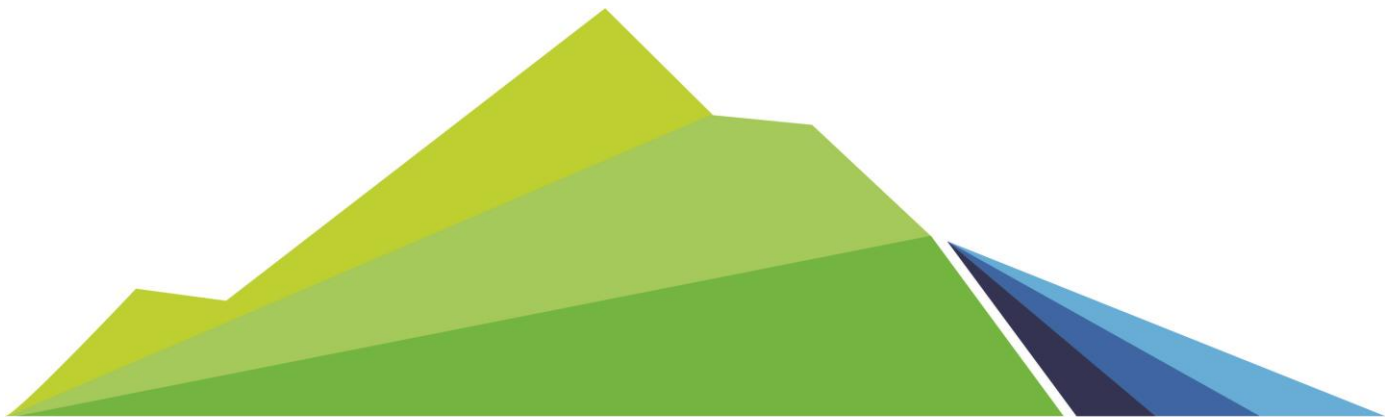




Wicklow County Council Chief Executive's Monthly Report



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This month:

Additional Funds for Local Improvement Schemes

Wicklow County Council welcomes an additional allocation for Local Improvement Schemes in the county.

This will be used to continue improvement of non-public roads in rural communities and improve access to rural homes and farms, as well as outdoor amenities such as our lakes, rivers, mountains and beaches. The additional funds bring to a total allocation for 2021 to around €750,000 which will benefit many communities. While Wicklow County Council does not maintain these private roads and laneways, nonetheless these roadways represent a vital piece of infrastructure for rural residents.

A New Chapter for Wicklow Library

Wicklow Town's €6m new library was officially opened on the 30th August 2021 by the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD and the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O'Brien TD.

The new library and County Archives are spread over six floors of what was previously a branch of Ulster Bank on Main Street. It includes four floors of modern library facilities, including a children's library and a general reading area, adult borrowing area, study area and public access to technology and teenage library in addition to a dedicated community room, which local groups can use for meetings and other activities.

The top floor will act as an exhibition space and a location for civic events with very attractive views over the town and harbour. In addition to the four standard library floors, there are two further floors at basement and lower basement level, dedicated to Wicklow's local history and archives.

Another significant feature is that at entry level, from Salt House Lane, will be Wicklow County Council Local Studies which will be a welcome addition for researchers of their local area and heritage. It also contains an extensive collection of local newspapers on microfilm.

€320,000 Allocation for Streetscape and Shopfront Enhancement Measures

Wicklow County Council has been allocated €320,000 for Streetscape and Shopfront Enhancement Measures, as part of additional funding under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme.

The scheme is available for towns and villages with populations of less than 15,000, to improve the visual appearance of urban streetscapes, making them more attractive places to live, work and do business.

The following locations have been nominated for funding:

- Arklow
- Baltinglass
- Blessington
- Enniskerry
- Kilcoole
- Wicklow Town

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY

1. Social Housing Support

	July 2021	July 2020
No. on list for Social Housing Support – (includes RAS & HAP)*	4465	4,478
No. availing of Rental Assistance Scheme (RAS)	270	316
No. availing of Housing Assistance Payment	2329	1,960
No. in Long Term Leasing Accommodation	15	11
No. in Short Term Leasing Accommodation	29	16

2. Allocation of Social Housing

	July 2021	July 2020
Wicklow County Council (including Bray MD)	24	100
Approved Housing Bodies (including Bray MD)	9	14

3. Social Housing Stock

	July 2021	July 2020
Tenancies Occupied	4657	4,516
Total Weekly Rental Accrual	€306,259.40	€ 301,006
Arrears	€2,565,051.18	€ 2,179,285

4. Housing Supply – Programme of Delivery

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

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

2021

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



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

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

Potential units

Wicklow County Council currently has agreements in place for 43 units in Delgany, Bray, Rathnew, Wicklow, Baltinglass, Dunlavin and Enniskerry with delivery ranging from 2021-2023. This includes the 25 units listed above. WCC is in negotiations in respect of over 50 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
Ballinaclash	2	Completed Q2 2021	WCC
Tinahely	2	Completed Q1 2021	WCC
Tinahely	1	Q2 2021	WCC

- Negotiations are ongoing with a number of Developers and AHB's in relation to acquiring further Turnkey units.
- Approval has recently been received from the Department in respect of 2 Turnkey units in Baltinglass. Units have not commenced construction.
- Approval received from Dept. for 5 Turnkey units in Tinahely. 2 Purchased in October 2020 2 purchase in Quarter 1 2021 with 1 further unit due in Quarter 3 2021 (listed above).
- 2 further Turnkey units have been allocated in Ballinaclash.
- A new call for Turnkey units has been advertised with a closing date of 30th September 2021



- Approval has recently been received from the Department in respect of 3 Turnkey units in Roundwood. Expected delivery is 2022.
- Approval recently been received from the Department for 13 turnkey units in Rathdrum.

Capital Advance Leasing Facility (CALF)

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

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

Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS)

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

Expressions of Interest – Social Housing on Council lands

A preferred proposal has been identified.

5. Home Improvement/Adaptation

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

› Grant funding for private house - €1,952,700 (€891,257.82 spent to date)

› Grant funding for social house - €1,168,200 (€348,800.20 spent to date)

144 open applications (some carried over from 2020)

196 approvals (some carried over from 2020)

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

Co. Wicklow Strategic Plan for Housing People with a Disability

The Housing and Disability Steering Group is currently preparing the new Co. Wicklow Strategic Plan for Housing People with Disability 2022-2027.

Housing for Older People - Age Friendly Schemes

During recent works on Casual Vacancies/Relets, the Council fenced large sections of existing social housing gardens this resulted in three infill sites to develop Age Friendly schemes in Greystones. It is proposed to build small A rated units, specifically designed for the older tenant, which will be offered to eligible tenants in the local area, who wish to downsize. The larger property will return to the council for

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reletting to a family, and the tenant will benefit from being able to remain in their community, in an age friendly designed home with high comfort and low utility costs.

Millbank, Mill Road - Two 2 bed properties	Part 8 Closed. CE report completed and signed. Submitted to Greystones MD on 27 th July and approved.
Castle Villas - Two 2 bed properties	Part 8 Closed. CE report completed and signed Submitted to Greystones MD on 27 th July and approved.
Carraig Eden - 14 age friendly apartments Kilcoole Health Centre 4 no 2 bed apartments	Architect has completed proposed Part 8 drawings.- stage 2 underway for submission to the Department for approval to go to Part 8 Part 8 drawings almost complete
Kilcoole Health Centre 4 no 2 bed apartments	Submitted to Greystones MD on 27 th July for information. To be advertised shortly.

Vacant Homes Scheme

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

To be advertised

- 88 Wicklow Heights
- 5 Priory Way, Delgany
- 114 Hillside, Wicklow

Already advertised

- 6 Ashleigh, Ashford,
- 8 Sycamore Drive, NTMK

Confirmed

- 33 Connelly St, Arklow
- 30 South Green, Arklow
- 10 Liam Mellows, Arklow
- 5 Ashwood, Roundwood

Oral Hearing

- 108 Charnwood, Bray 17th August

Further long term vacant properties have been identified for future batches of CPOs.

Housing Maintenance - Heating Upgrade Programme

C. 50 gas and oil boilers have been replaced in Council housing stock in 2021 at a cost of over €100,000
54 were replaced in 2020.

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New oil / gas heating has been installed in 20 houses so far this year with a further 10 pending.

6. Purchase Schemes

Rebuilding Ireland Homeloan

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

2016 Tenant (Incremental) Purchase Scheme

	To date	July 2021
Applications Received	326	3
Completed	67	2
Declined	209	1
Ongoing	50	50

7. Addressing Homelessness

	As at 31/07/2021	Year To Date	As at 31/07/2020
No of New Presentations	33	256	53
No. of Repeat Presentations	2	25	0
No. of Families (Minimum 1 Adult + One Child)	18	97	20
No. of Individuals (Single Adult, no children)	16	177	31
No. Of Couples (2 Adults, no children)	1	8	2
No. of Children	28	162	35
NTQ/Asked to Leave/Landlord selling	10	36	3
Family Circumstances	15	112	39
Leaving Prison/Hospital Care	1	8	3
Mental Health	0	5	0

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Risk of Homelessness	1	36	4
Arrears/Loss of Income	0	13	1
Addiction Issues	4	18	0
DV/DA	1	10	0
Medical Issues	0	4	0
Overcrowding	2	18	3
Unsuitable/Voluntarily Left	0	15	1
ASB:	0	2	0
Rough Sleeping*	2	18	3
Sofa Surfing*	1	23	6
Staying with Family*	12	77	15
Staying with Friends*	3	19	1

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

Own Door Temporary Accommodation at 31/07/2021	
Families	16
Adults	38
Children	39
Single individual	3

Bed & Breakfast Accommodation - No. of Homeless Emergency Accommodation Placements & Duration @ 31/07/2021								
	No. of Households	No. of Adults	No. of Children	< 3 mths	3-6 mths	6-9 mths	9-12 mths	>12mths
Household breakdown	14	17	15	6	0	5	1	2
Bed & Breakfast Accommodation - No. of Homeless Emergency Accommodation Placements & Duration @ 31/07/2020								
	No. of Households	No. of Adults	No. of Children	< 3 mths	3-6 mths	6-9 mths	9-12 mths	>12mths
Household breakdown	17	21	15	9	3	2	0	2

COVID 19

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

Self Isolation Units

A number of vacant units that were in the process of being refurbished for re-letting have been prepared and furnished in anticipation that there may be a need for families to self-isolate for the required period from emergency accommodation.

Homeless HAP

The Homeless HAP Placefinder provides assistance in:

- seeking out potential properties suitable for households currently identified as homeless or at risk of homelessness;
- liaising with specific households to establish their specific needs;
- establishing relationships with local property agents and landlords; and,
- supporting those homeless households to (a) prevent the necessity to enter emergency accommodation or (b) to exit emergency accommodation and secure a tenancy.
- To date, 350 households (261 families & 89 singles) have been assisted under the Homeless HAP Scheme in Wicklow County Council from the inception on 1st October, 2018 to 31st July, 2021. (158 homeless cases, 185 prevention cases to date and 7 direct provision). 113 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

Following the advice that Sonas was withdrawing services from Wicklow, the operation of the facility at Fitzwilliam Road, Wicklow was tendered out to Approved Housing Bodies to operate and manage the facility as a Family Homeless Service. - The successful tenderer to operate the facility is Dublin Simon.

Refurbishment works on the facility are now complete and it is anticipated that furnishings and fittings will be complete by end of July 2021 and the facility will be fully operational by end of August 2021.

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

Homeless Supported Temporary Accommodation – San Remo, Bray



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

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

The Neighbourhood Liaison Committee is now operational and meets monthly.

Homeless Supported Accommodation - Carraig Eden, Greystones

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

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

Other Homeless Supported Accommodation

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

Housing First

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

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

Wicklow County Council has, to date, successfully accommodated 6 clients under Housing First. Other clients proposed for Housing First have been assessed by the team and are availing of key support work pending finalisation of sourcing of accommodation.

8. Traveller accommodation

Capital Programme

Ballintekin – 3 houses	Detailed design stage and tender documents completed, stage 3 with Dept Nov 2020, awaiting approval to go out to tender for a contractor in Q2
Avondale Heights, Rathdrum – 4 houses	Approval received for funding from Department, draft design now agreed with the proposed tenants
Barndarrig Group Housing scheme for 2 houses	Revised Stage 1 approval received March 2021. Survey of utilities in the area has commenced.



DPG Woodview,	Works nearing completion on this extension
Ballinteskin,	Stage 1 for a disability extension has now gone to Department for approval.

Further inspections on the fire safety on Halting sites were completed by members of the Housing section and the fire brigade in Bray. In addition electrical inspections including the installation of smoke alarms has been rolled out.

Covid 19 Update

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

Welfare facilities were provided at a number of unauthorised sites.

Three families from unauthorised sites were provided with housing units.

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

9. Energy Efficiency

Solar Panel Carport - The local energy supply contract has now been signed with Enerpower. Works have commenced on site and last for a duration of 9 weeks.

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

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

Energy Efficiency Fabric Upgrade Phase 1

Lot 1 88 houses in Bray and Greystones – awaiting determination of Department regarding repointing of properties.

Lot 2 90 houses in Arklow, Wicklow and West Wicklow commenced in December 2020 and all tenants have been contacted in this regard.

Energy Efficiency Fabric Upgrade Phase 2

Contractor has commenced on site on 20 properties in Wolfe Tone Square West, Bray, aprox 10 nearly complete.

Tender has been advertised for 23 properties in West Wicklow and Glenealy , closing date 15th July, contractor appointed. Two tenders have been advertised for 34 properties in West Wicklow and Glenealy, closing date 20th and 24th August.



10. Community, Cultural & Social Development

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS)

The applications for Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme 2021 have been submitted by the closing date of 30th July 2021 as follows:

Measure 1:

10 Applications for smaller projects costing up to €20,000 each. Projects in Kilmacanogue, Lacken, Kilcoole, Avonmore, Avoca and some countywide projects.

