing was completed in November 2022.

N81 Invasive Species Removal

Annual treatment completed in September 2022.

N81 Bus Stop at Hollywood

Following comments received from TII, further work is being undertaken to look at the proposal in more detail. The scope of the study has been extended to consider possible improvements for vulnerable road users at the junction. TII have provided funding for this further study.

Arklow Public Realm

Parade Ground Public Realm works in the last month as follows:

Main Street South

- Continue with Paved Area in the same vicinity of the Planter walls and Bus Stop.
- Install Public Lighting Column Lanterns
- Remove Existing Lighting Columns
- Road Reconstruction
- Line Marking
- Install Finger Post Signs
- Planting Main Street North
- Complete Paving
- Plaster Castle Retaining Wall
- Install Public Lighting Column Lanterns
- Remove Existing Lighting Columns
- Road Reconstruction
- Line Marking
- Install Finger Post Signs
- Planting
- CCTV of new Stormwater Drainage System

The Contractor is currently on track to complete the site works (i.e. complete landscaping, line marking and final commissioning) by Friday 18th November 2022.

Arklow to Shillelagh Greenway

The route options continue to be revisited for a few sections of the proposed greenway route with updated ecological surveys just having been completed on those sections. The role of independent agronomist has just been appointed; the Agronomist's details will be communicated to Landowners in the coming weeks.

Baltinglass Town Centre Plan

Wicklow County Council has conducted the procurement process for a contractor and submitted the Tender Report and recommendation. Additional funding is required over and above the original allocation and reports have been prepared to aid those discussions. Award of contract is to be undertaken once approvals have been obtained.

Blessington Inner Relief Road

Detailed design along with the preparation of associated documents to allow the Council to seek statutory approval is ongoing.

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

Consultants continue to proceed with the detailed design with the preparation of the tender documents. Notices to Treat will be issued within the coming weeks, which will commence formal discussions on compensation.

Redford Junction

The Part 8 was approved by the Members of Greystones MD in October 2022. Work has commenced in the preparation of detailed design and the preparation of tender documents to allow the project to proceed to construction.

Winter Maintenance

The winter maintenance season commenced on the 15th October 2022 and will continue until the end of April 2023. To date weather has been extremely mild and consequently no salting has occurred to date.

SUMMARY OF SEASON TO DATE	
No. of Weeks Completed to date (out of 28 weeks)	4
No. of Days Completed	28
Total number of salting nights	0
Percentage no. of Nights when salting occurred	0.00%
Total number of routes salted	0
Total estimate tonnage used	0

Wicklow Greystones Greenway

Wicklow County Council has just recently appointed consultants to this project, an inception meeting between the Council and the Consultants will take place in the coming weeks. The consultant will be tasked with carrying out detailed environmental surveys and develop and bring forward the project to statutory approval stage.

Blessington eGreenway

Planning documents under Section 177AE of the Planning and Development Act were lodged with An Bord Pleanála with the end date - 4th March 2022. No update has been received yet from An Bord Pleanála on a likely decision date. It is still anticipated that an oral hearing will be required by ABP before any decision is made.

Active Travel Updates

Glenart pedestrian link (Arklow MD)

Pedestrian accessibility link improvements at the rear of the Woodlands housing development located between Lamberton and Glenart. The works will involve the construction of a pedestrian access ramp and the installation of public lighting along the scheme. Contractors have been appointed for the project.

Herbert Road (Bray MD)

Construction of approx. 400m of pedestrian footpath in order to connect the end of the existing footpath on Herbert Road to the pedestrian footbridge on the N11. On completion of the scheme, pedestrians coming from the Bray direction will have uninterrupted pedestrian facilities on the bus stops located on the R-117. Works have commenced on the project and should be substantially completed by the end of November.

Ashford to New Developments footpath (Wicklow MD)

Improve pedestrian facilities along the R-764 by widening the footpath and upgrading the public lighting. Works have commenced on the project.

Bellevue Junction Improvement works in Delgany. (Greystones MD)

Upgrading of the junction of the R-762 and Bellevue Hill. The project will improve pedestrian accessibility and safety and enhance village centre aesthetics by widening and landscaping the paved pedestrian areas, upgrading public transport facilities, undergrounding services and upgrading public lighting. Works have commenced on the project and should take approx. 14 weeks.

Sidmonton Square (Bray MD)

Accessibility improvements to improve the safety of pedestrians. Works have commenced on the project and should be substantially completed by the end of November.

Powerscourt National School (Bray MD)

Pedestrian improvements adjacent to Powerscourt National School to improve the safety of children and pedestrians. Works have commenced and will take approximately one month to complete.

Kilpedder to Willow Grove Rapid Deployment Scheme (Wicklow MD)

Construction of approx. 960m of new and upgraded footpaths with public lighting, along the L-5406 between Kilpedder to Willow Grove. Works have commenced on the project.

Greystones Seafront to Kilcoole (Greystones MD)

Provision of approx. 4000m of cycle and pedestrian route from Greystones Seafront through Charlesland to Lott Lane, Kilcoole. Inception meeting held for the project.

Sea Road to Train Station Kilcoole (Greystones MD)

Provision of approx. 1200m of cycle and pedestrian facilities from Sea Road to Kilcoole Train Station. Inception meeting held for the project.

Wicklow - Rathnew Transport Study (Wicklow MD)

A transport strategy for the Wicklow Town – Rathnew area which will provide a strategic framework for the development of better integrated and more legible transport services. It will also identify specific priorities for the development of public transport, walking, cycling and road facilities. Tenders have been advertised for consultants to manage the study.

