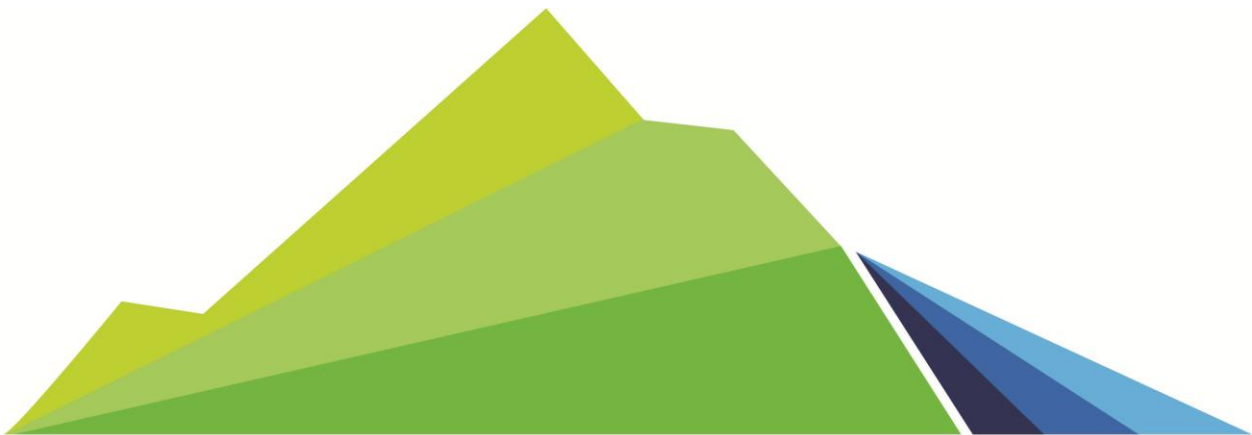


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This month:

WICKLOW'S NATIONAL WOMEN'S ENTERPRISE DAY EVENT TO TAKE PLACE ON 15TH OCTOBER

Female entrepreneurs and aspiring businesswomen from across Wicklow are encouraged to register for this year's National Women's Enterprise Day (NWED), after the lineup for the event was announced. This initiative from the Local Enterprise Offices (LEOs) aims to inspire and support women in business.

There are 15 events nationwide featuring a range of successful businesswomen, emerging female entrepreneurs and expert speakers in the areas of innovation, networking, sustainability and marketing.

The Wicklow NWED Event will run from 12 pm to 4 pm on Thursday, 15th October, in the Conference Centre at Clermont House, home to the LEO Offices in Rathnew. Lunch will be provided upon arrival, and tickets cost just €15, available for purchase online at www.localenterprise.ie/wicklow

This year's theme, "Feeling the Fear - Making It Happen", will encourage businesswomen to take the next step in their journey, whether that involves acting on an idea, growing their business, or innovating.

The keynote speaker will be Claire Walsh, freediver, author, podcast host and breath coach. A proud resident of Wicklow Town, County Wicklow, Claire was the first person ever to represent Ireland at the Freediving World Championships in France in 2019.

With a background in theatre and movement, Claire is also a bestselling author. Her acclaimed memoir, *Under Water*, shortlisted for the An Post Sports Book of the Year 2023, shares her inspiring journey of reinvention, resilience, and discovering strength through challenge.

Claire is also the host of the *Scared Shitless* podcast, where she explores how fear can both hold us back and become a powerful catalyst for growth and positive change. A regular contributor across television, radio, and TEDx events, Claire is renowned for delivering engaging, thought-provoking talks that encourage audiences to embrace discomfort, build resilience, and realise their full potential. Her keynote at National Women's Enterprise Day promises to be an inspiring, motivating, and memorable experience.

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Social Development

Housing

	August 2026	August 2025
No. availing of Rental Assistance Scheme (RAS)	77	86
No. Availing of Housing Assistance Payment	1301	1364
No. in Long Term Leasing Accommodation	18	20
No. in Short Term Leasing Accommodation	18	19

Allocation of Social Housing

	August 2026	August 2025
Wicklow County Council	10	8
Approved Housing Bodies	7	23

Housing Applications

End August 2025:

CUSTOMER CARE: NEW APPLICATIONS	
CUSTOMER CARE: AWAITING INFORMATION	105
CUSTOMER CARE: AWAITING PROCESSING	19
HOUSING: AWAITING TO BE LOGGED & THEN PROCESSED	55
HOUSING: AWAITING FURTHER INFORMTATION	85
HOUSING: AWAITING EHO	3
TOTAL:	267

End August 2026:

CUSTOMER CARE: NEW APPLICATIONS	1
CUSTOMER CARE: AWAITING INFORMATION	4
CUSTOMER CARE: AWAITING PROCESSING	11
HOUSING: AWAITING TO BE LOGGED & THEN PROCESSED	122
HOUSING: AWAITING FURTHER INFORMTATION	122
HOUSING: AWAITING EHO	23
TOTAL:	283

Social Housing Stock

	August 2025	August 2026
Tenancies Occupied	5129	5191
Total Weekly Rent Accrual	€350,553.08	€363,450.54

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Rent

- Income based Differential Rent Scheme - Last Review – 2019. A full rent review has now been undertaken, with new rents coming into effect on the first Saturday in October 2026.

Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS)

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

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

Assessment criteria

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

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

As of 31st August 2026, Wicklow County Council continues to work in partnership Ark, KARE, St John of God & Sunbeam to deliver properties under the disability category of social housing need. Wicklow LA also continues to work with Sunbeam House Services and NAHVI/Positive-Futures, to bring active projects to completion.

Areas of delivery below:

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

Local Authority Home Loans up to 31 August 2026

Received	Approved in Principle
18	2

Local Authority Home Loans up to 31 August 2025

Received	Approved in Principle
33	11

2016 Tenant (Incremental) Purchase Scheme

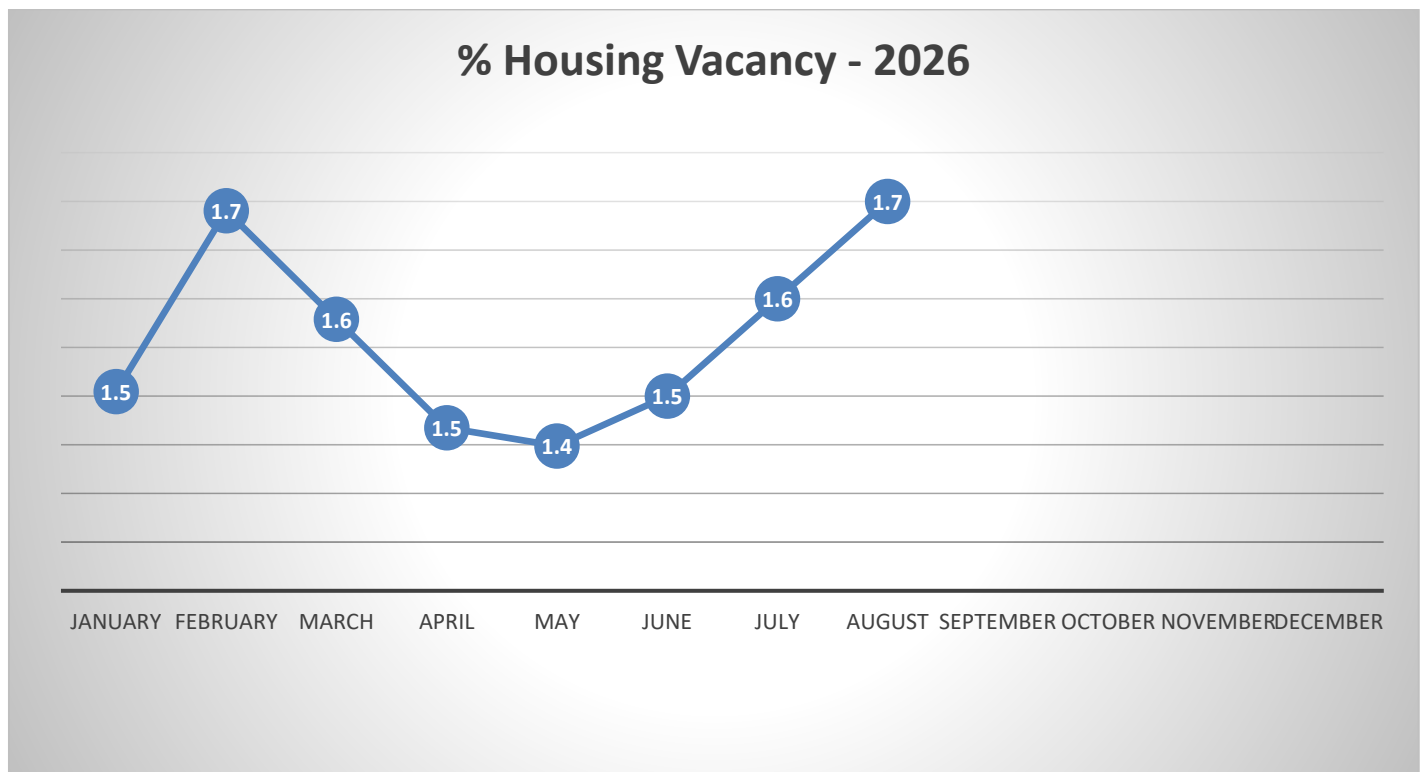
	<u>To Date</u>	<u>June 2026</u>
<u>Applications Received</u>	508	5
<u>Completed</u>	127	1
<u>Declined</u>	280	0
<u>Ongoing</u>	15	15

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Voids / Re-Letting Programme

MD	Not Started	In Progress	Completed but not yet tenanted	TOTAL Vacant	TOTAL Completed in 2026
Arklow	7 (-1)	2 (-3)	4 (+3)	15 (+1)	8 (0)
Baltinglass	4 (+1)	7 (0)	10 (+2)	21 (+2)	7 (+3)
Bray	4 (0)	8 (+1)	5 (0)	17 (+1)	11 (+2)
Greystones	2 (-1)	4 (0)	3 (+1)	10 (0)	7 (+2)
Wicklow	10 (0)	11 (0)	9 (0)	30 (+1)	17 (+6)
2026 Totals	27 (+1)	32 (0)	31 (+4)	93 (+11)	50 (+10)
2025 Totals					142
Total Vacancy as % of Total Stock		Figures in brackets indicate change on previous month			1.7 (+0.2)

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



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

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Traveller Accommodation (TAU)

Scheme	Current Status
Barndarrig Group Housing scheme: 3 group housing units and 17 social houses	Expect to go to tender for Contractor in September
Vale Road, Arklow	This is a two-unit group housing scheme. The Part 8 planning process is complete. TAU funding approved and design team appointed.
Ballintесkin – 2 extensions	The tender for the construction contract has been awarded, and the contractor has commenced works. It is expected to reach substantial completion by Q4 2026.