Measure 2:

3 Applications for larger projects costing up to €200,000 each. Projects in Avonmore, Glenmalure and Greystones Cliff walk

Measure 3:

1 application for projects costing up to €500,000. Application submitted for repair of the Sugarloaf way.

Project Development Measure;

This is a new measure introduced for the first time in 2021. We have submitted an application for the development of a walking route at Three Trouts in Greystones, for €50,000.

Blessington Greenway

The documentation needed for an application to An Bord Pleanála for Blessington Greenway is nearing completion and we hope to submit the application in early September. The Greenway has been grant funded to the tune of €15m. Assuming a 4/6 month process with An BP, and a positive decision, we should be on site in spring 2022 with an 18 month construction period. We will be using Direct Labour to construct the Greenway.

Community Enhancement Programme 2021

Community Enhancement grants approved at the July LCDC meeting. Every group that applied received a grant ranging from €500 to €7,000 from a total allocation of €141,343. Groups have been notified, 67 groups have been funded this year.

Community Grants Scheme

Under our annual Community Grants scheme, we allocated €100,000 to 215 community groups with this year's grants capped at €500 per application.

County Wicklow Library Services

Dormant Accounts Funding for Marginalised, Socially Excluded and Disadvantaged Groups approved for Wicklow County Council Library service.

A contribution of €24,577.55 has been approved for three library projects. This funding will be used for Lexia Literacy support licences which will be accessible to all schools in the County and be very important for children with a literacy delay.

Part of this fund is for the purchase of assistive technology equipment to improve accessibility in libraries for people with a disability. “Zoomtext” Magnifier Readers will be purchased and will help people with a print reading disability.

The third project is the creation of ‘Visiting the Library’ social stories which will be a valuable tool for children with ASD who often find it challenging to prepare for something new.

“Maisy” Drawing Event at Ballywaltrim Library

Children had a fun and creative afternoon on Friday 23rd July in the gardens of Ballywaltrim Library, where Susie Fortune from White Doodle led a fantastic Maisy inspired drawing workshop and Mr Sunshine didn't disappoint us either! All 15 children really enjoyed the workshop and so did their guardians who sat on the grass (socially distanced!).





Blessington Library Bodhrán Workshop

Blessington Library held bodhrán workshops for children on Friday, 30th July 2021 facilitated by Niall Preston from the Mobile Music School. Due to the wet weather, the outdoors event was moved to drier pastures a.k.a the second floor car park. But the rain didn't dampen the spirits of the children who took part and the beat of the bodhráns could be heard far and wide.

Community Seed Ark for Heritage Week

Wicklow County Library Service is launching a County Wide Community Seed Ark as part of Heritage Week. A Seed Ark is a collection of open pollinated or heirloom seeds that is free for the community to use. Gardeners "borrow" seeds from the library at planting time, and then at the end of the growing season, they collect seeds to share with the library and subsequently others in the community. On Thursday 19th August from 3 to 4pm, as part of Heritage Week 2021, Aga Kowalski will give an online workshop to teach you how to save seeds.

Greystones Cliff Walk

In Greystones MD, discussions with the 4 landowners involved in the re-routing of 2 collapsed sections of the cliff walk are continuing. 2 Landowners are willing to co-operate while a third landowner is still contemplating it. A fourth landowner is not co-operating at all and we may have to proceed as best we can, without him. We have made an application under the ORIS 2021 grant scheme, for funding for the re-routing of the walk, In the meantime, we have created a loop walk from the Bray side, which is proving popular with walkers.

Greystones Library Summer Activities

Greystones have had a very busy Summer with over 700 children taking part in the annual Summer Stars reading initiative. Every child who joined the reading programme got to display their name on a star. As a result Greystones Library's windows have proven to be a major attraction. Children, parents, guardians and grandparents have whiled away the hours looking for that one special name on a star!



The new Wicklow library is being officially opened on Monday the 30th August at 12 noon. It looks like we may have Minister Humphreys and Minister O'Brien in attendance. Both of their Departments funded the new library.

The new Rathdrum library is on schedule to open in October 2021 and this will be performed by the Cathaoirleach as we funded it ourselves.

County Wicklow Archives and Genealogy Services

“Wicklow and the War of Independence” - county publication now online

Wicklow County Archives is proud to announce that this e-book is now available to read at <https://heritage.wicklowheritage.org/category/topics/wicklow-the-war-of-independence> and the hard-copy of the book will launch, with the exhibition of the same name, in August. Released online on the 11th of July to mark the centenary of the Truce, the book brings together a collection of essays and images by 12 of the county's local historians who have researched the revolutionary era in their respective localities from a variety of perspectives. The result is a series of interwoven studies that bring the complex tapestry of this significant part of Wicklow history into new and sharper focus.

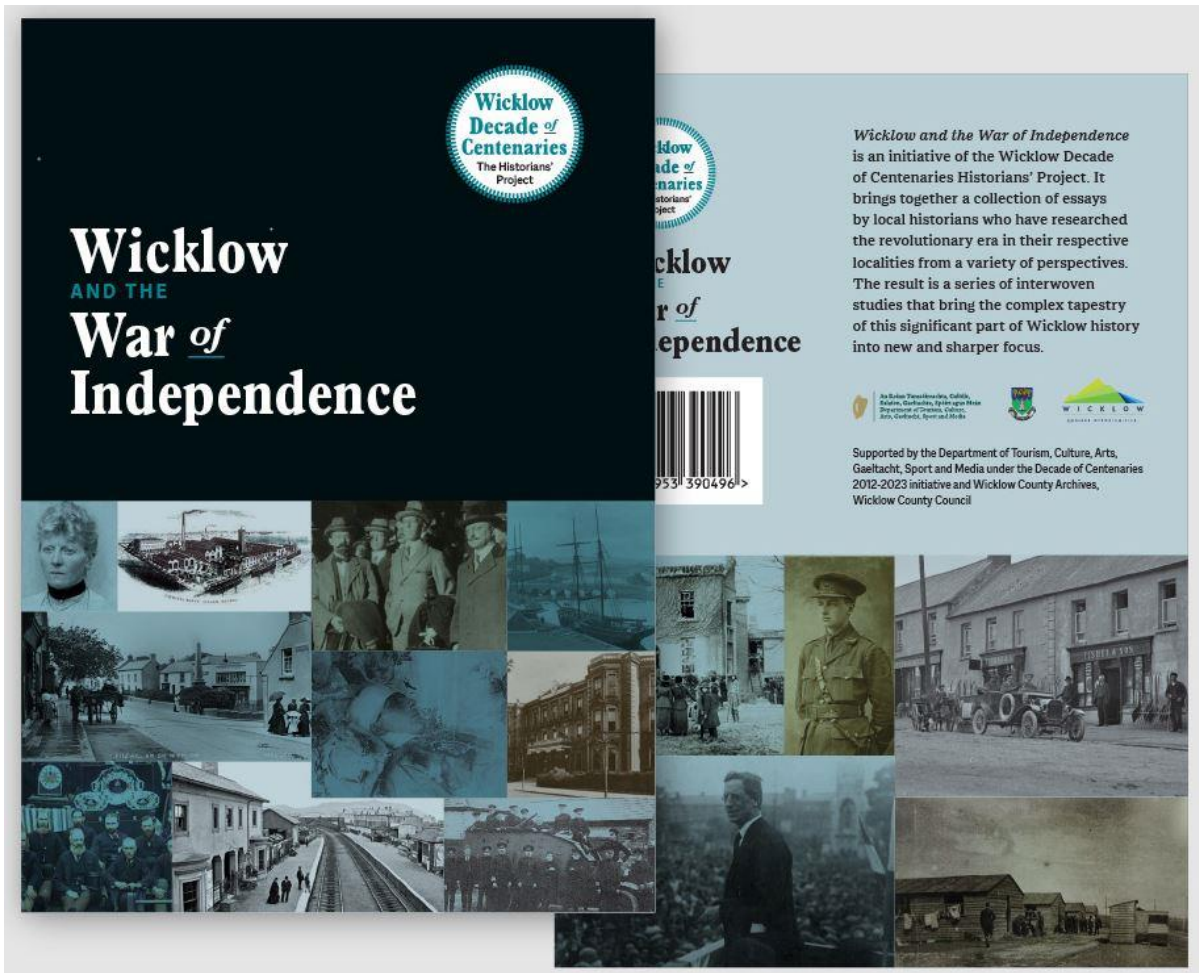
In his foreword, the Chief Executive Mr. Frank Curran states, “The Wicklow Decade of Centenaries Programme supports the development of initiatives at county and community level to re-examine and commemorate significant events, individuals and groups during the revolutionary years (1913–23) in County Wicklow. I believe that as part of this project, this publication Wicklow and the War of Independence, which is focused on Wicklow's experience of the War of Independence (1919–21), contributes to this goal by combining local stories and experiences with local research and scholarship via access to local archives. In doing so, it promotes a greater understanding of historical events and their legacies and thus encourages communities toward further exploration and reflection. It is a tangible



demonstration of the benefits of free public access to authentic local archival sources, including online access to digitised local archives such as those available on the Wicklow County Council portal www.wicklow.ie . This is a Wicklow County Council Decade of Centenaries project supported by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Art, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media.

Dog Park

The plan to establish at least one Dog park in each MD, is gathering momentum, with the first park opened to great acclaim in Arklow, and sites identified in Greystones and Wicklow Md. We are still seeking sites in Bray and in the Baltinglass MD.





Wicklow Archives Video

Wicklow County Archives in collaboration with the Beyond 2022 Project and Trinity Longroom Hub have produced a video featuring the county's 19th century Grand Jury records. The video offers a virtual visit to Wicklow County Archives and a look at some of our oldest and most interesting county records telling the story of local government in the Wicklow of the 1800s and the communities they served. The video can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C1roH2WOJBs>

Wicklow Archives Collection features in “History Ireland” magazine

This month's edition of History Ireland magazine features an article by the archivist about one of our very special collections, the Barton Papers. Telling the story of Wicklow's own Robert Barton and the role he played in the Truce negotiations and Treaty of 1921, (and in time to mark the centenary of the Truce on the 11th of July) the article focuses on documents from the collection, including letters relating to the Treaty and also his army career. This is part of a new series of articles by county archivists from around the country highlighting the value of local archives.

County Wicklow Arts Office

August is an exciting time for our Arts department with a series of live music events across the County, in Greystones, Bray, Laragh and Arklow, and possibly Wicklow. The Greystones event was held over the weekend, on both days, and was very successful with large attendances on both days.

Live music events across Wicklow this summer

Summer Songs – Inland & By The Sea, a new series of live music events that will take place throughout the summer across Wicklow - there will be five days of music at five different outdoor venues across the county, featuring amazing bands that are from, living in, or with strong connections to Wicklow. So far artists include Hothouse Flowers, Kíla, Pillow Queens, Wyvern Lingo, Mary Coughlan, and many more.

The gigs will be intimate with crowds from 200 to 500 allowed at each event, but there will be no compromise on production values. There is lots to choose from and something for everyone with traditional Irish, classical, opera, rock and contemporary gigs all on sale.

Strict event control will be enforced to ensure the safest experience for concert goers as well as performers. Should any event be cancelled for any reason due to COVID-19, a full refund will apply.

The full schedule is:

7th August 2021 Location: *Burnaby Park, Greystones*

- Kíla
- Glimpse
- Scullion
- Perfect Friction

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8th August 2021 *Location: Burnaby Park, Greystones*

- Sonamus
- Mobile Music Machine
- Into the Deep Dark Woods

14th August 2021 *Location: People's Park, Dargle Road, Bray*

- Wyvern Lingo
- Cathy Davey
- The Booka Club

21st August 2021 *Location: Brockagh Resource Centre, Laragh*

- Hothouse Flowers
- Mobile Music Machine
- Leslie Dowdall & Mark Caplice

5th September 2021 *Location: North Beach, Arklow*

- Pillow Queens
- Mary Coughlan
- Leslie Dowdall & Feel the Pinch

A concert in Wicklow Town is due to be announced.

Tickets are available to purchase on summersongswicklow.eventbrite.ie in pods of six people and not on an individual basis. Each pod costs €120, with one exception in Greystones on August 8th for families where a pod of six people is €60.

Due to current guidelines in place for the presentation of programmes in pods no greater than six people, it is not possible to purchase individual tickets at this time. People are advised to book now in order to avoid disappointment as capacity is limited.

Summer Songs – Inland & By The Sea is funded by The Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media as part of their Local Live Performance Programming. This scheme is to support the commercial live performance sector to assist producers, promoters, venues and musicians who have been severely impacted by the pandemic restrictions

Arts Funding Received

€143,000 has been announced in respect of Local Live Music Performance Scheme as well as an additional special top up of €13,000 for Cruinniú na nÓg from Creative Ireland.



Wicklow Sports & Recreation Partnerships



Blessington Outdoor Disability Inclusion Camp

Due to the success of the two day Outdoor Disability Inclusion Camp in July for children and young teens with an intellectual disability or autistic spectrum another one will run on the 18th and 19th of August in Russborough Blessington. Activities will include archery, abseiling, canoeing and climbing wall and again all places for the camp have been filled. All participants will receive a camp T-shirt, water bottle and bag.

Community Mental Health Fund Small Grant Scheme

Community based physical and mental health activities for both adults and children living with cancer in the family – Purple House Cancer Support received their allocation of funding under the Community Mental Health Fund Small Grant Scheme. Activities that have been carried out include counselling/children's art therapy, yoga/relaxation classes and Strides for Life walking Programme. 304 people have benefitted from this community based physical and mental health activities Programme for both adults and children living with cancer in the family.

Wicklow Sport & Recreation Partnerships Club & Community Support Scheme

HER Outdoors Week 9th to 15th of August.

This is a Women in Sport Initiative to get Women exercising in the Outdoors, Wicklow Sports & Recreation Partnership held the following events:

- Introduction to Sailing – In conjunction with Irish Sailing and Swim Ireland. This was held in Wicklow Sailing Club, Wednesday 11th August
- Yoga & a Dip – In conjunction with Swim Ireland. There were two events held in Wicklow Harbour on Thursday 12th August
- Virtual 3k Run between Friday 13th to Sunday 15th of August in conjunction with Womens Sheds in Wicklow with almost 400 people taking part. Everyone who completed their 3k will receive a WSRP & Womens Sheds Medal.
- Gearing Up Off Road – Mountain biking activity session, Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th August in Carrick Mountain, Glenealy. All courses have full capacity.