Scalp Pedestrian and Cycle Improvement Scheme (Bray MD)

Tenders have been advertised for consultants to manage the Preliminary Stage and Options Assessment Stage of the scheme, which looked into the feasibility of the provision of cycling facilities and improved pedestrian facilities between Enniskerry and Kilternan.

Rocky Road, Wicklow Main Street to Marlton Road (Wicklow MD)

Provision of approx. 1000m of pedestrian and cycle facilities along Rocky Road, Wicklow Town. Inception meeting to be held for the project.

R- 772 Ashford (Wicklow MD)

Provision of approx. 1000m of cycle facilities and footpath improvement works along R-772 Road in Ashford linking the residential developments at Rosanna to the south and the Holy Rosary National School to the north. Inception meeting to be held for the project.

Cunningham's Corner, Roundwood

Works on Cunningham's Corner, Roundwood have now been completed. The completion of this safety improvement scheme will improve the road, providing a safer transport route on this key piece of infrastructure.

Emergency Services

Operational Fire Statistics October 2022

	Total stations	Bray	Greystones	Wicklow	Rathdrum	Arklow	Blessington	Dunlavin	Baltinglass	Carnew	Tinahely
Call sign		1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.9	2.1
Two Stations Mobilised											
Fire Domestic Persons Reported	0										
Fire Domestic	18	3	3	4	3	1	1	1		1	1
Fire Caravan	0										
Road Traffic Collision (RTC)	28	5	6	8	7	1					1
Fire Vehicle (HGV /motorway)	2			1	1						
Hazardous Materials Incident	0										
Fire Industrial / Commercial	2						1	1			
Fire Barn / Shed / Prefab	0										
One Station Mobilised											
Fire Alarm or CO ₂ Activation	32	13	5	5	5		2	1		1	
Fire Outdoor: Gorse / bushes	7	3	3	1							
Fire Chimney	5			2		1			1		1
Fire Small / bin / skip / bonfire	47	24	12	4		4	3				
Fire Vehicle	3	1		2							
Flooding	9	3	5	1							
Trees Down, Make Scene Safe	2		1				1				
Ambulance Assist / Medical Assist	12	4	2		1				4	1	
Garda Assist	0										
Electrical Incident	1		1								
Gas Leak	0										

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River / Water Rescue	1								1		
Fire Oil / Petrol	0										
Explosion	0										
Entrapment / Rescue / Lift	0										
Oil Spill / Road Hazard	1							1			
Animal Rescue	0										
Lock In / Lock Out	1			1							
False Alarm – Good Intent	5	2	1	1		1					
Malicious False Alarm	0										
Mobilised into other County	13					8		3	1		1
Times Stations mobilised	189	58	39	30	17	16	8	7	7	3	4

There were **164 incidents** attended during the month of October 2022. Individual Fire Stations were mobilised on a total of **189 occasions** including 13 incidents in other counties.

Operational activity for the month of October **increased by 44% (+58 mobilisations) on the preceding month** September 2022 – 131 mobilisations). This was mainly due to an increase in Bonfires +19 (up from 28 to 48), RTCs +5 incidents, +10 mobilisations (up from 18 to 28), alarm activations +14 (up from 18 to 32) and flooding's +9 (up from zero to 9). The increase in Bonfires due mainly to Halloween period occurred despite action taken in conjunction with Gardaí, Environmental Wardens and by interacting with local businesses to eliminate the supply of combustible materials.

Operational activity for the month of October 2022 **was up 49% (+62 mobilisations) on the equivalent month in 2021** (October 2021 – 127 mobilisations). When compared year on year increases occurred in mobilisations to domestic fires +16 (up from 2 to 18), RTCs +14 (up from 14 to 28), alarm activations +18 (up from 14 to 32) and flooding +9 (up from zero to 9). Bonfires were the same as 2021. The increased activity was mainly in Greystones, Rathdrum and Arklow.

Sample Incidents (October 2022)

- 09/10/2022 Tinahely and Carnew crews responded to a domestic fire in Tinahely.
- 13/10/2022 Rathdrum and Tinahely crews attended a 2-vehicle RTC with 2 casualties in Glenmalure.
- 18/10/2022 Bray and Greystones crews attended a 4-vehicle RTC at junction 6 on the N11.
- 23/10/2022 Wicklow town and Rathdrum crews attended a 2-vehicle (head on) collision with 2 casualties trapped in Rathnew.
- 27/10/2022 Blessington and Dunlavin crews attended an industrial fire in Blessington.

Incidents in County Kildare (4-incidents):

- 09/10/2022 Dunlavin Crew attended a single vehicle RTC on the M9.
- 11/10/2022 Dunlavin Crew attended a chimney fire in Calverstown.
- 13/10/2022 Baltinglass Crew attended 3 vehicle RTC in Castledermot.
- 22/10/2022 Dunlavin attended a single vehicle RTC in Ballyshannon.

Incidents in County Wexford (9-incidents):

- 14/10/2022 Arklow Crew attended an outdoor fire in Coolgreaney.
- 18/10/2022 Tinahely Crew attended a car fire in Hollyfort.
- 18/10/2022 Arklow Crew attended a single car RTC in Gorey.
- 20/10/2022 Arklow Crew attended a single car RTC in Ballygarrett.
- 24/10/2022 Arklow Crew attended a domestic fire in Ballyminaunhill.
- 26/10/2022 Arklow Crew attended flooding on M11 near Gorey.
- 26/10/2022 Arklow Crew attended a 2-car RTC at Ramstown.