Works ongoing extension at No.7 Ballintесkin August 2026

Infill Sites/Age Friendly & Disability Schemes

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

Energy Retrofit Program

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

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

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

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EERP	Numbers carried out to date 2026
Houses complete	2



Energy Retrofit works Walls being pumped at Asgard Close Arklow Town. August 2026

Regeneration Projects/ Special Projects

Hillview, Wicklow Town

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

Farrankelly Close, Greystones

A full asset management survey of Farrenkelly was completed in Q3 2025. This completed a full inventory of the properties and condition throughout to help us ascertain works needed. These stock condition surveys were completed through our program Adjust+

Following these surveys, phase 1 of the works to install new windows and doors were tendered comprising of 12 properties and these were completed earlier this year and delivered with associated improvements to insulation and ventilation completed by the Greystones MD team.

The contract for phase 2 comprising of 38 units was awarded in 2026, and 14 units have been completed to date with another 4 units expected to be completed by next Friday the 4th of September bring total units in phase 2 completed to 18. This will mean 40 units have been completed in total in the estate across phase 1 and 2. We aim to have completed all 38 units tendered in phase 2 by the end of 2026.

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New windows and doors installed at Farrenkelly Greystones 2026

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

Grant	Home Adaptations
Disabled Persons Grant (DPG) completed July 2026	54
Housing Adaptation Grant complete July 2026 (HAG/MAG/HOP)	253

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



Disability Grant Works at 6 Woodbrook Arklow

Private Rented Accommodation Regulation & Enforcement

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

Private Rented Inspections	Numbers carried out 2026 to date:
Targeted and complaint inspections	168

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

Notice Type	Notices currently active:
Improvement Notice	15
Prohibition Notice	5

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

A new private rental inspection contractor framework was established in July and Wicklow are looking to complete a sample of social housing stock with a contractor by the end of the year.

Stock Condition Surveys (SCS)

Wicklow County Council completed 404 stock condition surveys on local authority properties to date. This formed the basis of drawdown of planned maintenance funding from the DGLGH in terms of surveys, electrical inspections, electrical upgrade works, heating upgrade works and replacement of windows and doors. A new SCS framework was established in July and Wicklow are looking to complete a sample of social housing stock with a contractor by the end of the year.

Mortgage to Rent (MTR)

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

There are currently 109 households in the County availing of this scheme.

Wicklow County Council (MTR) Tenants	Approved Housing Body (MTR) Tenants	In Progress
57	52	13

Social Housing List by Area of Choice

The table below outlines the number of households currently on Wicklow County Council's social housing waiting list who have selected each area as their first preference. As applicants may choose up to three areas of choice, the figures represent first-preference demand only and do not capture additional demand from households who have selected an area as their second or third preference. In addition to the currently at the awaiting allocation stage, there are also households seeking transfer from HAP and other social housing supports whose housing needs are not reflected in these figures.

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FIRST AREA OF CHOICE	Total
ARKLOW	310
ARKLOW RURAL / THOMASTOWN	3
ASHFORD	170
AUGHRIM	14
AVOCA	21
BALLINACLASH	1
BALLYCOOGUE	1
BALTINGLASS	45
BARNDARRIG	5
BLESSINGTON	139
BRAY NORTH	287
BRAY SOUTH	256
BRAY TOWN CENTRE	105
CARNEW	24
DELGANY	80
DONARD	4
DUNLAVIN	13
ENNISKERRY	26
GLENEALY	5
GREYSTONES	143
KILCOOLE	36
KILMACANOGUE	4
LARAGH	6
NEWCASTLE	8
NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY	37
RATHDRUM	13
RATHNEW	34
REDCROSS	1
ROUNDWOOD	15
SHILLELAGH	6
STRATFORD-ON-SLANEY	3
TINAHELY	7
WICKLOW TOWN	86
Grand Total	1908

The Homeless HAP Place finder provides assistance in:

- seeking out potential properties suitable for households currently identified as homeless or at risk of homelessness;
- liaising with specific households to establish their specific needs;
- establishing relationships with local property agents and landlords; and,
- supporting those homeless households to (a) prevent the necessity to enter emergency accommodation or (b) to exit emergency accommodation and secure a tenancy.

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- To date, 735 households (514 families & 221 singles) have been assisted under the Homeless HAP Scheme in Wicklow County Council from the inception on 1st October 2018 to 31st August 2026. (292 homeless cases, 397 prevention cases to date and 48 direct provision). 187 properties were sourced by WCC.

Homeless Services

Homeless Figures for July 2026

Addressing Homelessness			
	As at 31/07/2026	Year To Date	As at 31/07/2025
No of New Presentations	41	266	14
No. of Repeat Presentations	25	161	5
No. of Families (Minimum 1 Adult + One Child)	17	118	6
No. of Individuals (Single Adult, no children)	44	358	15
No. Of Couples (2 Adults, no children)	10	46	4
No. of Children	30	190	10
NTQ/Asked to Leave/Landlord selling	5	113	3
Family Circumstances	26	146	5
Leaving Prison/Hospital Care	3	34	2
Mental Health	3	19	1
Risk of Homelessness	30	166	12
Arrears/Loss of Income	0	0	0
Addiction Issues	6	33	1
DV/DA	2	12	1
Medical Issues	1	11	1
Overcrowding	1	13	4
Unsuitable/Voluntarily Left	7	14	0
ASB:	5	13	0
Rough Sleeping*	3	11	4
Sofa Surfing*	5	39	1
Staying with Family*	6	30	0
Staying with Friends*	7	27	2