Courses

Safeguarding 1	17 th August	Zoom – FULL
Safeguarding 2	23 rd September	Zoom
Safeguarding 1	28 th September	Zoom

Programmes

Men on the Move

An eight week exercise programme targeting men who were not physically active. This programme took place via zoom, twice a week. A total of eight men took part, this is due to finish in July.

Traveller Women's Dance Programme

An eight week dance programme targeting traveller women in Wicklow Town. This programme took place in the Comin Centre and a total of 12 women took part.

Shed to Summit – Blessington Women's Sheds

Two five-week mountaineering programmes were delivered by a qualified Mountaineering Ireland leader. The programme is divided into three half days and two full day experiences. A total of 12 participants are taking part and will gain the skills to practice navigation and continue to hill walk independently. This programme is funded by Healthy Ireland.

Youth 'Gearing Up Off Road' MTB Camp

Wicklow SRP in conjunction with Cycling Ireland held three, three day MTB Camps over June & July. These camps were divided into Beginners, Intermediate and a Girls Only Camp. This course is aimed at 11 -14 year olds who are new to mountain biking. The three day camp helped riders to build a foundation of skills helping them gain confidence and stability whilst on the trails. The Intermediate riders progressed their riding by correcting any bad habits, refining their skills and gain more flow and efficiency on the trails. The camps took place in Carrick Mountain, Glenealy and Avondale Forest, Rathdrum. A total of 18 youths took part. This programme was delivered by World enduro privateer mountain biker Michelle Muldoon.

Women's 'Gearing Up Off Road' MTB Course

Wicklow SRP in conjunction with Cycling Ireland held two, two day MTB Courses. This course was aimed at women who are new to riding who want to learn the basics skills and feel safe and in control on the trails. The course will help riders to build a foundation of skills helping them gain confidence and stability whilst on the trails. The courses took place in Carrick Mountain, Glenealy with a total of 12 women taking part. This programme was delivered by World enduro privateer mountain biker Michelle Muldoon. The

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Sports Room in Wicklow Town offered a 10% discount off mountain bike equipment for participants of the course.

Women's 'Get into Golf' Programme

This is an eight week intro programme taking place in Blessington Lakes Golf Club once a week. 24 women are taking part in this programme and on completion will receive a reduced yearly membership rate for the club. The programme is being delivered by Pro Golfer Tom O'Neil.

Healthy Ireland

Shed to Summit Walking Programme

In collaboration with the newly formed Blessington Women's Shed two 5 week "Shed to Summit" Walking Programmes was organised by Wicklow Sports and Recreation Partnership and funded through Healthy Wicklow. Mountaineering Ireland is carrying out the training which started on Monday 14th June and will enable the 12 participants the opportunity to experience hill walking in a safe environment.

Healthy Food Made Easy Programme

A 6 week online Healthy Food Made Easy course will start on Monday 21st June. This online community nutrition and cooking Programme has been developed by HSE Dieticians and the 10 participants who have registered will be encouraged to shop for a chosen recipe and cook at the session each week.

Learn to Cycle Programme

A Learn to Cycle Programme was run in the ASD Unit in Newtownmountkennedy on 16th June. This was a fantastic success enabling two participants to cycle for the first time.

Me, My Health & I - Sunbeam as part of their initiative Me, My Health & I purchased a range of "Grow Boxes" from GIY to cater for different interests as some people were interested in growing their own veg/herbs/salads while others were interested in bees and bugs and doing their part to preserve them. As part of the healthy eating/healthy lifestyle initiative, "make your own smoothie" classes take place in DCB on Wednesdays. Clients are encouraged to shop for the fruit and other ingredients, choose and prepare the fruit for their smoothie, blend and enjoy. Clients also take part in healthy cooking and healthy baking classes

Keep Well Campaign Update

With the reporting period imminent for the funding allocated to Wicklow Local Authority and CYPSC the last of the initiatives/programmes are taking place under this stream throughout June. The Wicklow Traveller Group and the Primary Health Care Centre are organising a day for older Travellers in the outdoor activity centre in Tibbradden. There will also be a visit to holy wells and shrines included in the day. Due to the success of the previous initiative, Wicklow Library service has another learn to play the Ukulele Programme running throughout the month.



Ronnie Delany Sculpture

The Ronnie Delany sculpture is ready for delivery and installation. The plinth on the site in Arklow is almost complete and we are waiting on confirmation from the President's office that he can officiate at the unveiling in September/October.

Wicklow Refugee Resettlement Programme

Our Refugee resettlement programme, which involved the accommodation and supports to 190 Syrian refugees, has been completed. CCSD and Housing directorates working in collaboration, and jointly chaired a resettlement committee represented by all those agencies involved in the refugee support area. We allocated a total of 46 houses, spread across the County, with each MD taking some families.

Rural Regeneration Development Fund (RRDF) 2021

Under the RRDF 2021 call, we have submitted 2 new schemes for significant funding. The first scheme is for almost €1.5 million for Blessington, while the second scheme is for almost €600,000 for 3 villages in the county (Shillelagh/Tinahely/Carnew). The matching funding requirement under the RRDF scheme is 20% for all successful applications.

Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP)

SICAP:

The SICAP Mid-Year Reports of both Bray Area Partnership and Co. Wicklow Partnership have been approved by the LCDC with funding for August and September released to both entities.

All key performance indicators, financial and non-financial criteria for the mid-year point have been met.

The current SICAP Programme 2018-2022 has been extended by the Department of Rural & Community Development until end 2023. This extension is being accompanied by a mid-programme review.

Town & Village Enhancement Scheme

Under the Town & Village Enhancement scheme, we submitted a total of 7 applications at a total cost of €1,259,179 for projects across the County, mostly in respect of villages but with one application for Wicklow town. The matching funding element is 10%.

Public Participation Network (PPN)

Current total membership: 377 groups

Collaborative work with WCC Access & Inclusion Group on disability and with Wicklow Libraries on anti-racism initiatives.

Policy consultations/submissions: National PPN Review; Wicklow Co. Development Plan; National Action Plan on Racism.



Funding opportunities: WCC Tidy Towns; Social Enterprise Start-up Funds; International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.

Age Friendly Initiatives

Process has started to make Rathcoran estate in Baltinglass an age friendly estate – new estate.

Befriending service in Arklow is in final stages.

Successful tenderer Siobhan Geoghegan has been appointed to prepare new County Wicklow Age Friendly Strategy - current strategy is from 2017–2022.

National age friendly primary care centre guidelines have been launched (walkability still to take place as well as official opening of Athy and Baltinglass as first age friendly primary care centres).

Wicklow Community Call

The Community Call Helpline continues to operate from 9-5 Monday to Friday. There is a steady number of calls for requests mainly for information, shopping and delivery. The helpline also refers callers to befriending services when appropriate. There is strong evidence that the links have been established between those who need help and volunteers showing which demonstrates the resilience of communities in the county. The Community Response Forum continues to meet fortnightly to co-ordinate the response to the COVID-19 pandemic and address any issues arising.

LECP

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

Announcement of Town & Village Funding Scheme to Revitalise Towns and Villages

Following on from the announcement by Minister Humphreys of the launch of the 2021 Town and Village Renewal Scheme, Wicklow County Council is delighted to announce that the scheme is open for applications in the county.

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

The measures that will be supported by the 2021 Town and Village Renewal Scheme include (but are not limited to):

- Tackling dereliction in town centres
- Turning vacant properties into remote working and multi-use community spaces
- Investing in town centre living
- Investing in amenities to make town centre living more attractive
- Upgrading and improving shop fronts and streetscapes on Main Streets



- Projects that support and enhance the night time economy and add vibrancy to town centres

Grant Levels:

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

Project Development Measure:

A new Project Development Measure (up to €50,000) is being introduced this year. This Measure is being introduced on a trial basis in order to put in place the preparation work needed to progress to a full project.

Announcement of the Rural Regeneration Development Fund Category 2

The Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, on May 12th, announced the third call for Category 2 applications to the €1 billion Rural Regeneration and Development Fund.

This Fund will support landmark regeneration projects across the country that will breathe new life into rural towns and villages.

This fund is for projects that will drive economic growth and footfall, combat dereliction, regenerate town centre and heritage buildings, develop pedestrian zones and outdoor spaces and make rural towns more attractive places to live, work and raise a family.

There will also be a strong focus on developing remote working facilities such as digital and enterprise communities, as well as e-learning, cultural and community spaces.

The Rural Regeneration and Development Fund is a key component of Our Rural Future – the Government’s ambitious five year policy for Rural Ireland.

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

The RRDF is being developed and coordinated by an inter-departmental team of Wicklow County Council.



CLAR Projects applied for in 2021

Askanagap Community Group	Astro turf pitch
Knockananna Youth Projects	MUGA floodlights
Knockananna Youth Projects	Pitch renovation
Knockananna Youth Projects	Playground refurbishment
Greenane	Footpath and paving
Knockananna Hall Committee	Garden allotment

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

Age Friendly Programme

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

The final garda vetting process is being undertaken for the Arklow Befriending service.

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

Comhairle na nÓg

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

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

County Wicklow PPN

Membership	Total Members 376 (20 new 2021)
Networking/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participating in Community Response Forum (CRF) meeting 22nd



<p>Working Locally</p>	<p>June Contact through the Community Call has decreased significantly. Acknowledged that meetings are useful for information sharing and will continue on a monthly basis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborating with WCC and Local Link Transport Service to address transport and access issues for the residents of the Rathmore Direct Provision Centre. A response to a letter from the PPN was received from The Dept. Children, Equality, Disability, Integration & Youth stating that the Rathmore centre has “recently been allocated with funding in order to improve transport links to and from the centre. There is now a bus running from the centre into Wicklow and Ashford on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. In addition, there is also a bus that runs to Newtown Mount Kennedy, a shopping bus once a week to Greystones, a post office bus to Ashford on Friday and a church run on Sunday to Ashford. As such there is at least one bus a day into Ashford or Wicklow”. Seeking clarification that these services are now being implemented. • Attended the WCC Access and Inclusion Group meeting 3 June. The PPN Resource Worker presented a proposal put together in collaboration with Disability Federation Ireland, Childre & Young Peoples Services Committee, Bray Area Partnership, Co Wicklow Partnership and Cllr. Miriam Murphy. The proposal contained a Tender to engage a consultant to develop a guide for community groups and service providers that would support them to be more inclusive of people with disabilities. The committee is reviewing the proposal with the possibility of providing funding for it to progress.
<p>Networking/ Working Regionally, & Nationally</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended a Dept Rural & Community Development’s webinar which focused on Our Rural Future. Presentations, Questions & Answers were conducted by Minister Joe O’ Brien and Dept officials • Attended a meeting organised by Feasta which explored the development of creating a Wellbeing Economy Hub for the Island of Ireland
<p>PPN Meetings/ Specific Work</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PPN Secretariat Meeting 8th June. Secretariat minutes are available on the PPN website. • PPN Policy Development Sub-Group Meeting 16th June. Continue Constitution review, and the development of Nomination & Election policy. • Collated the information from PPN Reps and various reports to fill the 2020 Annual Report Template which was submitted to Dept. Rural & Community Development ahead of the 14 June deadline. The report template consisted of over 120 questions covering all aspects and procedures of the PPN’s work. • The June Plenary (members meeting) took place on Wed 30 June. The theme of the summer plenary was “Valuing Our Ethnic Minorities”. The 49 attendees approved the PPN 6-month work & finance report prior to taking part in a brief poll to explore members’ experiences in accessing and making a submission to the County Development Plan. They then listened to speakers from Wicklow Travellers Group, Africa Irish Society of Wicklow and Rathmore Direct Provision Centre. The speakers talked about what has helped them to feel included in Co Wicklow as well as the times that they have felt excluded and faced discrimination. Focus group discussions were themed around the



	<p>questions in the Towards a National Action Plan Against Racism for Ireland Public Consultation Document. The evening ended with a photo montage from Wicklow Travellers Group and an uplifting video that the AISW put together to celebrate Africa Day</p>
<p>Representation Consultations/ Submissions *Submissions available to view on PPN website</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Held a meeting of PPN Secretariat members and PPN Representatives 15 June. The meeting included information about the PPN Review, using Chatter as a means to communicate, and training & information opportunities. Reps had the opportunity to meet & discuss their roles & experiences in small groups, creating connections and providing peer support. • Developed a Resource Document to support member groups to access and make a submission to the Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2021-2027. This included 2 videos that show how to get access to the CDP via the WCC website or by using the PPN Resource (which gives direct access), and how to use the online consultation portal to view the document and make submissions. The Resource also provides support to understand the CDP (the plan and the process of developing it) as well as providing tips, information, and templates to make a written submission. • Working with a sub-group of PPN Reps to use Chatter, an online platform connected to Salesforce. Chatter makes collaboration and networking easier, allowing a number of people with the same interest to share information, post updates & ask questions. The aim is to set up Chatter groups to act as online Linkage Groups for PPN Reps. • Ran a survey to explore PPN members' experiences in accessing and making a submission to the Draft County Development Plan. The responses will feed into the PPN submission to the current consultation. • Held focus group discussions at the PPN Plenary on the topic of racism and discrimination of our ethnic communities. Questions were also circulated to those members who could not attend on the night. The information will feed into a PPN submission to the public consultation on the National Action Plan Against Racism. • Encouraged engagement with: Draft Wicklow County Development Plan; Wicklow Town Team Feasibility Study for the Development of a Youth Theatre; SSE Renewables Arklow Windpark Survey; WCC Review of Recycling Centres; National Outdoor Recreation Strategy; Eirgrid Sustainability Survey; PPN Structural Review; Conference on the Future of Europe; Alliance for Insurance Reform: Assessing Community Benefits as a Result of New Judicial Guidelines on Personal Injury Damages; Marine Protected Areas for Ireland Town Hall Meetings; National Action Plan Against Racism; Community Foundation Ireland Training Needs Analysis for the Community Sector
<p>Training & Capacity Building</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resource Worker & PPN Reps attended AILG Training: Housing Commitments in the Programme for Government and Affordable Housing Delivery 25 June • Highlighted/Advertised Training & Workshops: Community Led Housing Webinar; ILMI CREATE (supporting people with disabilities into employment; Developing A Catchment Wide Restoration Plan; Community Energy Information Events • Highlighted/Advertised Funding Opportunities/Competitions:



	<p>Communities Integration Fund; Wicklow Sports & Recreation Partnership Club & Community Supports Scheme; Community Enhancement Fund; Summer of Play Initiative; NALA Student Development Fund; Supervalu Tidy Towns Competition; Coca Cola Thank You Fund; Ecclesiastical Movement for Good Fund; Local Improvement Fund; Connected Hubs Fund; Outdoor Recreation Facilities Fund; LEADER Food Initiatives Fund</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update PPN Members Funding Handbook
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circulated Update E Bulletin 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th June • Website updates • Facebook 1669 likes (5 monthly inc) 2001 follows (16 monthly inc)
Outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented the benefits of joining a PPN to the managers of Clan (Age Friendly) Housing schemes across the country.
Administration/ HR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day to day correspondence, accounting and reporting • Resource Worker & Support Worker Planning meetings • Resource Worker & Support Worker Supervision meetings • HR Subgroup meetings
Planning/ Upcoming Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 July National Resource Workers Meeting • 5 July PPN Liaison Subgroup meeting, bringin Secretariat, Host Organisation, Local Authority and PPN Resource Worker together. • 6 July Meeting of PPN Reps on the CCSD SPC to develop a proposal to make some amendments to the Community Awards Application Form that will include environmental criteria and links to the SDGs as well as a proposal to run an information meeting about the work of the CCSD SPC. • 13 July Secretariat Meeting • 20 July Community Response Forum Meeting • 21 July Policy Subgroup Meeting • Make Submissions to the County Development Plan and the National Action Plan Against Racism • Planning & Organising Autumn/Winter Workplan • Support Worker Annual Leave 13 – 16 July & 26 July to 9 August

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

Healthy Wicklow Strategy

1. Round 3 of Programme is underway but implementation has slowed down because of COVID-19. An extension to 31st December 2021 has been granted. €30,000 has been allocated to a number of groups under the Healthy Ireland Mental Health Small grants Scheme. 10 projects have been allocated funding under this stream and with the lifting of restrictions are well underway.
2. Under the Healthy Ireland Fund, Wicklow County Council received €67,225 and Wicklow CYPSC received €18,519 to help with the 'Keep Well' campaign.
3. A number of initiatives have been running since November 2020 to June 2021 to especially target the most vulnerable and isolated. The main Themes covered were under the following headings:
4. In Your County – with 50% going toward Age Friendly Collaborative Activities.



5. Being Creative/Switching Off – this included initiatives from the Arts office, Age Friendly Coordinator, Heritage office, Libraries, Bray Area Partnership and County Wicklow Partnership.
6. Staying Connected – which was 50:50 split between Community Call and Befriending Activities.
7. Minding Your Mood – Wicklow CYPSC partnered up with all youth services and family support services in Wicklow to ensure a number of initiatives were successfully ran under this action.

Migrant Integration Strategy

This has been passed by Wicklow County Council and is now in the implementation stage

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

Bray Area Partnership (BAP)

Bray Area Partnership has continued to work within its operational area of Bray and north Wicklow to advance social enterprise activity and initiatives. A summary of this work includes:

- As part of SICAP resourced actions, BAP are providing ongoing support, advice and guidance to pre-establishment, early stage and trading social enterprises with respect to structuring; business planning; accessing viability and more sustainable operation etc.
- Planning and information session will be held later in the year, for potential and new social enterprises covering various topics related to day to day business requirements underpinning a sustainable operation.
- Diversifying the range of services provided by an existing managed social enterprise by developing a service range to be made available to older members of the community in the Bray and north Wicklow areas supporting independent living.
- Completing the programme of work under the SEED Initiative that provided training modules and individualised mentoring together with a promotional video production for up to nine local social enterprises.
- Finalising the market research and feasibility study being undertaken to inform the development of a social enterprise having ex-offenders within its workforce.
- Developing a proposal, as a collaborative venture with two other LDCs, seeking funding to implement a six months programme for social enterprises focusing on governance, compliance and sustainable trading.

County Wicklow Partnership (CWP)

The Leader Programme 2014 – 2020 programme seen nearly 1 Million invested in Social Enterprise development

The Training and Mentoring Programmes undertaken as part of that – Rural Youth Climb, Covid 19 Supports for new and existing SE's (Ascend Programme) and the Forest Bathing Training programme will all be completed by end of August 2021 and see nearly 50 participants through their intense programme of entrepreneurial business development training.

This is now starting to bear fruit as new applications are starting to flow in for funding under the transitional LEADER programme from SE's. Further encouraging news is that we now have a strong group of new start up Social Entrepreneurs growing in the County and Wicklow would be considered nationally as having very strong SE activity.

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It is envisaged that a new fund from DRCD for new start-up social entrepreneurs will be announced in the next two weeks and so in Wicklow we now have a very strong cohort of trained SE's who would be ideally positioned to apply for funding.



Economic Development, Planning and Infrastructure

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

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

Retail

Bray Central

Activity on site of late is at a minimum due to the negative impact Covid has had on the construction industry as a whole. Labour shortage, material shortage and sub-contractors availability. Oakmount have had a lot of products fabricated off site and delivered to site. This is to try and maximise productivity on site when the site is fully open.

Over the last couple of weeks Oakmount have concentrated on keeping the site COVID 19 user friendly and in doing so have undertaken a big house keeping exercise. As a result they have removed plant and small machines that are no longer required. Oakmount are trying to line up all the trades, subcontractors and supplies to come to site in one condensed period, so to get works completed in the most efficient and costly manor. This is proving to be more difficult than originally expected. In the meantime, all design team work is continuing and there are regular project management call and teams meetings ongoing.

Working with their Project QS Oakmount are in discussions with the main contractor in order to complete the last few weeks of work required to reach Practical Completion.

The major anchor is now at legals and Oakmount have leases agreements/commitments in place on nearly 80% of the total letting space.

Town Teams

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

Arklow Town Team

Arklow Town Team is delighted to announce that they have been successful in securing €3,000 to develop a play area at the Duck Pond area, Seaview Avenue. The application was submitted under the

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Wicklow County Council Community Enhancement Scheme 2021. The proposed project will include a painted playground and will really uplift and transform the space. The Town Team would like to extend thanks to Rachel Tyrell who assisted with the application.

The joint Community Garden Biodiversity project between Glenart College and Arklow Town Team is due to commence in September with the installation of a Polytunnell.

The Harbour to Headwaters –River Tourism project is progressing well. Six of the information panels are now complete. The information will be locally relevant at each selected site, highlighting what aquatic and terrestrial ecology exist nearby. The project has received a three month extension to complete.

Bray Town Team / Bray Town Recovery Team

On 12th August Bray MD held their final Town reopening Committee Meeting. The terms of reference for the Town Recovery Team were circulated to the committee members. These terms of reference were adopted by the Bray MD Members in May 2021. It is hoped to hold an inaugural Town Recovery Team following the summer break.

Blessington Town Team

Baltinglass Municipal District launched a shop local/support local campaign which commenced mid-June and will run until the end of September with the aim to support local businesses as they reopen following the recent Covid restrictions. This initiative is being run in partnership with the Blessington and District Forum and Blessington Town Team. West Wicklow Youth Project was invited to design a logo for the campaign and the winning designer was presented with a hamper at Baltinglass Municipal District office on Monday 12th July. The winner of the July draw will be announced shortly.

Blessington Inner Relief Road

Progress on the Blessington Inner Relief Road is ongoing, the first meeting with design consultants, DBFL Consulting Engineers has taken place and a desktop study of all documents and information has been completed. Surveyors have been appointed and landowners written out to.

Wicklow County Council approved and adopted the Section 85 agreement at the full Wicklow County Council meeting held on the 14th June 2021.

Greystones Town Team

Greystones Town Team has recruited new members from a variety of backgrounds, to head up its sub-committees, and is in the process of developing a strategic plan, developing new articles and



memorandum of association, establishing a new business network, coming up with a new plan for the management of the website and maximising the use of social media. The Town Team is preparing an application for funding for the development of a Heritage Plan for the area.

Wicklow Town Team

The civil works in relation to Wicklow Town Heritage Trail are now complete and the lecterns and information boards are now installed. The Tourism working group of the Wicklow Town Team will have this project fully completed by the end of August 2021. The Heritage Trail incorporates 7 Lecterns situated at the various historic sites in the town and 5 additional tourism information boards. The Heritage Trail will include QR Codes linking to videos for the visitor to enjoy while observing the towns historical sites as they wander through the town.

The Town Team and Wicklow Tidy Towns have submitted a joint Community Power application to LEADER to carry out a Survey in Wicklow Town.

Good progress has been made on the possibility of providing a Youth Theatre in Wicklow Town. A Feasibility Study and Survey Report have now been completed.

Town Re-Opening Committees

Following the success of the Bray Re-opening Committee, Wicklow County Council proposed the establishment of re-opening committees in each Municipal District – the purpose of these committees is to support businesses as they re-open and to encourage members of the community to support local business. Membership of the Re-Opening Committees consists of the MD Cathaoirleach (Chair), MD Manager, MD Administrator, MD Engineer, Chair of the Town Team, Representative of the Chamber of Commerce and An Garda Síochána.

A plenary town re-opening meeting has been held in Arklow, Wicklow, Greystones and Blessington. The meetings considered the actions being taken by each of the Municipal Districts to enhance the re-opening of our towns and gained valuable input from An Garda Síochána and representatives of the business community. A campaign in conjunction with the Local Enterprise Office featured in The Wicklow Times to encourage people to continue to shop local, dine local and support local businesses as they reopen.

Outdoor Dining

Application fees for use of public footpaths or spaces by local businesses during COVID-19 are being waived by Wicklow County Council for a further period to the end of December 2021. The Council is anxious to assist and support businesses in the recovery period arising out of the pandemic. One of the



measures that the Council is keen to support in the recovery is the use of public footpaths and/or public space for local businesses which may require the use of these spaces, particularly as outdoor seating areas while restrictions are ongoing. The Council is advising businesses that such activity can be permitted by our Planning Department under a Section 254 licence. The application form and further information is available on the Wicklow County Council website: <https://www.wicklow.ie/Living/Services/Planning/Planning-Applications/Apply-for-Planning/Licence-Application-Section-254>

Failte Ireland in partnership with local authorities across the country is working to assist town centre hospitality businesses to increase their outdoor seating capacity while providing a safe environment for shoppers and diners. The key aim of the scheme is to provide support to individual hospitality and tourism businesses towards the cost of equipment to provide additional outdoor seating and facilitate individual businesses to increase their outdoor dining capacity for the summer of 2021.

In order to place furniture in public places, applicants must firstly have applied for and been granted a Section 254 license by Wicklow County Council. The Section 254 license fee has been waived for table and chair street furniture applications in 2021.

To date 47 applications at a value of €185,000 have been received. These grants are administered by Wicklow County Council and fully funded by Failte Ireland. The scheme will remain open until the end of September 2021.

Tourism

Tourism Strategy and Marketing Plan 2018-2022

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

The Key Priorities are:

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

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Wicklow Passport:

- Sales of Wicklow Passport are close to 2000 and many have been distributed through the network of stamping locations.
- The stamping locations network has also grown with new members now part of the Wicklow Passport experience.
- Promotion of the Passport continues on social media, supported by video and extensive imagery.
- A series of promotional itineraries and tours around the Wicklow Passport are being planned. The first tour focusses on South West Wicklow and includes Carnew, Shillelagh, Baltinglass, Donard and Tinahely.

New VisitWicklow.ie Website:

Wicklow County Tourism Alliance is currently developing strong editorial content for the website to help showcase and promote the various Wicklow Themes. Themes worked on include Wicklow Walks, Cycling in Wicklow, Wicklow Family Activities, Wicklow Gardens, Wicklow Foods and Flavours, etc. while communications are also ongoing with the members to update and enhance the information on the site.

Wicklow Outdoors:

The digitisation of the Wicklow Trails is underway with the aim to help visitors to choose and follow any of the Wicklow walks. Each walk is to include the following information: GPS start/finish location, Google Maps track, GPX download, Runmap app link and printable PDF.

EcoTrail Wicklow

- EcoTrail Wicklow is set to take place on 25th of September 2021.
- Registrations have reopened with races split between 4 distances on the day.
- The organisers will put in place all the safety measures and are continually monitoring HSE guidelines to ensure the event is within health and safety regulations.

Destination Town Funding:

An application to Failte Ireland on behalf of Wicklow Town was made in respect of Destination Town Funding and funding has been awarded to develop visitor amenities in the Abbey Grounds. Mosart, a local architect team who specialise in architecture, landscape and urban design, have been appointed to design the Abbey Grounds project with a view to increasing visitor numbers to Wicklow while maintaining this important oasis at the heart of Wicklow town. *The next stage for this project is to go to Part 8.*



Glendalough Masterplan and Wicklow Visitor Orientation Study

The first round of consultation has been completed and was positively received, with over 170 individuals having participated in the Zoom sessions to date and a similar number of surveys returned. Issues raised during those sessions include congestion at key sites, security, car parking and visitor services, signage, availability of maps showing all the trails and routes, issues with local access, rewilding, erosion and degradation of the environment.

The consultants are finalising the draft masterplan and this will be presented to the Steering Committee (the various government agencies) within the coming weeks.

In the short term additional car parking has been provided at Laragh and Pier Gates Luggala, an electronic traffic management system (ITS) is to be introduced and the toilets at the Council owned car park are being upgraded, temporary toilet facilities are in place.

The improved junction with R757 and R756, where the Glendalough road meets the Wicklow Gap, was officially opened on 15th June and has proven successful in accommodating vehicle movements and improving safety in the area, especially for larger vehicles.