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- 27/10/2022 Arklow crew attended single car RTC on M11 at Junction 22.
- 31/10/2022 Arklow Crew attended an outdoor fire at Coolgreaney.

General

- Station Officer Martin Keogh retired from Blessington Fire Station after 27 years' service.
- 7 new firefighters started in the service during September and October.
- A recruitment campaign for Blessington was launched in October by HR.
- All fire stations took part in activities as part of national Fire Safety Week.
- Bray Training Centre hosted two 1-week National Officer Courses for NDFEM.
- 5 Personnel attended Agri-Rescue Workshops held in Nenagh.

Fire Prevention Statistics October 2022

Application type	Received	Deemed Invalid	Requested additional information	Inspections	Recommended Grant
Fire Safety Certificates	14	1	11		13
Regularisation Certificates			2	1	
FSC as part of 7 Day Notice					
Disability Access Certificates	4	1	1		4

The Chief Fire Officer was forwarded correspondence in relation to 9 planning files during the month of October 2022. The Chief Fire Officer made recommendations in relation to 8 of these files.

Licensing	Received	Inspected	Request further info	Letter Issued	No objection entered on Courts on-line Service
District	5	5	3	25	3
Circuit					
Dangerous Substances Act					
Explosive Act	6			6	

Commencement Notices for October 2022:

Commencement Notices Submitted: 38

- 13 Commencement Notices with Compliance Documents
- 17 Opt Out Declarations
- 4 Commencement Notices without Compliance Documents
- 4 Seven day Notice

Submission Statistics

- 45 % of Commencement Notices - Opt Out
- 95 % of Commencement Notices Revised Information required & requested = 36 No. Commencement Notices (CN) of which

12 are Compliance Documentation (33%)

17 are Opt Out (47%)

3 Without Compliance Documentation (8%)

4 Seven Day Notice (11%)

- 23 Valid Commencement Notices
- 84 new build residential Units
- Invalidated CNs for October = 0

- **Certificates of Completion processed in October 2022**

- 27 New No. of CCC submitted
- 20 Required Revised Information
- 29 No. Validated
- 0 No. Invalid
- 210 new residential units & 114 Apartments & duplexes validated

Submission Statistics

31 No. Validated CCCs related to;

22 No CCCs submitted in October 2022

9 No CCCs submitted in September 2022

**BCA not notified on completion of opt out developments

Building Control continues to experienced high construction activity & completion of units in October 2022. 84 new residential units in were notified to LA for Commencement and 210 newly completed residential units and 114 new Duplex units were submitted, assessed and validated in October.

Building Control continued with site inspection in October to identify non-compliances with Building Regs onsite and 2 No. Section 11 Compliance Requests were issued.

Revised Information requests were extremely high in October for both Commencement Notices and Certificates of Compliance on Completion, 95% of Commencement Notice submissions & 75% of Certificate of Compliance on Completion submissions required revised information. It should be further noted that some Opt Out Submissions are requiring 2 to 3 Revised information requests which results in submissions being assessed 2 to 3 times to ensure compliance prior to commencement.

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. Unfortunately as the construction sector activity has increased, the quality of submissions has decreased, which is leading to delays in validation of submissions.

NBC&MSO Quarterly Newsletter dated September 2022 has requested LA's to focus resources on compliance with Building Regulations in Opt Out Submissions, Wicklow Building Control continue to perform rigorous assessment of submissions at commencement stage and onsite presence during constructions. These methods remain the best way to promote compliance with Building Regs.

Parking Income

Parking Income by Municipal District	EURO
Bray Municipal District	841,650
Greystones Municipal District	238,291
Wicklow Municipal District	335,890
Arklow Municipal District	194,224
Parking Permits	61,060
Parking Fines	291,830
Wicklow County Council	1,962,944

Water Services

In Quarter 3 2022, Wicklow County Council staff continued to provide Water and Wastewater Services under the current Service Level Agreement (SLA) with Irish Water.

Annual Service Plan 2022

Wicklow County Council works alongside Irish Water in line with Key Performance Indicators under the Annual Service Plan. As a part of the Annual Service Plan, Water Services in Wicklow County Council is required to deliver on performance measures and Key Performance Indicators.

The Annual Service Plan 2022 outlines all 69 performance measures alongside all corresponding baselines and targets. Each measure and associated objective has been grouped into one of four categories, namely: -

- 1. Learning & Growth (7 measures)**
Objective: To continuously improve and drive transformation and change initiatives
- 2. Customer (17 measures)**
Objective: Providing services that are valued by customers. This is influenced by the CRU Customer Handbook and proposed Performance Assessment metrics
- 3. Internal Process / Compliance (30 measures)**
Objective: Adherence to all reporting requirements and meeting regulatory requirements as set out by the relevant statutory and regulatory bodies, e.g. CRU and EPA
- 4. Financial (15 measures)**
Objective: Providing a cost effective service, within budgetary constraints
Within the four categories of performance measures there are three distinct tiers:

1. KPIs – 17 measures
2. Operational Measures – 39 measures
3. Tracking Measures – 6 measures

Drinking Water

Wicklow County Council staff work with Irish Water under a service level agreement (SLA) to provide safe and clean drinking water to the people of Wicklow. This year the Council continues to work under changes to the working environment that were brought in due to Covid-19. Normal operation and maintenance works have been on-going with caretakers, leakage locators, plumbers and leakage inspectors ensuring quality and supplies from water treatment plants (WTPs) and within networks, haven't been affected during this period. Administration, outdoor, technical and engineering staff continue to work together to ensure the best service is delivered on a daily basis.