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

Own Door Temporary Accommodation at 31/07/2026	
Families	16
Adults	35
Children	44
Single individual	9

Bed & Breakfast Accommodation - No. of Homeless Emergency Accommodation Placements & Duration @ 31/07/2025								
	No. of Households	No. of Adults	No. of Children	< 3 mths	3-6 mths	6-9 mths	9-12 mths	>12mths
Household breakdown	24	28	26	8	3	3	3	8
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	No. of Households	No. of Adults	No. of Children	< 3 mths	3-6 mths	6-9 mths	9-12 mths	>12mths
Household breakdown	30	44	29	10	7	7	0	13

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

Addressing Homelessness in Partnership with Approved Housing Bodies

Homeless Supported Temporary Accommodation – Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow

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

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

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

Homeless Family Service – Fitzwilliam Road, Wicklow

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

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

Homeless Supported Temporary Accommodation – San Remo, Bray

San Remo is operated by Dublin Simon and incorporates a service model whereby there are a number of emergency/cold weather initiative beds and Supported Temporary Accommodation Beds (STA). There is on site key working support linking in with clients.

The Neighbourhood Liaison Committee is now operational and meets monthly.

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

Homeless Supported Accommodation - Carraig Eden, Greystones

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

Other Homeless Supported Accommodation

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

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

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Housing First

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

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

Wicklow County Council has, to date, successfully accommodated 19 clients under Housing First. Other clients proposed for Housing First have been assessed by the team and are availing of key support work pending finalisation of sourcing of accommodation. The main issue facing this programme is the availability of 1-bed units in suitable locations with easy access to required services.

Community

Community Awards Scheme (CAS) 2026

As part of its commitment to supporting local community development, Wicklow County Council operates an annual Community Awards Scheme available as grant aid to successful community groups and local organisations wishing to undertake community projects in their area.

The maximum grant amount is €1,000 per organisation for small projects and group running costs. There is €85,000 allocated for the CAS in 2026.

312 CAS applications were received in total and payment has been made, or is in process, to 298 successful applicants. 14 applications are ongoing.



Local Enhancement Programme (LEP) 2026

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

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

County Wicklow has received €199,043.66 as part of the Local Enhancement Programme 2026.

The Wicklow Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) is responsible for allocating funding through this scheme. Applications must relate to one or more key priority areas identified in their LCDC's Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) to be eligible for consideration.

Applications have now closed and 208 eligible applications were received in total, of which 199 have been paid, and the remaining 9 are ongoing.

Ballynagran Small Grants Scheme

The Ballynagran Landfill Community Liaison Committee and Wicklow County Council support a grant scheme that may be availed of by owner occupied households living in the area close to the Ballynagran landfill site to help reduce any effects the landfill facility may have on the area around it. The scheme for 2026 will provide grants to owner-occupied households to improve their property.

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This scheme is being funded through the proceeds of the levy on the Ballynagran Landfill Facility.

The 2026 Ballynagran Small Grants Scheme closed on 31st July with 97 applications received and now being processed.



IPB Pride of Place Competition 2026

The five Wicklow finalists in the IPB Pride of Place 2026 Competition recently presented to the visiting judges. The following entries were nominated to represent the county.

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

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

Judging of the projects took place on 19th, 20th and 21st August. Over the three days, the two judges visited the participating towns and attended all five presentations, where residents, community groups and local committees proudly showcased the outstanding work being carried out in their communities. The participants demonstrated great dedication, effort and civic pride as they highlighted the projects and initiatives that make their areas unique.

The winners will be announced at an awards ceremony on Friday, 24th of October, in the National Convention Centre, Dublin. The competition is run by Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Company (IPBMI), in association with Co-operation Ireland.



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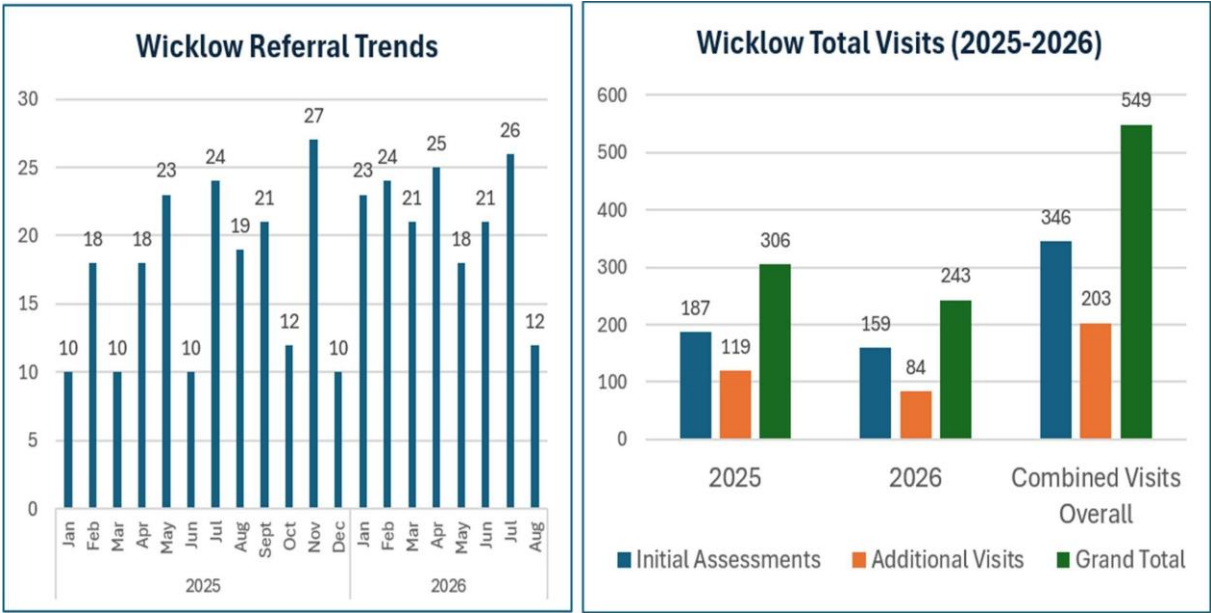