Rural and Urban Regeneration Development Fund Grant Applications

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

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

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

A call for Category 1 (shovel ready) proposals is to be made later in 2021. It is proposed to submit the following projects:

1. Rathdrum
2. Newtownmountkennedy



3. A Food Incubation Hub

These projects will be developed over the year to bring them to a stage where they are ready to be submitted.

Bray Harbour Area Integrated Regeneration

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

Work is ongoing to further develop the unsuccessful applications for Wicklow and Arklow Harbours. A meeting with the Department of Housing URDF Team has taken place, this will inform the resubmission of these applications.

Maritime

Offshore Wind Energy

Seven Offshore Projects have been designated Relevant Projects by the government and are in line to receive a valid grid connection offer. Six of these projects are in the Irish Sea with four off the coast of Wicklow:

- Dublin Array RWE (2 projects Bray and Kish Banks)
- Codling Wind Park Fred Olsen/EDF (2 projects, Codling I and Codling II)

The Development of the designated Relevant Projects is dependent on the enactment of the Marine Planning and Development Management Bill, 2020 expected in 2021.

Arklow Bank is proceeding under an extant permission.

There are 2 further offshore wind farms at planning stage the Cailleach Windfarm in North Wicklow and the Shelmalier (South Wicklow/North Wexford)

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The estimated value of each of the above projects is between €1 and €2 billion. In addition to the benefits provided to the community, including investment, employment, training and skills development, and the opportunity to develop Wicklow as a Centre of Excellence for Offshore Wind Energy, a mandatory Community Benefit Fund must be provided by all RESS projects. This will be of significant value for the County Wicklow community.

Council officials are engaging with Enterprise Ireland and the educational bodies with regard to developing a business cluster and meeting skills and training requirements.

The publication of the Maritime Area Development Bill will help advance our renewable energy objectives within a regulatory framework.

Food and Beverage Strategy

County Wicklow Partnership has advertised through Etenders for a Food and Beverage Co-ordinator role for Wicklow Naturally and a tender for the supply of event costs for the period 2021 - 2023 in support of Wicklow Naturally's Promotional Activities Plan. Funding of €220,000 has been applied for via the LEADER Food Programme for both tenders. If successful, funding of 75% will be awarded, Wicklow Naturally will contribute 5% from subscriptions and it is proposed that Wicklow County Council will contribute €35,000 over a two year period

A large number of events in the calendar such as Bloom and the National Ploughing Championships have been cancelled; it is proposed to run October Feast again this year with a mix of virtual and "in person" events. This event was run virtually in 2020 and had a good participation rate.



2. Local Enterprise Office

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

METRICS: Grants	HISTORICAL	TARGETS	YEAR TO DATE
	2020	2021	2021
Grants Approved (number/ value) - Measure 1 - Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters	- 27/€663,778.00 - 3/€3,850	- Meet Demand - Meet Demand	-21/ €424,769 -2 / €3.150 (to date)
NB: Ability to meet demand is influenced by the amount of funding allocated to the LEO			
METRICS: Training/ Capacity Building	HISTORICAL	TARGETS	YEAR TO DATE
	2020	2021	2021
Total No. of All Programmes (Training/Networking/Events/Seminars)	64	60	46
Start Your Own Business Participant numbers (included in total training programmes)	75	75	59
Total No. of all Participants participating in above Programmes	1542	1000	563
Women in Business Network Number of Meetings	10	12	7

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METRICS: Business Advice & Mentoring	HISTORICAL	TARGETS	YEAR TO DATE
	2020	2021	2021
Number of new clients added to database *criteria have been amended for this metric	1302	1000	539
Number of One to One Business Advice meetings including Businesses assigned a mentor	803	600	316 (Including Brexit 1-1 Mentoring)

METRICS: Student Enterprise Programmes	HISTORICAL	TARGETS	
Academic Year	2020/2021	2021/2022	Year to Date
No. of Secondary Student Participants	962	1000	962

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

Trading Online Voucher	HISTORICAL	TARGETS	
No of Trading Online Vouchers approved	2020	2021	Year to Date 2021
Trading Online Vouchers	430	70	102

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

Microfinance Ireland	HISTORICAL	TARGETS	YEAR TO DATE
	2020	2021	2021
No. of Companies who have submitted a MFI loan application through the LEO	21	23	5



July 2021 Activities

- The July Network of Entrepreneurial Women network meeting took place via Zoom
- Two Wicklow clients accepted onto the Hi-Start Programme for high calibre start-ups seeking investment from VCs and business angels
- A national programme of training supports for craftspeople commenced, in conjunction with the Design and Crafts Council of Ireland and LEO Wicklow clients are engaging in this
- The 'Stimulus' and 'Green for Micro' consultancy programmes are in train, offering expert guidance to approximately 50 growing LEO client businesses in 2021
- The LEO is continuing to help clients work through their customs queries with a further customs training course scheduled for the autumn to help companies adapt to new regulations following Brexit.
- There continues to be a high level of demand for business advice clinics throughout the summer months which are currently being run remotely. Additional Clinics are being provided to ensure that demand is being met.
- Fortnightly newsletter is circulated to clients on supports, training courses, events and other relevant information.
- Social media and LEO website updates are carried out a number of times a week to raise awareness and promote the LEO supports.
- Applications for the Trading Online Voucher Scheme continue to be submitted with 102 approved to date for 2021. The grant has now reverted to 50% from 1st January 2021.
- The LEO national #LookforLocal campaign continues with local media adverts and facebook adverts to encourage people to shop local in order to support local businesses.
- An intensive Export Development Programme has been developed and tendered for to run later in the year in partnership with LEO Kildare as part of our strategic focus on assisting longer established clients to successfully develop new markets.
- LEO Wicklow and Kildare are taking the lead on organising one national virtual event for National Women's Enterprise Day to take place on Thursday 7th October. An events co-ordinator has been appointed to project manage the event on behalf of the LEO network.
- LEO Wicklow is the lead LEO for taking bookings for the East region Food Academy Programme with 10 food producers from the east region booked on. First workshop took place in July.

Training

The Spring Summer 2021 training programme has now concluded and the preparation of the Autumn Winter programme is well underway.

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

- ✚ Prepare your business for Customs, 12th October
- ✚ Start Your Own Business course, 31st August
- ✚ Trading Online Voucher Seminar, 2nd September
- ✚ Export Development Programme – Joined programme between LEO Wicklow and Kildare, starting September.



3. Planning and Development

County Development Plan Review

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The consultation period has been further extended by 2 weeks to 30th of August 2021

Planning Applications

A total of 161 valid applications were received during July. These include applications as follows:

Type of Development	Number Received
Individual Houses	48 (36 refer to rural house applications)
Housing Developments*	08
Agricultural Structures	05
Commercial	09
Other Developments**	91
Total	161



** Large Housing Development*

PPR 21/924 =Addacabin Ltd 30 houses Glenealy

PPR 21/ 840 Peter King & Milltown Construction – 19 houses Glenealy

***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 107 applications in July, being:

Type of Development	Number of Decisions
Housing Developments	09
Individual Houses	26 (17 refer to a rural house)
Other Developments	70
Other Developments Requiring EIA	2
Total	107

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

	31/07/2020	31/07/2021
Total Number of decisions issued	492	714
Total Number of decisions to grant	429	622
% Grant Rate	87%	87%

No. of Applications withdrawn

July 7 (of which 5 refer to rural house applications)

Applications lodged with An Bord Pleanala

Strategic Housing Development (SHD)

- ABP-307230-20, Ballinalea, Ashford (122 Units) – Awaiting Decision from ABP (SH202101)
- ABP-310078-21, Cookstown, Enniskerry (165 Units) Granted 13/08/2021 (SH202102)

Strategic Infrastructure Developments (SID)

Sispar – Greystones Marina – An Bord Pleanala has approved change of use for block D in Greystones Marina

Crag Digital - An Bord Pleanala has received an application for approval under section 182A(1) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended -ABP-310090-21- Proposed development will comprise the onshore grid infrastructure including 220kV export cable circuits and fibre optic cables,



new 220kV GIS substation at Shelton Abbey and overhead line connection and all associated ancillary works.

Kilsaran Concrete - 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

Sure Partners Limited – An Bord Pleanála has received an application for permission under Section 182A - ABP 306662 -21 - onshore element of Phase 2 of the Arklow Wind Park project. - Connection of the offshore project by underground 220KV AC cable from the proposed landing point to a new onshore substation at Shelton Abbey ,the construction of three new overhead line towers in the vicinity of the substation and the replacement of an existing overhead line tower with an angle tower. The substation is proposed to accommodate equipment for both SSE (prospective applicant) and Eirgrid, and the stated area of the substation site is c.4ha.

Planning Enforcement

July

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| • New Files | 50 |
| • Advisory Letters | 79 |
| • Warning Letters | 45 |
| • Enforcement Notices | 12 |
| • Legal files | 03 |
| • Closed | 57 |

Court Cases

- 8 Cases listed in the Circuit Court in June – 1 struck out (Resolved) 7 adjourned to October.

Vacant Sites

July

- 23 sites on Register
- 3 Section 7 Notice of Intent
- 1 Section 10(2) Notice – Removal from Register
- 8 Section 15 Notices – Demand for Levy served
- €7921.68 levies received 2021 to date
- Currently one appeal to ABP (Section 18 Demand Levy)
- Currently 3 appeals to the Valuation Tribunal
- One Market Valuation agreed prior to hearing by Valuation Tribunal



Derelict Sites

- Number of sites on Register 02
- Notices issued to end July 04
- **Total levies received 2021 €87,100**

Short Term Letting:

- 31 Applications for Registration received in 2021 – Total to date 78
- 12 warning letters issued
- 03 Enforcement Notices issued
- 2 properties from 2019 being investigated at present.
- 38 properties from 2020 being investigated at present.
- 20 properties from 2021 being investigated at present.
- 8 UD files created from 2020 in 2021.
- 8 UD files created from 2021

Wicklow Heritage & Biodiversity Office

- Community Monument Fund (CMF). Notification received on 16th June from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage of a total funding of €65,000 for Wicklow archaeology projects under the CMF2021. The following seven projects have been approved; Baltinglass Hillforts, an assessment of archaeological significance; Whitfield Graveyard access improvements; Wicklow Town Community Archaeology Initiative; Dunganstown Castle conservation advice, Kilbride archaeological investigations, Arklow Castle conservation report and the development of Conservation Management Plans for historic graveyards (Ballymacroghue, Mullinacuffe and Whitfield). All projects have commenced and are being overseen by Wicklow Heritage Officer
- Biodiversity Awareness programme: Two online talks by Wicklow nature authors held 29th June and 7th July.
- Wicklow Biodiversity Action. Funding of €29,950 allocated under the National Biodiversity Action Plan fund by 26th March. Three projects approved to improve conservation management of council owned properties at Brittas Bay, selected historic graveyards and at Kilmacanogue marsh. All projects commenced June- July with botanical and butterfly surveys.
- National Heritage Week 15th- 22nd August. 30+ projects registered online on www.heritageweek.ie for County Wicklow. WCC projects registered include Wicklow Swift Project; Daoine agus Ait Connecting Communities; River Liffey Stories Film Project; Wicklow Swift Project; Archaeology at Rathcoran, Baltinglass and Avoca River films.
- Wicklow Swift Project; Survey work complete.
- Our Wicklow Heritage: 'Daoine agus Ait – Connecting our communities' postcard project completed in partnership with National Museum of Ireland, Clare and Galway county council's heritage offices. 19 participating groups nationally (5 in Co. Wicklow), each group produced postcard and short films produced for each county.

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- Glendalough Archaeology: WCC supported a 2 week community excavation 3rd – 13th Aug in association with UCD and the Glendalough Heritage Forum. 50 participants. Online archaeology talk held for Heritage Week.
- Protected Structures Grants: Two successful projects announced for funding in county Wicklow Historic Structure Fund (HSF); ; Killruddery Clocktower repairs approved for €50,000 and Conservation works to the 'weir' at Russborough House approved for €50,000. Projects allocated under BHIS, total allocation for county of €72,000. 1st BHIS progress report submitted 29th June

4. Environmental Services

Waste Management

Litter/Waste Enforcement

No. of Complaints Created	187
No. of Cases Closed, Resolved or Completed	134
No of Litter Fines Issued	35
No. of Waste Management Files Opened	5
No. of Warning Letters Issued	4
No of Abandoned Car Notices Issued	9
No. of Burning Applications Granted	6
No. of Temporary Signs Granted	0
No. of Notices Issued under Section 14 of the Waste Management Act	6
No. of Notices Issued under Section 55 of the Waste Management Act	0
No. of Fixed Penalty Notices issued	0
No. of files prepared for Court and included in Court Lists	55
No. of Cases in Court under the Litter Pollution Act.	2
Income - Litter	€4,449.00
Income- Waste Management	€4,420.00

Recycling Centres

- A review of all of the Recycling Centres in line with the National Review document recently published on the DECC website is underway to assess how these Civic Amenities are operating with respect to both the service provided and VFM.
- A survey has taken place on the roof in Bray Recycling Centres, awaiting results and recommendations for upgrade.
- Bray Recycling Centre is now diesel free as the old diesel forklift has been replaced by an electric one and the diesel generator has been replaced by an increase in the power supply to the centre from the mains.
- Hazardous Waste collection took place on 24th July in Greystones Park and Ride, further collections will take place on 7th August in Rampere Recycling Centre, Baltinglass and 14th August in The Murrrough Recycling Centre, Wicklow.



- Free mattress collections will take place in Arklow Recycling Centre on 7th August and Rampere Recycling Centre on 21st August.

Whitestown Remediation Project

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

- Draft remediation plan was lodged with Brownfield restoration Ireland Limited (BRIL) on 27th November.
- Following the receipt of submissions from a number of prescribed bodies, the High Court instructed WCC to incorporate the requests contained in the submissions into the draft plan and to commence surveys required for an Appropriate Assessment.
- Quotes have been received from surveyors and the required habitat surveys, agreed with the NPWS, commenced in July.