Operation and Maintenance Works:

Reservoir Cleaning:

There is an on-going program of reservoir cleaning and repair currently being carried out by Irish Water and the water services staff of Wicklow County Council, to ensure the highest quality water is supplied and distributed into the networks. Site visits have been completed on 20 reservoirs due for cleaning in 2022. This year service cleaning inspections have taken place at reservoirs in Giltspur, Priestnewtown, Tinahely, Rathdrum, Redcross Intermediate, Ballydonnell, Ballinaclash, Ballymurtagh and at the three reservoirs in Lamberton (Arklow). Cleaning works completed at Broomhall and finishing up at Glending. Cleaning works at Raheen and Barnbawn are to be completed before the end of 2022.

Burst Mains & Leak Repairs:

On a daily basis, there are burst mains and leak repair carried out by Wicklow County Council water services staff. Often, these are on smaller mains but regularly they are on larger pipes on roads and can cause a lot of disruption. This can be due to older pipes, pressure build up or pipe strikes. These incidents can happen at any time during the day or night and water leakage inspectors, leakage locators, plumbers and external contractors make themselves available to fix these issues.

Leakage Equipment Pilot:

Wicklow County Council is currently involved in trialling new leakage equipment on behalf of Irish Water. This equipment detects noise on the network and gives the leakage crews locations of possible leaks. Loggers are currently being used in Wicklow Town following trials in Bray, Delgany, Blessington, Kilpedder and Arklow. In total Wicklow County Council has got 400 leakage loggers available for deployment. The Council has 150 extra leakage loggers than it had in Q1 so the capacity for leakage detection has increased.

Water Network Programme: Mains Rehab.

Irish Water, in partnership with Wicklow County Council, are currently progressing a number of water improvement projects, to improve security of supply, water quality and reduce the levels of leakage.

- Palermo Bray – Complete.
- Trafalgar Road Greystones – Complete.
- Roundwood Rationalisation – Complete.
- Barndarrig Rationalisation – Complete.

- Avondale Park Bray – Complete.
- Windgates rationalisation – Complete.
- Newtownmountkennedy mains rehab – Complete.
- Woodstock Road, Newtownmountkennedy – Complete.

Pressure Management

Irish Water, in partnership with Wicklow County Council, are currently progressing a number of pressure management projects, to improve security of supply and reduce the levels of leakage across Wicklow. Up to the end of Q3 there are 110 PRV controllers installed across the county which help control and stabilise the pressure throughout the network.

District Metering Areas (DMA)

Through the Irish Water, Water Network Programme, Wicklow County Council is currently replacing DMA flow meters across the county in order to track and manage the leakage in the metered water network more efficiently.

Capital Projects

- Glenealy/Rathdrum. Irish Water has appointed Design Consultants for this commission.
- Dunlavin rationalisation – at final design.
- Aughrim, Ballymorris – at construction stage.
- Old Connaught Woodbrook Water Supply Scheme – Contract awarded at the end of Q2. At construction stage.

Waste Water

Waste Water Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Section

The primary function of the Waste Water Section, working under the Service Level Agreement (SLA) with Irish Water, is the on-going management, operation and maintenance of existing waste water treatment plants, in order to ensure continued production of effluent discharges to the environment to required standards and to keep the waste water collection network running properly.

The Waste Water Section also organises regular compliance sampling, and testing of effluent parameters and reporting of results (to Irish Water/Environmental Protection Agency).

So far in 2022, there have been no ELV parameter exceedances which represents the best compliance performance in any year to date (for the first 9 months of year).

In addition, reports are provided to Irish Water as to feasibility and particular requirements in relation to connection applications and pre-connection enquiries (received by IW) and similarly in relation to planning applications.

Capital Maintenance & Minor Capital Improvement Works

O&M expenditure falls under two main headings or funding sources – i) day to day operational goods and services and ii) Capital Maintenance (CM). Capital Maintenance expenditure essentially provides for the like-for-like replacement of components and equipment, as and when required due to normal wear and tear or breakdown.

From time to time (subject to various issues, including level of staffing available) more substantial or notable works are proposed by WCC (and if approved by IW) are progressed by the Wicklow County Council O&M Section under CM funding. There were no such notable projects completed or effectively underway in Q3 2022.

Irish Water Capital Works (Waste Water)

[Note Wicklow County Council has no role in the delivery of the following Irish Water projects]

Arklow Wastewater Treatment Plant:

Irish Water continues to make substantial progress in advancing this essential project for the people of Arklow. Looking back since the first overturned sod marked the beginning of a busy year of construction, the existing buildings on the treatment plant site were demolished and the inlet pump station and the treatment plant buildings have progressed significantly. Out in the town on the network sites, the underground tunnel along the North Quay containing a new interceptor sewer has been completed. The river crossing tunnel and the installation of a new interceptor sewer on the South Quay has started and will continue into 2023.

The project will bring significant benefits to the local community including environmental protection and improved water quality in the River Avoca for angling, water sports, and marine life. It will also act as a catalyst for housing and support economic growth and development in the town.

Blessington Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade:

The upgrade to the Blessington WWTP is ongoing and is anticipated to be completed in Q4 of 2022. The Upgrade will increase the PE into the plant and allow planning applications that have been granted, subject to planning permission to be progressed.