Healthy Age Friendly Homes

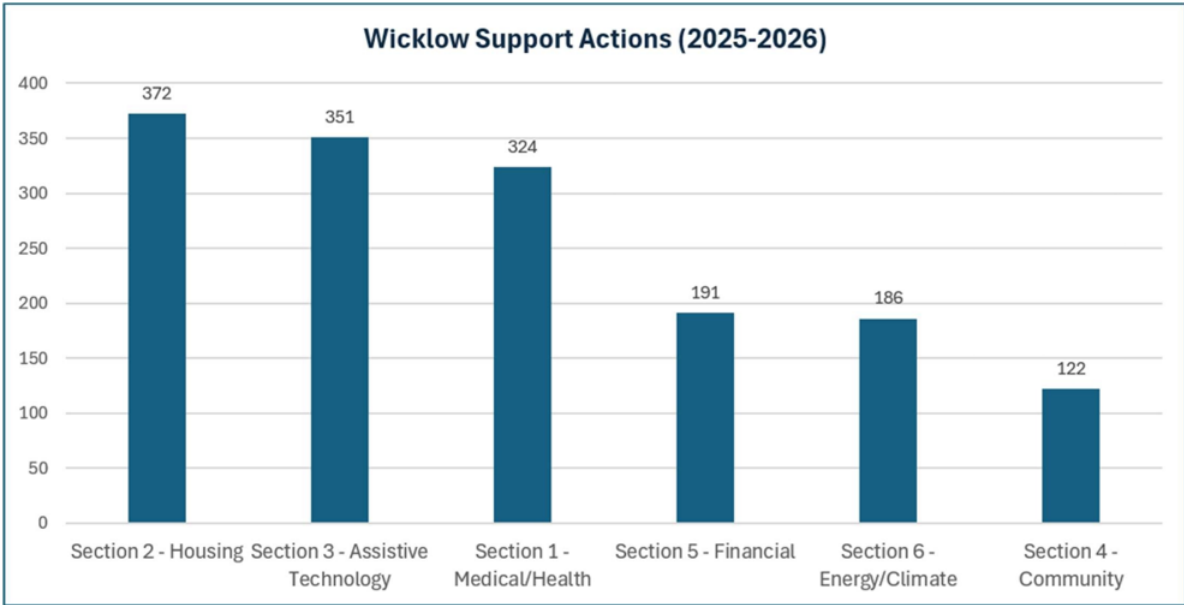
Programme Delivery

Outlined below are details of the number of older people in Wicklow who have been assisted by Healthy Age Friendly Homes to continue to live in their own home with dignity and independence. Since the 1st January 2025, 346 older people across Wicklow have benefited from support from Healthy Age Friendly Homes.

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Total Number of Participants Awaiting a Visit	59
Total Supports Offered for: Medical/Health; Housing; Assistive Technology; Community; Finance and Energy/Climate (Jan 2025 – 26 th August 2026)	1,546



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

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Programme Details:

Healthy Age Friendly Homes is a free service which is available to homeowners, private, Approved Housing Body and Local Authority tenants. Local coordinators play a critical role in ensuring older people receive timely and appropriate support and reinforce the Councils commitment to the development of age friendly communities through measurable social benefit.

The Healthy Age Friendly Homes Programme continues to support older people, over 65 years of age, to live in their home for as long as possible. The Programme accepts referrals from a variety of sources including from:

- The older person – Self Referral
- Family and friends
- Elected representatives
- Local Authority Staff
- Public Health Nurses, GP's and Occupational Therapists
- Community Organisations

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

Referrals to the programme can be made via phone, email or through our website:



046-924 8899 (Head Office)



healthyagefriendlyhomes@meathcoco.ie



agefriendlyireland.ie

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County Wicklow Age Friendly Programme 31st August 2026

Wicklow Age Friendly Strategy:

Age Friendly Expo 2026: Save the date: 23rd October, Brockagh Centre, Laragh.

Age Friendly Alliance: Alliance meet 4 times per year. Next meetings 15th September and 8th December.

OPC Executive Committee: Next meeting 2nd September, with LCSP Public Consultation targeted for older people, following this meeting in Clermont, Rathnew

Meetings Held 2026	Future Meetings
23 rd January 20 th March 22 nd May 29 th June 2 nd September	2 nd October
5 & subgroup meetings	5

Age Friendly Ireland Public Realm Steering Group: This group is updating the current Age Friendly Ireland **Public Realm Guidelines** and consists of the Wicklow Age Friendly Programme Manager/Access Officer, along with key national stakeholders. Consultants are O'Herlihy Access Consultancy. Final draft format currently underway.