Climate Action

- EV Chargers will be installed at the area office in Blessington in the coming weeks .The charging point at Shoreline Greystones has been delayed on health and safety grounds due to the operation of the Vaccination Centre. The charging point at Main Street Blessington has also been delayed due to lead in time for a new ESB connection.
- A Co. Wicklow Tree Management Strategy is nearing completion
- A Foamstream machine was purchased from Furlong Equipment Ltd. and following a delay due to COVID restrictions, training was held in Bray MD. Bray MD await the delivery of a trailer to transport the machine safely but have used it for weed killing in the Bray Cemetery and in a playground. It has also been used for cleaning purposes at the public toilets at Bray Seafront. Feedback from staff has been positive and we will continue to monitor its use and success.
- The roll out of the Climate Action Awareness national training programme has commenced and training will continue online for all staff throughout 2021.

Energy

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



Location	Project
Clermont	Heating Controls
	PV Panel
Wicklow Town Hall	PV Panel
	Lighting Upgrade
	Windows/Doors Upgrade
Bray Civic Offices	PV Panel
	Heating Controls
	Lighting Upgrade
Bray Depot	PV Panel
	Lighting Upgrade
Tinahely Area Office and Fire Station	Lighting Upgrade
	Insulation Upgrade
	Insulation Upgrade
	PV Panel
Greystones Library	Lighting Upgrade
	Windows/Doors Upgrade
Arklow Fire Station	Insulation Upgrade (attic)
	Lighting Upgrade
	Insulation Upgrade (walls)
Coral LC Wicklow	Heat Pump Upgrade
County Buildings	BMS
	Windows/Doors Upgrade
7 No. EV Chargers.	EV Chargers - Double Socket

Sustainable Energy Committees

Work recommenced in June to allow for the continuation and completion of Energy Map Plans, EMPs for Newtownmountkennedy, Greystones/Delgany, Wicklow and Blessington. Desktop work only has been undertaken in previous months.

Glenmalure has completed its EMP. The committee is now focused on identifying projects to implement.

Laragh Energy Master Plan is also complete and has been presented to the Community. Payment is being made and a claim will then be made for reimbursement from SEAI.

A new application for a grant to undertake an Energy Master Plan was submitted by Enniskerry SEC. The grant application has been processed and a grant agreement signed between Wicklow County Council and SEAI. Work by consultants is due to start in August.



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

A new SEC group was formed in Arklow in April. Work is progressing on an application for an EMP.

Decarbonisation Zone

Arklow was selected as the pilot decarbonisation zone. The proposal was submitted to the DECC at the end of April.

- Work has commenced with the town. A meeting was held with the municipal district and the Town Team. Support has been given to the Arklow SEC group to help gather data. A place making training is proposed for summer to create a shared vision for the town. Wicklow County Council were not successful in our application for funding for place making consultant through Re-Imagine Place with The Irish Architects Foundation. Work is ongoing on a tender to appoint a consultant. The Key actions of this appointment will include establishing a baseline for carbon emissions in the town, researching projects and their funding source and developing an Implementation Plan before the end of 2021. A tender was placed on E Tenders to hire consultants to undertake a base line study for the Arklow Decarbonisation Zone. The Tender Evaluation Team will meet during the week commencing 16th August to assess the tender submissions.

Environmental Awareness

- The annual Tidy Towns, Estates and Sustainable Development Awards were launched for applications at the beginning of July with a closing date of the 30th of July. This year the title was changed to link to the Sustainable Development Goals and relevant goals were referenced under individual award categories. Judging will take place in August. 28 Wicklow towns entered the national Tidy Towns competition this year.
- A web based portal has been developed for the Relove Fashion competition. Schools were notified in May that we would be running the competition and we will do a launch in August to coincide with reopening of schools.
- Work has started on an EPA funded project to develop composting solutions for the management of the high levels of grass production which must be lifted when green space is being managed for pollinators. This project will help to facilitate Wicklow County Council's commitment to designate spaces for pollinators. Three Tidy Town communities have been selected for the project and started site selection and training. They are Greystones,



Blessington and Grangecon. Discussions are ongoing with Clermont campus about replicating the project there.

- Wicklow County Council took part in an EPA funded consultation led by the Community Reuse Network of Ireland and the Clean Technology Centre, Cork to look at developing a strategy to improve the separate collection of textiles. Following on from the consultation Wicklow County Council has been asked to be one of three local authorities which will test different approaches for improving collection. Donegal and Clare will test new collection systems while Wicklow will use a communications campaign to increase use of existing textile disposal options. The communications campaign will target one town, for which we will use Arklow, focusing on the charity shops in the town and the recycling centre. As part of the research textiles collected and textile content in household waste will be measured before and after the campaign.
- This year's LAPN funding call from the EPA has been made with a closing date for applications of the 11th of August. Three project applications are being prepared. The first will look at circularity in textiles linking too and developing on from the CRNI/CTC textiles research project above. The project will involve workshops on upcycling of clothes and a demonstration project on upcycling partnering with charities in the town. The second project for which funding will be sought will for a Wicklow Naturally webinar or event on the circular economy for food producers. This project will be delivered in collaboration with the Wicklow LEO, highlighting the Green for Micro programme. A third project will link to the Bikes for Africa project and involve delivery of workshops on bicycle repair in the three larger recycling centres. A Transition Year Climate Action programme to guide schools on engaging students in action at local level is being developed. Partners in the project are Kildare, Meath and Louth local authorities and the CARO office. The programme contains modules on Energy, Active Travel, Biodiversity, the Circular Economy, Water, Rivers, Food, Trees, Advocacy, Business and Air Quality. A first draft has been prepared. We are currently exploring opportunities to link up with the GAA Future Leaders programme.
- An application for funding under the Anti-dumping initiative was submitted for a Bikes for Africa project. This year's project if funded will involve a permanent storage container for bikes suitable for reuse by school students in Africa. The storage unit will be place in Arklow recycling centre with bikes then transported to Shelton Abbey open prison for repair before sending them to Africa. This project is in collaboration with the Rotary Clubs of Bray and Wicklow.



- Wicklow County Council is working with eight other local authorities to develop a series of short videos on dog fouling for use on social media. The campaign will include six animated video each of which shows the impact dog fouling has on others using a variety of scenarios. We will seek matching gifs which can be shared by residents associations more easily on Whats app groups and will serve as reminders of the main campaign. The videos are currently in production.
- A motion sensed audio device campaign has switched to delivering an anti-litter campaign on the four Blue Flag beaches reminding people to take their litter home with them. It will remain in situ on the beaches for the remainder of the bathing season before switching back to dog fouling in other locations for the Autumn.
- A series of online workshops with Marine Dimensions were organised as part of the Blue Flag Beach education programme and took place with booking through the Bray, Greystones, Arklow and Blessington libraries.
- National Spring Clean has had its busiest year to date with request coming in for clean-up kit from the beginning of the year. There is increased volunteer activity. The campaign has recently been extended for the summer month with funding to An Taisce by the DECC. The DECC is currently undertaking a consultation with local authorities prior to launching a new Anti-litter Infrastructure capital support scheme which aims to addressed increasing litter levels generated by outdoor dining. Data and information is being gathered from the municipal districts to respond to a request for information form the DECC.

Blue Flag Beaches

Wicklow County Council has retained 4 Blue Flags at beaches at Bray South Promenade, Greystones, Brittas Bay North and Brittas Bay South. Beach bye-laws are in place for these Blue Flag Beaches from 1st June 2021.

Brittas Bay Carparks

Carparks in both Brittas Bay North and Brittas Bay South are now open for the summer season and charging is now in force. Bin collections are in place and toilet facilities are open.



Lifeguards

The bathing season runs from 1st of June to the 15th September as do Lifeguard Patrols. Lifeguards have been appointed and there are lifeguards in Bray, Greystones, Wicklow Harbour, Brittas Bay North and South and Arklow.

Caravan Parks

The majority of the caravan parks are up and running for the season, one park is not opening as it is currently for sale and another is not open as it is just for pull-ins and the majority are visitors from abroad.

Burial Grounds

Wicklow County Council has developed a columbarium wall at Springfield Cemetery, Killarney Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow. The development consists of two double sided walls with 96 niches on each side giving a total of 384 niches. Each side consists of 8 rows of 12 niches with each niche capable of accommodating 2 urns.

An advertisement has been placed in August inviting expressions of interest from suitably qualified individuals or companies in respect of the inscription of individual plates/niche doors and installation of the plate following inscription.

Harbours and Ports

Activity at Wicklow Port for July

Month / Year	Ships	Single (Import or Export)	Double (Import & Export)	Transactions	Imports	Exports
Jan-20	3	3	0	3		
Feb-20	4	3	1	5		
Mar-20	9	8	1	10		
Apr-20	9	8	1	10		
May-20	8	8	0	8		
Jun-20	8	7	1	9		
Jul-20	11	11	0	11		



Total to 31/07/2020	48	48	4	56		
Aug-20	10	9	1	11		
Sep-20	9	9	0	9		
Oct-20	10	10	0	10		
Nov-20	14	12	2	16		
Dec-20	11	11	0	11		
Jan-21	9	9	0	9	7	2
Feb-21	9	9	0	9	7	2
Mar-21	11	11	0	9	9	2
Apr-21	11	11	0	11	8	3
May-21	8	8	0	8	8	0
Jun-21	11	10	1	12	9	3
Jul-21	12	12	0	12	10	2
Total to 31/07/2021	71	70	1	70	58	14

Pollution Control

Pollution Response & Investigation

- 13 Water pollution complaints were received and investigated.
- 6 Air Pollution complaints were received and investigated.
- 2 Noise Pollution complaints were received and investigated.
- 2 Sewage nuisance complaints were received and investigated.

Air Quality Monitoring

A new air quality monitoring station was installed in Greystones in June 2021. This monitor was installed as part of the Environmental Protection Agency programme to extend ambient air monitoring network in the Country. This is the second air quality monitoring station in addition to the existing station in Bray. Both stations will monitor for the presence of particulate matter PM 2.5 and PM10 which is indicative of emissions from solid fuel burning and diesel engines. The civil and electrical works were conducted by the Council.

It is intended to provide air quality monitoring station in both Arklow and Blessington.

Private Water Supplies

- 62 Private water supplies were monitored and 7 deemed non-compliant with drinking water parametric limits



- 2 Boil water restrictions were placed on private water supplies following non-compliant microbiological results and advice received from the Health Service Executive.
- 1 Do not consume water restriction was placed on a private water supply following non-compliant chemical result and advice received from the Health Service Executive.
- 5 Boil water restrictions were lifted from private water supplies following remedial action and compliant microbiological results and advice received from the Health Service Executive.

Petrol Vapour Recovery Regulation

- 1 Petrol Filling Station was issued certificate of installation.
- 3 Petrol Filling Stations were inspected.

Septic Tank Inspections - National Inspection Plan 2021

- 11 inspections of domestic waste water treatment systems were carried out.
- 2 domestic waste water treatment systems were found non-complaint and advisory notices were issued for improvement.

Licensed Effluent Discharges to Waters/Sewer

- 22 licensed wastewater discharges to water were monitored and were deemed satisfactory.
- 10 licensed wastewater discharges to water were non-compliant and were required to take corrective action.
- 2 licensed wastewater discharges to sewer self monitoring results were reviewed and deemed satisfactory.
- 2 licensed wastewater discharges to sewer were non-compliant and were required to take corrective action.

Ambient Monitoring of Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plants

- 8 River/lakes samples taken and analysed upstream and downstream of municipal wastewater treatment plants.

Bathing Water Monitoring Programme

- The identified bathing waters were each monitored 5 times; Bray South Promenade, Greystones South, Brittas Bay North, Brittas Bay South and Silver Strand.
- The non-identified bathing waters were each monitored 3-4 times; South of Bray Harbour, The Cove Greystones, Kilcoole, The Murrough and Arklow South, The Cove Arklow and Wicklow Harbour.



- 7 Bathing prohibition notices were issued due to episodes of poor quality at Clogga, Arklow South, The Cove Arklow (twice), Brittas Bay North, and Wicklow Harbour(2). These were associated with heavy rainfall events and northerly/easterly winds/high waves.
- Wicklow County Council has asked people who swim at beaches, lakes and rivers to tell them if they think they should maintain existing designated bathing waters designations or give a new official bathing area designation to areas that are commonly used for swimming, but not identified at the moment. The period for receipt of submissions via consultation hub has been extended to 28th August due to technical issues that may have prevented receipt of submissions.

Water Framework Directive National Monitoring Programme

- 27 Lakes were monitored for the purposes of WFD/River Management Plan.
- 33 Rivers were monitored for the purposes of the WFD/River Management Plan.

Water Framework Directive River Basin Management Plan

- The EPA Water Quality Report 2020 indicated that Wicklow leads the trend with the improvement in biological Q ratings of our rivers at 83% being excellent or good against the national trend at 57%.
- Many of the rivers and streams such as the Derry, Avonmore, Mine, Dargle and Slaney Rivers flowing through our towns, villages and rural areas have seen this improvement.
- WFD investigative and engagement activities
 - Assisted Delgany tidy Towns Group to identify Fish Barriers for possible inclusion in funding for fish barrier removal projects.
 - Consultation with NPWS on possible Bog Rewetting project for Wicklow Mountains
 - Registered notification of interest in Urban Water misconnection project with South Dublin County Council
 - Consultation with Fisheries, East Wicklow Rivers Trust and Local Authority Waters Programme Office on possible funding applications for Fish barrier removal in the County
 - Consultation with East Wicklow Rivers Trust on a possible water quality and agriculture education project
 - Referral from LAWPRO to investigate impacts from a Soil importation site complete and closed out.
 - Update to WCC and Press release on EPA water quality indicators report for 2020 – further improvements in River quality in Wicklow
 - River walk and investigative samples taken on the Rathnew Stream in Glenealy to help pinpoint critical pollution source areas.