Avoca Wastewater Treatment Plant

Further Information requested by Planning Authority is expected to be submitted by IW by mid/late November 2022.

Aughrim Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade: - (Small Town & Village Growth Programme)

This Project is currently with IW asset delivery section and is in the early stages of design etc. No recent status/progress update has been received.

Tinahely Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade:- In Q3, IW asset strategy personnel visited the Tinahely wwtp site to obtain/confirm details of existing infrastructure, as a prelude to assessing and establishing requirements and scope of (any) proposed plant upgrade and associated cost estimates for subsequent review and hopefully approval for handover to asset delivery section to progress the project to completion.

Key Performance Indicators (KPI's):

Under the Annual Service Plan with Irish Water, Wicklow County Council continued to be scored on Key Performance Indicators. The 2022 Q3 score was 91.5% which reflects the excellent performance of Wicklow County Council staff across all pillars within the Annual Service plan throughout the year. The Quarter 3 report for 2022 includes:

- A score of 100% was achieved for Timely Response to Workflow Queries
- A score of 100% for Drinking Water Supply – Microbiological Compliance
- A score of 100% for Waste Water Treatment – Incident Reporting (Category 1-5)

(Based on Irish Water ASP Monthly Report Quarter 3 2022).

Organisational Development & Financial Matters

1. HR & Corporate Services

Recruitment

The following interviews were held in October 2022:

- Administrative Officer
- Graduate Engineer
- Graduate Planner
- Executive Planner
- Mobile Library Driver
- Clerical Officer
- Library Assistant – Shortlisting
- Craft worker/Fitter
- Staff Officer – Shortlisting
- School Traffic Warden (Bray MD)

Employee Numbers:

Employee Numbers	Q4 2021	Q1 2022	Q2 2022	Q3 2022
Managerial/Administrative	305	303	298	301
Professional/Technical	122	117	116	126
Outdoor	262	273	264	262
Temporary/Seasonal	49	44	69 (Increase due to Lifeguards)	37
Non DOHPLG	8	6	6	5
Total	746	743	753	731

Access to Information

Freedom of Information Requests

October 2022: 8	October 2021: 8
January - October 2022: 67	January - October 2021: 80

Ombudsman Requests

October 2022:	October 2021:
January - October 2022:	January - October 2021:

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Register of Electors

Since the enactment of the new Electoral Reform Act 2022 on October 13th 2022, voters have been able to log on to www.checktheregister.ie and to www.voter.ie to update their details online as well as register to vote for the first time online.

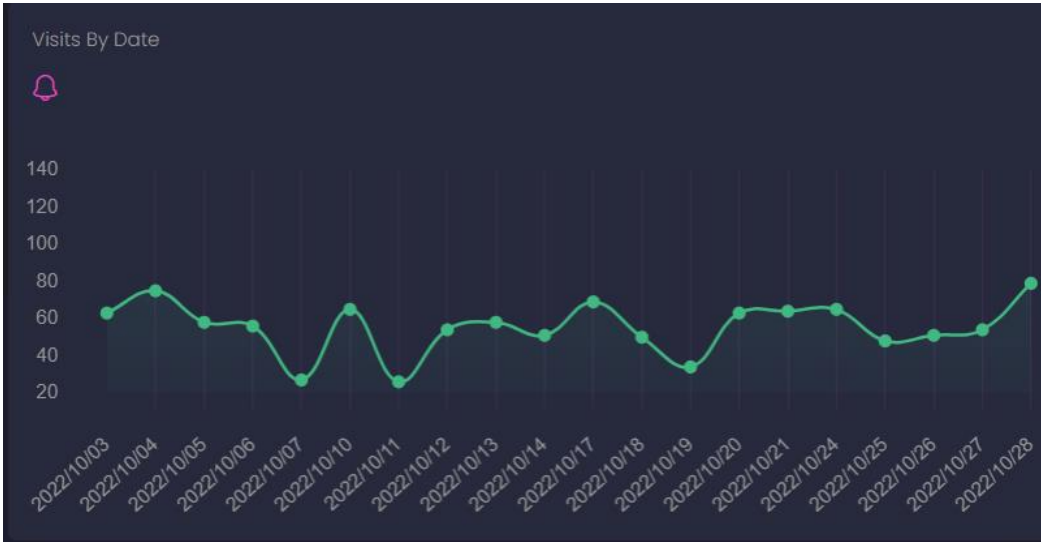
Local Authorities have been issued with a printed supply of new registration forms ERF1 and issued other form variants in pdf format to print as required.

The media campaign launched recently “The easy way to have your say” on TV and radio, encouraging voters to check that their details are correct and to register to vote. Uptake from constituents in Co. Wicklow has seen over 1035 requests to date.

Customer Service Hub

Customer Service Innovation Hub			
2022 - October			
Communication	No.	Public Counters	Transactions
No. of Phone Calls	10,430	Motor Taxation	1,572
No. of Emails	1,200	Revenue Transactions (includes phone payments)	1,596
No. of Elected Members Emails	88	Social Housing Applications	69
CRM Cases	156		

Total in person visits for October 2022 – 1,100



Official Languages (Amendment) Act 2021

Amongst the provisions of the Official Languages (Amendment) Act 2021, there is a new statutory obligation for public bodies in relation to advertising, general communications and commercial communications which engage with the public.