Positive Aging Committee meeting, HSE Next meeting 2nd September online

Age Friendly Champions: Wicklow Library Service AF Champion, training to take place 8th and 11th September



Comhairle na nÓg

- Youth Council have been working over the summer on the report of their transport survey, with good data to work with. Report due to be completed mid-September.
- Youth Summit is booked for Friday 6th November in the Glenview Hotel.
- Comhairle na nÓg Coordinator, Dr. Cllr. Caroline Winstanley will attend an international Human Rights & Democracy lab event in Würzburg, Germany, where they are interested in hearing more about CNN as a unique structure.



Access Officer: Disability & Inclusion

- **Discussion document on proposed Emergency Evacuation Protocol** Meeting took place 5th August with DOS of Social Development and DOS of Integration and Emergency Services.
- **Disability & Inclusion Steering Committee (DISC)** Next meeting 24th September. Review of Terms of Reference and visit from Equality Officer in DLR to take place.
- **Disability Champion** initiative offered to whole staff team, to integrate disability awareness and accessibility improvements across the whole organisation.

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- **The Sunflower Lanyard** aims to support people with hidden disabilities. Induction training now available on internal training platform called Eazysafe, for whole staff team to access and receive a certificate once completed.
- **Website Accessibility:** Ongoing edits made to current website regarding accessibility as needed. Ongoing meetings with Communications team to ensure accessibility considerations are covered as needed and are a core part of planning of new website from the start.
- **Access Officer queries:** dealing with ongoing queries for support and/or information, linking in with WCC staff including Laura O'Callaghan weekly and externally, as appropriate.



Healthy Wicklow

Active Communities

Healthy Wicklow is organising a dedicated Health Hub at Carnew Mart on the 10th September, bringing essential health screening directly to farmers at a location they already attend. The initiative recognises that farmers can often have limited time and may find it difficult to attend routine health appointments. On the day, the Irish Heart Foundation Mobile Health Unit, Vision Ireland and Hidden Hearing will be on site with three mobile vans, providing free health checks covering heart health, vision and hearing. This collaborative initiative aims to make preventative health checks more accessible to the farming community, encouraging early identification of potential health issues and promoting better overall health and wellbeing.



Healthy Wicklow and Wicklow Sports & Recreation Partnership have jointly funded a new set of playground stencils to support schools and community organisations in enhancing their outdoor spaces. This initiative responds to the increasing demand from schools and community groups seeking to develop more engaging environments and create additional opportunities for unstructured, active play among children and young people. The stencils provide a simple and accessible way to transform existing spaces, encouraging physical activity, creativity, social interaction and play while making better use of available outdoor areas.

Working alongside Rena Byrne, Nurse at Carnew Community Care, Healthy Wicklow is funding a chair-based exercise programme for service users with limited movement and mobility issues. The programme takes place every Thursday morning, with 15 individuals currently participating. The initiative provides an accessible opportunity for participants to engage in regular physical activity in a safe and supportive environment, helping to improve mobility, strength, balance and overall health and wellbeing.

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Sláintecare Healthy Communities - Bray

1. Children's Wellness Hub

The independent evaluation of the Children's Wellness Hub has now been completed following almost two years of work between Mary Immaculate College and local stakeholders. The findings provide an important evidence base for the Hub's community-based early-intervention model and reinforce the value of accessible, trusted supports for children and families before needs escalate to more intensive services.

The Hub has entered its second year of SEED funding, with a further €75,000 secured to support continued development. Three staff are now in place and the programme continues to provide direct therapeutic and family-support activity, including play therapy, Theraplay-informed work, family engagement and workshops for children and parents. The next phase will focus on communicating the evaluation findings, strengthening referral and partnership pathways, monitoring outcomes and considering the longer-term sustainability of the model.

2. Bray Traveller Project

The Bray Traveller Project continues to progress positively under the current phase of Genio funding. The Housing and Accommodation Officer role is now well established and provides a consistent point of support for Traveller individuals and families across housing advocacy, homelessness, tenancy sustainment, repairs, disability adaptations and wider wellbeing needs.

There has been strong progress across a number of priority cases. A priority homelessness case has received a housing offer; a priority overcrowding transfer has successfully moved to a new home; a priority medical transfer is progressing; and a downsizing transfer is being advanced which would allow a family home to be reallocated to a daughter currently experiencing gross overcrowding. A homeless service user has also been supported through assessment and documentation to secure a HAP tenancy.

Interagency working with Housing Officers, the Traveller Social Worker, Clerks of Works, Simon Community and the Homeless Team has strengthened. Advocacy also continues in relation to a priority overcrowding case requiring a larger property.

Current project activity includes:

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

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

3. Period Poverty Initiative

The Healthy Communities Period Poverty Initiative has secured funding for 2026. The programme will continue to provide free menstrual products through community organisations and services working with vulnerable individuals and families in Bray, while also strengthening menstrual-health education and awareness.

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At least four targeted workshops/talks are being planned across community settings and secondary schools. The initiative is intended to reduce practical barriers, promote dignity, improve health literacy and ensure that people experiencing financial disadvantage can access both products and reliable information.

4. Dormant Accounts Fund – LGBTQ+ Youth Health and Wellbeing

A funding application has been submitted under the 2026 Dormant Accounts Fund in collaboration with Crosscare for an LGBTQ+ Youth Health and Wellbeing initiative in County Wicklow. The proposal centres on a one-day, youth-informed event for LGBTQ+ young people aged 12–18, designed to provide a safe and inclusive space for health, wellbeing, creativity, physical activity, social connection and access to trusted information and supports.