Planning & Development

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

Well Grants

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| • Number of New Applications | 39 |
| • Number of New Wells Granted | 12 |
| • Number of New Pumps Granted | 28 |
| • Number of New Equipment (Filters etc.)Granted | 40 |
| • Number of Inspections in advance/after works | 28 |

Arklow & Avoca Flood Relief Schemes

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

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

Arklow Municipal District has made a submission to the OPW requesting additional glass paneling to the Scheme at South Quay



5. Transportation, Water & Emergency Services

Public Lighting

	28/06/2021	05/07/2021	12/07/2021	20/07/2021	26/07/2021	03/08/2021
Access Issues (Attended)	18	21	20	20	17	15
Cable Fault (Attend)	1	4	4	4	4	4
ESB Required (Attended)	29	33	33	29	27	27
Knock Down (Attended)	3	3	3	3	3	3
Materials required	3	3	3	3	3	3
No Supply	4	5	5	5	5	5
On Hold	15	11	11	11	11	11
Submitted	145	155	149	192	150	159
Traffic Management Required	12	13	14	11	14	14
TOTAL	230	248	242	278	234	241
Percentage of lights not working	1.53%	1.65%	1.61%	1.85%	1.56%	1.61%

Status	Arklow MD	Baltinglass MD	Bray MD	Greystones MD	Wicklow MD	Grand Total
Access Issues (Attended)	1	2	7	2	3	15
Cable Fault (Attend)					4	4
ESB Required (Attended)	12	1	5	2	7	27
Knock Down (Attended)		1	1		1	3
Materials required	1	1	1			3
No Supply		1		3	1	5
On Hold	2		2	5	2	11
Submitted	23	32	45	27	32	159
TMR	1	1		2	10	14
Grand Total	40	39	61	41	60	241
Percentage Not Working	1.37%	1.63%	1.83%	1.49%	1.66%	1.61%



Transportation Statistics (General)

	Total 2020	Running total 2021	June	July
Solicitors Queries	842	575	109	92
Road Closure Applications	23	22	5	5
Road Opening Licences	1279	1049	149	124
Abnormal Load Applications	33	22	5	1

M11/N11 Junction 4 to 14 Improvement Scheme

The scheme design consultants ARUP are progressing with the development of a Virtual Interactive Platform and envisage releasing it by the end of August. An announcement to the elected members in both Wicklow County Council and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council will also occur at this time.

The public will have an opportunity to view the Preferred Corridor and submit feedback, but also book a meeting with the project team on the project website.

The publication of the Stage 3 of Phase 2 Option Selection is due also at the end of August and will be made available to the public. Both the project team and the Land Liaison team are continuing to meet virtually with the public and any interested groups. Contact to both the liaison and project team can be made through the project website and also dmforde@wicklowcoco.ie and n11m11@arup.com

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

M11/N11 Interim Bus Priority Project

Arup Consulting Engineers are progressing with the development of the Phase 2 (Options Selection) and Phase 3 (Design and Environmental Evaluation) are continuing, It is anticipated there will be further engagement with the NTA in the coming weeks.

The Interim Bus Scheme will be co-ordinated by Wicklow County Council and will be supported by a Project Management team from Regional National Roads Office based in Kildare. This scheme will run separately to the main N11/M11 scheme in order to promote an earlier delivery timeframe.

N11 Kilmacanogue Parallel Service Road

Phase 2 works along the hard-shoulder/verge are progressing, with the recent installation of the two overhead gantries. Accommodation works and Footpaths are now complete.

The foul sewer rising main diversion (between junction 7 and Kilmacanogue) continues along the southbound verge.



The construction of the concrete plinths to delineate the service road from the mainline traffic commenced at the end of July, with the switch to Traffic Management Plan Phase 3. The Road Works Speed Limit Order for the northbound carriageway has been removed with effect from the 30th July 2021. The RWSLO of 60km/h is retained on southbound carriageway through the works with the limit of 50kph now in place along the service road. Phase 2 works along the hard-shoulder/verge are progressing, with the recent installation of the two overhead gantries. Accommodation works and footpaths are now complete.

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N81 Knockroe Bend Realignment

The Knockroe Bend scheme is complete. Some defect remediation works are due to be carried out by the contractor on the road surfacing.

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

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

N81 Pavement Capital Works

TII have allocated funding to resurface circa 4km south of Blessington. The tender process for these works has been completed and a contractor has been appointed. These works are scheduled for completion over July and August.

N81 Capital Maintenance

TII have provided an allocation for resurfacing works from Ballinacrow Upper to Saundersgrove Hill and at Hollywood Lower.

The tender process for these works has been completed and a contractor has been appointed.

These works were completed in July 2021.

Sustainable Transportation Measures Grant Schemes

Bray Strand Road Cycle Route – Construction works are progressing with paving on eastern side nearly complete. An additional section of paving is to be carried out on the Western side of Strand Road. Works are due to commence on road surfacing. Public lighting, street furniture and planters will be installed in the coming weeks.

Pedestrian Access Route Wicklow Train Station – Consulting Engineers have completed the Options Assessment Report. Work has commenced on the Preliminary Design for the scheme in preparation for submission of Part VIII documentation.



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

Greystones Transport Study – Consultants have been appointed and are working on the concept development of the scheme.

Convent Avenue to Vevay Crescent Permeability Scheme – Work has commenced on the Topographic survey of the lands in Sans Souci and Convent View areas.

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

NTA Active Travel 2021 – There are 13 schemes listed under the Active Travel 2021 programme with overall funding allocation of €1.517M. Gateway approval submissions have been made to the NTA for 8 of the schemes with further submissions anticipated during July 2021. Construction Works have commenced on 5 of the schemes with further schemes to start in the coming weeks.

Laragh/Glendalough Junction - Construction works commenced on 19th September with works progressing well to improve access for visitors to the National Heritage Site in the townland of Brockagh at Glendalough. The works are now substantially complete and the schemes are now open to traffic flow.

Ballinaclesh Junction: Construction has started since early September 2020 and works are currently progressing well on both the new alignment section and drainage works in the townland of Corballis Lower. The works are now substantially complete and the schemes are now open to traffic flow.

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

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

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

The period for lodging objections to the CPO ended on 13th August 2021.

Newtownmountkennedy Town Centre Refurbishment Scheme

A consultant has been appointed to provide Technical Consultancy Services to bring the Newtownmountkennedy Town Centre Refurbishment scheme from Preliminary Design / planning and readiness for application for funding for construction. The scheme intends to undertake works to focus on the enhancement of Newtownmountkennedy town centre to address issues of physical and economic decline with significant levels of vacancy and a lack of focal points in the town centre.



Significant traffic management issues have also been identified. At the same time Wicklow County Council intends to provide a relevant and necessary level of community facilities in order to build social cohesion and enable a resilient community.

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

Arklow Parade Ground Public Realm

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

A contractor has been appointed for the works and is due to start in September 2021

Blessington Inner Relief Road

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

Currently carrying out high level environmental assessments of the options

Arklow Shillelagh Greenway

Wicklow County Council is currently preparing documents for lodging with An Bord Pleanála for to progress this scheme.

Bray Sustainable Transport Bridge

Wicklow County Council has advertised and commenced the public consultation of the Part 8 process for Bray Sustainable Transport Bridge Project.

The period for making submissions and objections to the proposed development will end on 6th September 2021

Baltinglass Town Centre Plan

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

Arklow Transport Study

Consultants have been appointed to progress the Arklow Transport Study.

Fire Service

Operational Fire Statistics July 2021

	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	4							1	1	1	1
Fire Caravan	0										
Road Traffic Collision (RTC)	25	5	7	4	3	1	2			1	2
Fire Vehicle (HGV /motorway)	4	1	1	1	1						
Hazardous Materials Incident	0										
Fire Industrial / Commercial	0										
Fire Barn / Shed / Prefab	3			2	1						
Fire Alarm or CO₂ Activation											
Fire Alarm or CO ₂ Activation	15	4	3	3		3	1		1		
Fire Outdoor: Gorse / bushes	29	12	2	9		1	1	1		2	1
Fire Chimney	1	1									
Fire Small / bin / skip / bonfire	18	10	4	1		1	1		1		
Fire Vehicle	5	1		2		1				1	
Flooding	1								1		
Trees Down, Make Scene Safe	4	1	1	1						1	
Ambulance Assist / Medical Assist	10	3	2	1	1	2				1	
Garda Assist	2	1	1								
Electrical Incident	1	1									
Gas Leak	0										
River / Water Rescue	2						1	1			

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Fire Oil / Petrol	0										
Explosion	0										
Entrapment / Rescue / Lift	0										
Oil Spill / Road Hazard	0										
Animal Rescue	0										
Lock In / Lock Out	1									1	
False Alarm – Good Intent	3	1	1				1				
Malicious False Alarm	0										
Mobilised into other County	11					2	1	5	1	2	
Times Stations mobilised	139	41	22	24	6	11	8	8	5	10	4

**Naas Fire Crew supported Blessington at an RTC on 29th July*

There were **123 incidents** attended during the month of July 2021. Individual Fire Stations were mobilised on a total of **139 occasions** including 11 incidents in other counties. There was no occasion during the months when an Incident Commander requested an additional crew above what has been predetermined for the incident type to deal with the incident.

Operational activity for the month of July **was up 39% on the preceding month** (June 2021 – 100 mobilisations). The increase was generally characterised by an increase in gorse fires (up from 15 to 29) and rubbish / bin fires (up from 10 to 18).

Operational activity for the month of July 2021 **was up 39% on the equivalent month in 2020** (July 2020 – 101 mobilisations). There was a decrease in fires in buildings (down from 12 to 2) however there was an increase in alarm activations (up from 9 to 15), an increase in gorse fires (up from 8 to 29) an increase in bin fires (up from 6 to 18) and an increase in incidents attended in neighbouring counties (up from 2 to 11).

Sample Incidents (July 2021)

- 01/07/2021 Baltinglass and Dunlavin crews attended a domestic house fire at Tankardstown, Baltinglass.
- 02/07/2021 Bray and Greystones crews attended an RTC near the Sugarloaf on the Roundwood
- 06/07/2021 Tinahely and Rathdrum crews attended a single car RTC near Aughrim
- 24/07/2021 Blessington and Dunlavin crews responded to reports of a incident in the river at Ballyward Bridge, Kilbride.
- 31/07/2021 Tinahely and Carnew crews attended a single vehicle RTC at Coolatin, Shillelagh.

Incidents in County Kildare (7-incidents):

- 15/07/2021 Baltinglass crew supported by crews from Carlow Town attended a 2 car RTC outside the Castle Inn, Castledermot.
- 17/07/2021 Dunlavin crew attended a gas leak at Grangebeg.
- 23/07/2021 Dunlavin crew attended a field on fire at Brannockstown.
- 24/07/2021 Dunlavin attended an alarm activation at a service station on the M9 at Halverstown.
- 25/07/2021 Dunlavin crew attended a truck fire at Halverstown, Kilcullen.
- 27/07/2021 Dunlavin crew assisted Gardai at a vehicle incident at Silverhill.

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30/07/2021 Blessington crew supported crews from Naas at the scene of a 4-car RTC at Junction 7, southbound on the N7.

Incidents in County Wexford (4-incidents):

17/07/2021 Carnew crew attended an outdoor fire at Knockbrandon.
 22/07/2021 Carnew crew supported a crew from Bunclody at a JCB on fire in a hay barn at Park Bridge.
 24/07/2021 Arklow crew supported a crew from Gorey at a domestic house fire at Courtown Cove.
 26/07/2021 Arklow crew attended an outdoor fire at Monareagh, Coolgreaney.

General

Operational personnel have engaged in a process of research during 2021 in relation to “Electric Vehicles”(EV) and the new risks associated with this type of vehicle. As a result Wicklow County Fire Service was requested to run 3 national workshops in Bray which all took place in the month of July.

Preparations for a 3-week recruit course took place during the month of July, including interviews, suitability tests and medicals. The course is scheduled to commence on 9th August with 4 Wicklow students.

Fire Prevention Statistics July 2021

Application type	Received	Deemed Invalid	Requested additional information	Inspections	Recommended Grant
Fire Safety Certificates	11	1	8		10
Regularisation Certificates	1		1		3
Disability Access Certificates	6		4		7

Licensing	Received	Inspected	Request further info	No Objection letter	Not raising an objection
District	6				
Circuit	3	1			

Commencement Notices for July 2021:

Commencement Notices Submitted: 33

- 4 Commencement Notices with Compliance Documents
- 20 Opt Out Declarations
- 2 Commencement Notices without Compliance Documents
- 7 Seven day Notice



Submission Statistics

- 60 % of Commencement Notices - Opt Out
- 55 % of Commencement Notices Revised Information required & requested = 18 No. Commencement Notices (CN) of which
 - 2 are Compliance Documentation (12%)
 - 11 are Opt Out (61%)
 - 1 Without Compliance Documentation (5%)
 - 4 Seven Day Notice (22%)
- 32 Valid Commencement Notices
- 32 new build residential Units (20 of which are one off houses)
 - Invalidated CNs for July = 0
- **Certificates of Completion processed in July 2021**
 - 11 New No. of CCC submitted
 - 10 No. Validated
 - 0 No. Invalid

Submission Statistics

10 No. Validated CCCs related to;

9 No CCCs submitted in July 2021
1 No CCCs submitted in June 2021

7 Revised Info Requests from July

**BCA not notified on completion of opt out developments

Parking

Parking Income by Municipal District	EURO
Bray Municipal District	429,843
Greystones Municipal District	135,150
Wicklow Municipal District	135,284
Arklow Municipal District	78,797
Parking Permits	35,730
Parking Fines	169,678
Wicklow County Council	984,482



Organisational Development and Financial Matters

1. HR and Corporate Services

Recruitment

The following interviews were held in July:

- Waste Water Caretaker Grade III
- Water Caretaker Grade III
- Retained Firefighter Dunlavin
- Retained Firefighter Tinahely
- School Warden Greystones
- Branch Librarian

Employee Numbers

Employee Numbers	Q3 2020	Q4 2020	Q1 2021	Q2 2021
Managerial/Administrative	293	292	296	297
Professional/Technical	105	108	123	118
Outdoor	324	323	268	264
Temporary/Seasonal	31 (reduction relates to lifeguards)	31	51	71 (increase relates to lifeguards)
Non DOHPLG	8	8	8	8
Total	761	762	746	758

Employee Numbers	Q2 2020	Q3 2020	Q4 2020	Q1 2021
Managerial/Administrative	294	293	292	296
Professional/Technical	104	105	108	123
Outdoor	320	324	323	268
Temporary/Seasonal	55	31 (reduction relates to lifeguards)	31	51
Non DOHPLG	8	8	8	8
Total	781	761	762	746



Access to Information

F.O.I. Requests

July 2021: 13	July 2020: 9
Jan – July 2021: 52	Jan – July 2020: 55

Ombudsman Requests

July 2021	4
January to July 2021	12

July 2020	0
January to July 2020	17

Press Releases

June 2021 – 11 Press Releases

Register of Electors

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

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

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

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



Customer Services Innovation Hub

2021 - Quarter 2			
Communication	No.	Public Counters	Transactions
No. of Phone Calls	44,043	Motor Taxation	966
No. of Emails	4,342	Revenue	489
No. of Elected Members	390	Social Housing Applications	333
CRM Cases	2,089		

Communication

Communication has been a vital tool in our organisation, especially over the challenging last few months. Due to the need for us all to maintain social distancing alternative methods of holding and administrating meetings had to be introduced. Various technologies such as Microsoft Teams, Zoom and Cisco WebEx have been tested and deployed throughout the organisation, depending on the business need.