Section 10A. (Advertising by Public Bodies) of the Official Languages Act (Amendment) 2021 places duties on public bodies in relation to the way they communicate in the State's official languages. The advertising sector is a very important communication medium, and accordingly this new provision is expected to be of considerable importance. These provisions came into effect on 10th October 2022.

2. I.C.T.

Blended Working

The IT Department continue to plan and support the additional business needs required by implementation of Blended Working:

- Blended model for return-to-work arrangements
- Remote Working Requirements for staff of Wicklow County Council
- Government Networks
- Phone Systems
- Call Conferencing
- Communications and awareness

Upgrade of Financial Management System (Milestone 4 to Milestone 7) completed

IT Helpdesk

- The IT Helpdesk continues to streamline the workflow for the technical support team with an average of 33 tickets a day this month, providing assistance for both in-house and remote workers.
- Examination of system upgrades potential is continuing.

GIS & Systems Analysis

- Residential Zoned Land Tax Portal has gone live. Draft maps are displayed on the website and the interactive map has gone live.
- The map production of the County Development Plan (2022 - 2028) has been finalised. The relevant GIS applications have been updated with the new datasets.
- Public Consultation on a Strategic Environmental Assessment of a Draft Masterplan for Glendalough and Wicklow Mountains National Park and Visitor Orientation has commenced and is available to view on the touchscreen in the foyer.

Customer Service Delivery

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

eServices

Wicklow.ie – pageviews from June 1st, 2021, to May 31st, 2022, were 1,240,168 This is a decrease in unique pageviews of 17% compared the same period the previous year.

- Social media accounts – followers to date

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o Facebook (Wicklow County Council) – 11,107 followers. This is an increase of 36 followers or .3% on the previous month.

o Twitter (@WicklowCoCo) – 7703 followers. This is an increase of 21 followers or .3% on the previous month.

o Instagram (@WicklowCoCo) – 2843 followers. This is an increase of 35 followers or 1.25% on the previous month.

- The Online Consultation Hub on Wicklow.ie continues to feature in enhanced consultation campaigns. These have included–
 - o Redford Junction Part 8
 - o County Wicklow Disability, Inclusion and Access Strategy
 - o Draft Customer Action Plan

- Social media campaigns have continued over the last month.
 - o #KeepWell
 - o #OutdoorsForEveryone

3. Finance

Revenue Account

DRAFT REVENUE ACCOUNT							
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 31ST OCTOBER 2022							
	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	27,380,259	34,438,754	80%	(31,638,758)	(39,943,965)	79%	(4,258,499)
Road Transport & Safety	16,564,533	22,204,016	75%	(9,941,543)	(15,347,052)	65%	6,622,990
Water Services	4,446,703	5,394,788	82%	(5,327,054)	(6,561,262)	81%	(880,350)
Development Management	11,068,536	12,355,595	90%	(6,964,216)	(6,872,547)	101%	4,104,320
Environmental Services	9,580,127	12,130,078	79%	(1,284,441)	(2,083,134)	62%	8,295,686
Recreation and Amenity	7,918,434	8,498,513	93%	(1,759,432)	(1,148,299)	153%	6,159,002
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	1,163,194	1,566,840	74%	(562,870)	(809,228)	70%	600,325
Miscellaneous Services	10,675,430	10,846,102	98%	(9,371,388)	(9,033,954)	104%	1,304,041
Central Management Charges	16,494,873	20,213,476	82%	(930,951)	(1,000,000)	93%	15,563,922
Local Government Fund				(10,890,755)	(13,068,907)	83%	(10,890,755)
Pension Levy				(0)	0		(0)
Commercial Rates				(26,608,179)	(31,929,814)	83%	(26,608,179)
	105,292,089	127,648,162	82%	(105,279,586)	(127,798,162)	82%	12,503

Cashflow/Overdraft

Wicklow County Council manages its cashflow requirements on a daily basis and did not avail of its overdraft facility during the period 1st October 2022 to 31st October 2022.

Capital Account

CAPITAL ACCOUNT					
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 31ST OCTOBER 2022					
	Opening Balance at 01/01/2022	Actual Expenditure	Actual Income	Transfers to/from Reserves	Closing Balance at 31/10/2022
	€	€	€	€	€
Housing and Building	13,706,643	57,304,383	(55,308,175)	(114,000)	15,588,851
Road Transport & Safety	(35,706,853)	10,024,485	(6,801,123)	395,798	(32,087,693)
Water Services	(10,436,363)	276,333	(636,414)	(35,000)	(10,831,444)
Development Management	(25,225,375)	3,094,605	(8,915,900)	(511,836)	(31,558,506)
Environmental Services	743,438	3,330,179	(2,916,418)	(311,250)	845,949
Recreation and Amenity	446,620	2,807,362	(648,983)	(307,262)	2,297,737
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	(1,443,763)	74,324	(6,000)	(197,500)	(1,572,940)
Miscellaneous Services	(18,825,824)	3,457,301	(6,671,301)	553,802	(21,486,022)
	(76,741,477)	80,368,971	(81,904,314)	(527,248)	(78,804,066)

Commercial Rates, Rents and Loan Collections

SUMMARY OF MAJOR COLLECTIONS AT 31ST OCTOBER 2022										
Income Collection Area	Opening Balance 01/01/2022	Accrued	Vacancy Property Adjustments	Write Offs	Waivers	Total for Collection	Collected	Closing Arrears 31/10/2022	Specific Doubtful Arrears	% Collection
Rates	6,342,375	31,652,285	(94,966)	(992,388)	(1,543,696)	35,363,609	(24,915,408)	10,448,202	1,621,020	74%
Rents & Annuities	2,837,526	14,517,238	0	(21,695)	0	17,333,069	(14,119,831)	3,213,239	0	81%
Housing Loans	446,170	1,541,589	0	0	0	1,987,759	(1,972,829)	14,930	0	99%

Rates accrual represents full year accrual while rents are accruals year to date. Accruals have not yet been run for Loans for September and October due to issues with Financial Management System upgrade interfacing with Central Credit Register system. This will be resolved before annual statements issue.