Subject to funding, the programme would include interactive health and wellbeing workshops, food and refreshments, targeted transport support, accessibility and sensory supports, and a supervised alcohol-free social event. The proposal builds on Crosscare's previous successful youth events while strengthening the health-inequality, inclusion and wellbeing focus through the SHC partnership. An outcome on the funding application is expected shortly.

5. Women's Health, Recovery and Employment – Addiction Intervention

A further funding application has been progressed in partnership between Bray Travellers Community Development Group (BTCDDG) and Sláintecare Healthy Communities for a targeted programme supporting women affected by active addiction, substance misuse or early recovery. The proposed approach recognises the strong interaction between addiction, mental health, housing instability, poverty and social exclusion, and aims to provide a practical pathway towards greater stability and participation.

The proposed programme would combine structured recovery-focused interventions with health and wellbeing supports, relapse-prevention strategies, confidence building, practical life skills and onward referral to appropriate addiction and mental-health services. A core objective would be to support women to progress, where appropriate, towards education, training, volunteering and employment. The programme is intended as a targeted prevention and early-intervention response: reducing the risk of relapse and further social or health deterioration while strengthening engagement with existing services and longer-term recovery pathways.

6. Physical Activity for Health Hub / Ballywaltrim Sports Pavilion

Work continues on the Physical Activity for Health Hub and wider community infrastructure in Ballywaltrim. The PAfH Hub remains an important SHC-supported initiative, improving access to tailored physical activity for people living with chronic conditions and for communities experiencing health inequalities.

Ballywaltrim Sports Pavilion

The Ballywaltrim Sports Pavilion refurbishment is now in its active delivery phase. The wider project originated from an earlier community grant allocation, with the current refurbishment phase progressed during 2026. A formal Service Level Agreement was signed in July 2026 to support the completion of capital works, with €20,000 in Sláintecare Healthy Communities funding allocated to the project. An initial €15,000 has been released, with the final €5,000 payment being progressed in line with the agreed governance and supporting-documentation requirements. Significant preparatory work has already been completed, including engagement with the Ballywaltrim committee, development of a schedule of works, contractor quotations, clarification of eligible expenditure, and agreement of the funding and reporting requirements. Refurbishment works are now underway. The planned works include improvements to internal facilities and finishes, electrical and energy-efficient lighting upgrades, painting and decorating, repairs or replacement of showers and bathroom facilities, kitchen improvements, doors and locks, fire-safety works, flooring and tiling, windows, interior structures and other necessary pavilion repairs.

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Local Community Safety Partnership

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

Chair: Cllr Tom Fortune

Vice-Chair: Selena McKenzie

Meetings held in 2026:

- LCSP – 4 meetings – next meeting 21st September
- The first public meeting of the LCSP was held on 15th June at Kilian House, Greystones, in conjunction with a public consultation.
- LCSP Steering Group – 7 meetings
- Domestic Violence Working Group – 2 meetings
- Roads and Road Safety Working Group – 3 meetings
- Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group – 2 meetings (next meeting scheduled for 2 September 2026)
- Safe and Secure at Home – 1 meeting

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

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

Progress to Date

- The LCSP secured a grant of €16,500 from the Department of Agriculture to provide Tractor Driving Safety Awareness training for young people aged 14 years and over. Two training sessions took place in Vallemount GAA on 17th and 18th August, and more dates are being booked for September and early October in Coolboy, Vallemount and St Kevin's Community College in Dunlavin. A community Garda will attend all the upcoming sessions and give a talk to the young people attending.
- The LCSP are working with Wicklow Youth Services and Pyscare Ireland to deliver a Night-Time/Nightlife Preparedness course for young people aged 18+ in the coming months.
- The LCSP had a stand in the Best of Wicklow marquee at the Tinahely Show with great engagement all day. There was a display of the property marking machine and the LCSP has since received communications from several interested parties to hold property marking events.

Wicklow Local Community Safety Plan

- To date the youth survey has received responses and the adult survey has received 800 responses.
- Six public consultations for the Community Safety Plan were held in May and June.
- A presentation and consultation with the IFA executive took place on the 23rd July.
- A consultation hub has been opened for groups and organisations to make a submission to the Community Safety Plan.

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- A presentation and consultation with the Older People's Council is being organised for 2nd September.
- Further focused consultations are being coordinated with Minority Communities and the Travelling Community.



Public Participation Network

Governance Network for community organisations: In response to local demand, this network has been set-up collaboratively by Wicklow PPN, Co. Wicklow Partnership and Wicklow Volunteer Centre. First meeting to be held on September 29th.

PPN Policy Review: Initial review report has been completed on Wicklow PPN policies with regard to fit- for-purpose, alignment/consistency with each other and with national policies and guidance. Secretariat to review report and decide on next steps.

PPN National Conference 2026: To take place September 24th and 25th in Hodson Bay Hotel, hosted by Roscommon PPN. Participants from Wicklow PPN to attend.

10 funding streams and 7 public consultation opportunities currently advertised by Wicklow PPN.