Our key objective is to ensure that there is clear, consistent and appropriate communication between Wicklow County Council and all Staff. Communication has been delivered through Microsoft Teams and other technologies such as Zoom, as well as our traditional methods, such as e-mail and text alerts.



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Response to COVID-19

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

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

IT Helpdesk

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

Domain Migration

- Server migration is almost complete.

Upgrade to Core HR System

- Implementation Plan in place for upgrade of Core-HR system.

Implementation of ePlanning

- Systems and Project Plan in Place to rollout ePlanning

GIS & Data Collection Systems

- Development of an interactive walking trails portal has commenced in collaboration with Wicklow Tourism.
- Online consultation portal for the County Development Plan CDP 2021 – 2027 has gone live and is available to view in County Buildings and online.
- Testing of new OGC standard WMS/WMTS from the OSi has begun with plans for full integration into our systems in September.
- Parallel projects in Housing, Roads and Environmental Services departments are on-going and integration to CRM and GIS systems have being developed and rolled out.



Customer Service Delivery

- Support for the Customer Service Innovation Hub is ongoing with further improvements and enhancements implemented. 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 July 1st, 2020, to June 30th, 2021, were 1,464,238. This indicates an increase in pageviews of 13.5% compared the same period the previous year.

- Social media accounts – followers to date
 - o Facebook (Wicklow County Council) – 9917 followers. This is an increase of 75 followers or .76% on the previous month.
 - o Twitter (@WicklowCoCo) – 7,302 followers. This is an increase of 80 followers or .1.11% on the previous month.
 - o Instagram (@WicklowCoCo) – 2,215 followers. This is an increase of 47 followers or 2% on the previous month.
- The Online Consultation Hub on Wicklow.ie continues to feature in enhanced consultation campaigns. These have included–
 - o Part 8 Age Friendly Semi-Detached Houses 12 Mill Bank, Killincarrig, Greystones
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 - o Part 8 – site located at junction of Upper Dargle Road and Sutton Road, Bray
 - o Outdoor Seating & Accessories for Tourism & Hospitality Businesses
 - o Designation of Bathing Waters
- Social media campaigns have continued over the last month.
 - o #stopfoodwasteBBQ
 - o #KeepWell
 - o #OutdoorsForEveryone
 - o #CommunityCall

Wicklow County Council participated in the #yourcouncilday annual national twitter campaign to highlight the work of local authorities around the country on July 1st where we posted information on all aspects of what Wicklow County Council do. The campaign was very successfully received with Wicklow achieving the highest number of tweets for a local authority and placing third for engagement.



FINANCIAL

Revenue Account

REVENUE ACCOUNT							
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 31ST JULY 2021							
	EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET
	Actual Expenditure	Adopted Full Year Budget	% Budget Spent to Date	Actual Income	Adopted Full Year Budget	% Budget Spent to Date	Actual Expenditure / (Income)
	€	€	%	€	€	%	€
Housing and Building	15,612,807	28,035,818	56%	(18,033,756)	(33,580,464)	54%	(2,420,949)
Road Transport & Safety	10,847,615	22,299,168	49%	(6,609,305)	(15,497,938)	43%	4,238,310
Water Services	2,863,813	5,823,666	49%	(3,474,125)	(6,857,035)	51%	(610,313)
Development Management	8,247,640	11,471,622	72%	(5,165,296)	(6,226,652)	83%	3,082,344
Environmental Services	6,763,365	11,897,222	57%	(1,013,352)	(2,069,370)	49%	5,750,013
Recreation and Amenity	4,518,528	7,946,046	57%	(1,033,391)	(882,197)	117%	3,485,137
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	826,698	1,496,632	55%	(529,724)	(834,228)	63%	296,974
Miscellaneous Services	11,249,779	10,447,823	108%	(9,966,127)	(7,747,758)	129%	1,283,652
Central Management Charges	11,267,748	19,212,563	59%	(601,927)	(1,000,000)	60%	10,665,822
Local Government Fund				(7,004,024)	(12,006,898)	58%	(7,004,024)
Pension Levy				0	0		0
Commercial Rates				(18,712,179)	(32,078,021)	58%	(18,712,179)
	72,197,993	118,630,560	61%	(72,143,208)	(118,780,561)	61%	54,785

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 July 2021 to 31st July 2021.

Capital Account



CAPITAL ACCOUNT					
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 31ST JULY 2021					
	Opening Balance at 01/01/2021	Actual Expenditure	Actual Income	Transfers to/from Reserves	Closing Balance at 31/07/2021
	€	€	€	€	€
Housing and Building	17,611,344	32,014,826	(31,489,653)	(356,500)	17,780,017
Road Transport & Safety	(44,050,309)	8,681,577	(5,275,642)	27,083	(40,617,291)
Water Services	(11,018,071)	174,378	(703,358)	(10,000)	(11,557,052)
Development Management	(8,802,936)	452,142	(354,958)	(715,250)	(9,421,001)
Environmental Services	1,504,016	990,342	(1,215,294)	(346,250)	932,814
Recreation and Amenity	(1,312,600)	1,400,164	(1,788,767)	(95,500)	(1,796,702)
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	(1,234,386)	42,058	0	(115,743)	(1,308,072)
Miscellaneous Services	(16,085,971)	1,675,107	(1,454,889)	(18,999)	(15,884,752)
	(63,388,913)	45,430,594	(42,282,560)	(1,631,159)	(61,872,039)

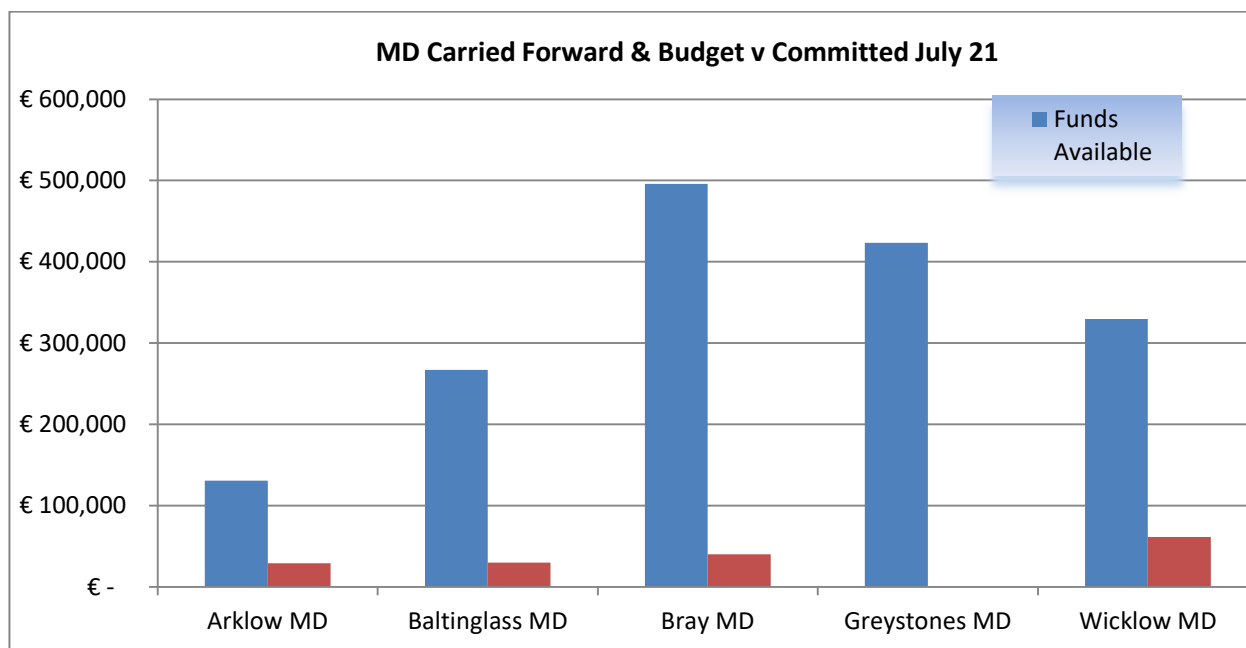
Commercial Rates, Rents and Loan Collections

SUMMARY OF MAJOR COLLECTIONS AT 31ST JULY 2021										
Income Collection Area	Opening Balance 01/01/2021	Accrued	Vacancy Property Adjustments	Write Offs	Waivers	Total for Collection	Collected	Closing Arrears 31/07/2021	Specific Doubtful Arrears	% Collection
Rates	8,194,672	32,065,945	2,110	4,710	(4,925,876)	35,341,561	(18,017,536)	17,324,025	2,016,810	54%
Rents & Annuities	2,735,687	9,953,173	0	(30,683)	0	12,658,177	(9,668,450)	2,989,728	0	76%
Housing Loans	446,214	1,000,942	0	0	0	1,447,157	(1,178,206)	268,950	0	81%

Nine Month Rates Waiver: A waiver of commercial rates was applied to specified businesses in for the first and second quarter of 2021. This 3-month waiver has modified criteria and accordingly is a separate, standalone waiver scheme to the previous 2020 scheme. This waiver is being extended to cover the third quarter of 2021 and will be applied in due course. There is no application process required for this scheme. Wicklow County Council will automatically apply a 100% credit in lieu of commercial rates for the quarter periods to eligible properties.

General Municipal Allocation and Discretionary Fund 2021

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



Municipal District	C/F from 2020	Adopted Budget 2021	Funds available to MD	Committed	Balance to Expend
	€	€	€	€	€
Arklow MD	76,907	54,000	130,907	29,302	101,606
Baltinglass MD	245,041	22,000	267,041	30,105	236,936
Bray MD	433,456	62,500	495,956	40,304	455,652
Greystones MD	392,553	31,000	423,553	80	423,473
Wicklow MD	296,693	33,000	329,693	61,578	268,115
Total	1,444,650	202,500	1,647,150	161,369	1,485,781

Capital Investment Programme 2020-2022

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

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



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



Capital Funded Projects

Project Scheme	Project Name	Project Cost	Match Funding
NRGF	Blessington Greenway	€15,000,000	€0
URDF	Arklow Historic Town Core	€3,134,684	€783,671
URDF	Wicklow Town - Library and Fitzwilliam Square	7,034,879	€2,407,470
URDF	Bray Public Transport Bridge	€8,600,000	€1,000,000
URDF	Bray Harbour Area Integrated Regeneration	€9,520,000	€2,380,000
RRDF 2019	Blueprint for Baltinglass	€3,566,968	€891,742
RRDF 2020	Placemaking Newtownmountkennedy	€477,000	€119,250
REDF	Wicklow County Campus - Content Creation Hub	€3,500,000	€2,000,000
Fáilte Ireland Destination Towns	Abbey Grounds Wicklow Town	€620,000	€120,000
Fáilte Ireland Outdoor Dining Scheme	Market Square Wicklow Town	€119,000	€19,000
Community CCTV Scheme	Greystones CCTV	€115,000	€75,000
Community CCTV Scheme	Blessington CCTV	€115,000	€75,000
WCC	Mill Road, Greystones Masterplan	€50,000	€50,000
ORIS 2018	Avonmore Way Link Bridge	€490,000	€98,000
ORIS 2018	Vartry Reservoir Walks & Car Park	€197,131	€39,426
ORIS 2018	St. Kevin's Way	€200,000	€40,000
ORIS 2018	The Spinc	€200,000	€50,400
ORIS 2019	Wicklow Way Infrastructure Enhancement	€25,000	€5,000
ORIS 2019	Baltinglass Road Cycle Trails	€11,000	€2,200
ORIS 2019	North Wicklow Trails Network Development	€310,700	€38,140
ORIS Measure 1 2020	Avondale Avonmore	€20,330	€2,033
ORIS Measure 1 2020	Trail Digitising	€19,600	€1,960
ORIS Measure 1 2020	Tinahely	€20,000	€2,000
ORIS Measure 1 2020	Stratford	€20,000	€2,000
ORIS Measure 1 2020	Long Distance Video	€21,400	€2,140
ORIS Measure 1 2020	Brockagh Mountain Access	€11,100	€1,110
ORIS Measure 1 2020	People Counters	€22,000	€2,200
ORIS Measure 1 2020	Sean Lenihan	€21,200	€2,120
ORIS Measure 1 2020	Glenmalure Bridge	€12,500	€1,250
ORIS Measure 3 2020	Bright light Blueway	€554,820	€55,482
Sports Capital Programme	Charlesland All Weather Pitch Refurbishment -	€59,271	€5,927
LSSIS	Wicklow Swimming Pool	€1,646,052	€493,816
LSSIS	Charlesland Running Track	€411,674	€123,502
CLAR 2019	Rathcoyle NS	€55,556	€2,778
CLAR 2019	Knockananna	€46,000	€3,000
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
	Sub-Total	€57,713,863	€11,090,747