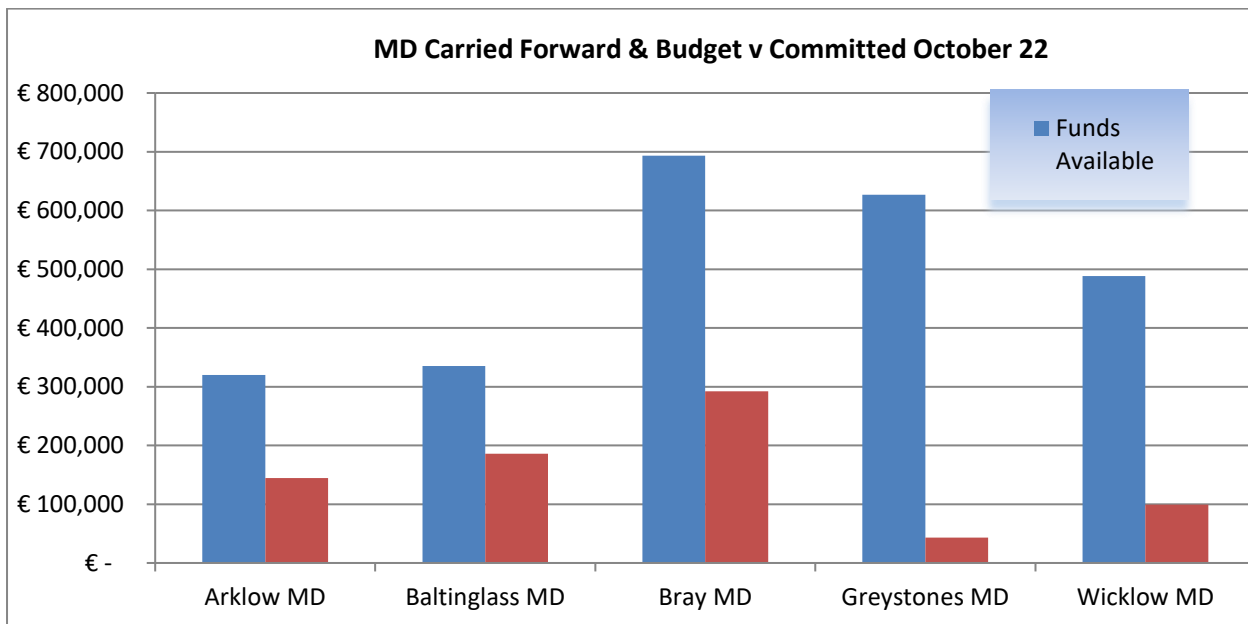
General Municipal Allocation and Discretionary Fund 2022

The decision taken by Members at the LPT meeting on July 27th 2021 to raise the LPT basic rate by 6% resulted in an additional €1,043,460 in the Revenue Budget for 2022. This money was ring-fenced for Discretionary Funding in the Municipal Districts. The total Municipal District's General Municipal Allocation funding for 2022 (excluded additional Bray MD parking income) is set out below:

Description	Arklow	Baltinglass	Bray	Greystones	Wicklow	Total
Town Twinning	6,000	3,000	10,000	6,000	6,000	31,000
Economic Development and Promotion	28,000	7,000	9,500	10,000	13,000	67,500
Christmas Festival	20,000	10,000	20,000	10,000	20,000	80,000
Festivals / Other	5,000	4,000	32,000	10,000	5,000	56,000
Civic Receptions	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	10,000
Discretionary Funding	195,649	195,649	260,865	195,649	195,649	1,043,460
Total	256,649	221,649	334,365	233,649	241,649	1,287,960

Municipal District carried forward allocation and budget '22 and expenditure for 2022 is as follows:

Municipal District	C/F from 2021	Adopted Budget 2022	Funds available to MD	Committed	Balance to Expend
	€	€	€	€	€
Arklow MD	63,471	256,649	320,120	144,690	175,430
Baltinglass MD	113,456	221,649	335,105	186,207	148,898
Bray MD	262,229	431,254	693,483	291,959	401,524
Greystones MD	393,074	233,649	626,723	43,314	583,409
Wicklow MD	246,816	241,649	488,465	99,263	389,202
Total	1,079,046	1,384,850	2,463,896	765,433	1,698,463



Capital Investment Programme 2022-2024

The Capital Investment Programme 2022-2024 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 March 21st 2022. The table below outlines the proposed capital expenditure by programme group.

PROGRAMME GROUP	Expected Outlay				Proposed Funding				
	2022	2023	2024	TOTAL	Dev Charges ¹	Loan	Grant Aid ²	Other ³	TOTAL
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
HOUSING AND BUILDING	107,820,000	104,427,500	107,603,750	319,851,250	-	26,000,000	288,594,000	5,257,250	319,851,250
ROAD TRANSPORT & SAFETY	24,647,487	29,100,107	16,356,902	70,104,496	14,713,521	7,795,000	42,632,508	4,963,467	70,104,496
WATER SERVICES	100,000	100,000	100,000	300,000	-	-	300,000	-	300,000
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT	6,550,000	10,178,000	5,962,000	22,690,000	2,897,800	2,000,000	9,627,200	8,165,000	22,690,000
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	2,920,000	10,850,000	28,550,000	42,320,000	-	-	32,060,000	10,260,000	42,320,000
RECREATION AND AMENITY	11,281,823	22,079,000	12,091,000	45,451,823	9,525,870	-	35,025,953	900,000	45,451,823
AGRICULTURAL, EDUCATION, HEALTH & WELFARE	5,150,000	16,900,000	30,682,946	52,732,946	4,585,368	-	41,647,210	6,500,368	52,732,946
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES	200,000	200,000	200,000	600,000	-	-	-	600,000	600,000
OVERALL TOTAL	158,669,310	193,834,607	201,546,598	554,050,515	31,722,559	35,795,000	449,886,871	36,646,085	554,050,515

Capital Funded Projects

Project Scheme	Project Name	Project Cost	Match Funding
NRGF	Blessington Greenway	€15,000,000	€0
URDF	Arklow Historic Town Core	€3,134,684	€783,671
URDF	Wicklow Town - Library and Fitzwilliam Square	7,034,879	€2,407,470
URDF	Bray Public Transport Bridge	€8,600,000	€1,000,000
URDF	Bray Harbour Area Integrated Regeneration	€9,520,000	€2,380,000
RRDF 2019	Blueprint for Baltinglass	€3,566,968	€891,742
RRDF 2020	Placemaking Newtownmountkennedy	€477,000	€119,250
REDF	Wicklow County Campus - Content Creation Hub	€3,500,000	€2,000,000
Fáilte Ireland Destination Towns	Abbey Grounds Wicklow Town	€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
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	€190,700	€38,140
ORIS Measure 1 2020	Avondale Avonmore	€20,330	€2,033
ORIS Measure 1 2020	Trail Digitising	€19,600	€1,960
ORIS Measure 1 2020	Tinahely	€20,000	€2,000
ORIS Measure 1 2020	Stratford	€20,000	€2,000
ORIS Measure 1 2020	Long Distance Video	€21,400	€2,140
ORIS Measure 1 2020	Brockagh Mountain Access	€11,100	€1,110
ORIS Measure 1 2020	People Counters	€22,000	€2,200
ORIS Measure 1 2020	Sean Lenihan	€21,200	€2,120
ORIS Measure 1 2020	Glenmalure Bridge	€12,500	€1,250
ORIS Measure 3 2020	Bright light Blueway	€554,820	€55,482
Sports Capital Programme	Charlesland All Weather Pitch Refurbishment -	€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	€1,646,052	€493,816
LSSIS	Charlesland Running Track	€411,674	€123,502
CLAR 2019	Rathcoyle NS	€55,556	€2,778
CLAR 2019	Knockananna	€46,000	€3,000
CLAR 2021	Knockananna community allotment	€10,830	€1,083
CLAR 2021	Askanagap	€55,557	€5,557
CLAR 2021	Knockananna	€27,514	€2,501
Dormant Accounts Action Plan 2022	Wicklow Libraries	€26,500	€2,650
	Sub-Total	€56,705,032	€11,312,089

Project Scheme	Project Name	Project Cost	Match Funding
T&V 2018	Blessington	€100,000	€20,000
T&V 2018	Wicklow	€150,000	€30,000
T&V 2019	Dunlavin	€26,216	€2,623
T&V 2019	Coolkenno	€30,000	€3,000
T&V 2019	Aughrim	€119,500	€17,925
T&V 2019	Redcross	€100,000	€20,000
T&V 2019	Delgany	€37,000	€3,700
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Bundled	€28,000	€2,800
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Dunlavin	€4,950	€495
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Roundwood	€40,000	€4,000
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Ballinaclash	€44,000	€4,400
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Enniskerry	€44,000	€4,400
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Laragh	€27,000	€2,700
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Tinahely	€5,500	€550
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Baltinglass	€10,000	€1,000
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Arklow	€39,500	€3,950
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Wicklow	€44,444	€4,444
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Greystones	€44,444	€4,444
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Rathdrum	€27,000	€2,700
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Broadband Connection Points	€44,444	€4,444
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Kilcoole	20,000	2,000
T&V 2020 Main	Stratford	€200,000	€22,222
T&V 2020 Main	Avoca	€100,000	€11,111
T&V 2020 Main	Enniskerry	€100,000	€11,111
T&V 2020 Main	Annamoe	€100,000	€11,111
T&V 2021	Ballinaclash	€70,000	€7,000
T&V 2021	Donard	€29,000	€2,900
T&V 2021	Wicklow	€245,931	€24,593
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	€50,000	€5,000
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	€33,000	€3,300
ORIS 2022 M1	Ballyboy Equestrian Trail	€33,000	€3,300
ORIS 2022 M1	Glen Turn Cliff Walk	€33,300	€3,600
ORIS 2022 M1	Miners Way	€28,000	€2,800
ORIS 2022 M1	Red Kite Loop	€33,000	€3,300
ORIS 2022 M1	West Wicklow Access Points	€33,000	€3,300
ORIS 2022 M1	Wicklow Uplands	€33,000	€3,300
REISS (REDF)	Wicklow Naturally Food Incubation and Innovation Centre	€249,500	€49,900
	Total to date	€59,816,421	€11,670,872