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

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Planning, Economic & Rural Development

Forward Planning

County Development Plan

The Wicklow County Development Plan 2022-2028 was adopted in September 2022 and came into effect in October 2022. The County Development Plan has been subject to six variations since 2022, and the consolidated updated County Development Plan is available to view here: <https://www.wicklow.ie/Living/Services/Planning/Development-Plans-Strategies/National-Regional-County-Plans/Wicklow-County-Development-Plan-2022-2028/Stage-7-Adopted-Plan>

Local Plans

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

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

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

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

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

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

Call for Sites

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

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

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

Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT)

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

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

Submissions to Final 2026 RZLT Maps. The final map for 2026 identifies land that may be liable for the tax in 2026. Owners of such land are invited to make a request to Wicklow County Council to change the zoning of this land until 1 April 2026. If certain conditions are met, a landowner may be exempt from the 2026 liability on foot of such a request. One submission was received in 2026. WCC has assessed this submission and a determination letter issued on 26th June 2026.

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

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

Submissions to Draft 2027 RZLT Maps. The draft map for 2027 identifies land that may be liable for the tax in 2027. Owners of such land – and interested third parties – were invited to make submissions by 1st April 2026 regarding the inclusion of land on this draft map. Eight submissions were received. WCC has assessed these submissions, and determination letters were issued on 26th June 2026.

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

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

Residential Zoned Land Tax — FAQs:

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

Vacant Site Levy

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

The Vacant Sites recorded on the Vacant Sites Register as of 31st August 2026 are as follows:

Municipal District	No. of Sites on Register
Arklow	6
Baltinglass	1
Bray	2
Greystones	2
Wicklow	6
Total	17

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

Development Management

Planning Applications

Total valid applications received	To 31 August 2025	To 31 August 2026
Received (Valid)	924	958

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

Type of Development	Number
Individual Houses	16 (15 Rural)
Housing Developments*	03
Agricultural Structures	03
Commercial	10
Other Developments**	65
RED III	03
Total	100

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

Decisions issued in respect of 92 applications in August 2026:

Type of Development	Number of Decisions
Housing Developments	05
Individual Houses	09
Other Developments	77
RED III	01
Total	92

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

	31 August 2025	31 August 2026
Total Number of decisions issued	619	706
Total Number of decisions to grant	505	626
% Grant Rate	81%	89%
No of applications withdrawn		7 (6 refer to rural house)

Applications Lodged with An Coimisiún Pleanála

Strategic Infrastructure Development

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

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

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

Substitute Consent

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

An Coimisiún Pleanála has received an application for substitute consent for development that consists of overburden storage and extraction sand and gravel beyond the original permitted areas (planning reg. ref. 08/356 (ABP Ref PL230573, Planning Reg Ref 19/312 and completion of restoration within an overall site of c.84 hectares, Kilmurry Upper, Baltinglass, Co. Wicklow – ACP-324594-26 refers.

E-Planning Project

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

From **1st January 2026 to 31st August 2026** a total of **749 Valid** applications were received of which 15.89% were hard copy applications and **84.11% were received online**.

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For the **month of August**, a total of **92** planning applications were received of which 16.30% were hard copy applications and **83.70% were received online**.

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

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

- A number of applications for one off rural houses
- A number of Red III applications
- A new doctor surgery in Arklow with 10 consultation rooms
- A single storey industrial unit for at Kish Business Park, Arklow
- 75 Dwellings for Sparrow Road, Dunlavin

Planning Enforcement – August 2026

Enforcement Files	Total
New Files	6
Advisory Letters	28
Warning Letters	12
Enforcement Notices	1
Legal Files	0
Closed	12

Derelict Sites as of 31st August 2026

Municipal District	No sites on Register
Arklow	2
Baltinglass	2
Bray	0
Greystones	0
Wicklow	0
Total	4

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

Heritage Office

County Heritage Plan (CHP) Work Programme: Local Authority County Heritage Plan Fund 2026 total allocation of €60,000 awarded from the Heritage Council. All projects underway, Community Archaeology contract in place.

Historic Towns Initiative (HTI): Heritage-led Regeneration Plan for Wicklow in preparation in association with Wicklow Town Team (grant of €50,000 awarded from The Heritage Council). Studio Myco consultants engaged, public consultation and information events held on 18th Aug and 4th Sept. In-house consultations ongoing.

Wicklow Heritage Forum: Four meetings scheduled for 2026. First meeting held on 25th March in Russborough House, second meeting held in Arklow Maritime Museum on 21st July. Third meeting scheduled for 13th October with the location to be confirmed.

Heritage Week: 2026 theme of 'Heritage at Risk'. 130 events took place across Co. Wicklow from the 15th-23rd August, with several WCC Heritage Team led events.

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

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BHIS 2026 allocation of €175,000 for County Wicklow confirmed for eighteen projects, with five projects completed to date. Progress report issued to DHLGH.

BHIS 2027 applications opened on 28th July, with deadline for submissions on 30th October 2026. Promotion ongoing.

HSF 2026 allocation of €168,250 confirmed for two projects as follows:

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

HSF 2027 applications opened on 28th July, with deadline for submissions on 27th November. Promotion ongoing.

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

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

Irish Community Archive Network (iCAN): Co-ordination of *Our Wicklow Heritage* (County Wicklow online community heritage archive) plus a network of 11 groups in County Wicklow in association with WCC Archives and library services and in partnership with National Museum of Ireland and the Heritage Council.

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

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

Biodiversity Working Group and Climate Action Teams: HO participation in internal working groups to support implementation of the County Biodiversity Action Plan.

Town Regeneration

1.0 Town Teams

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

The first Rural Regeneration Co-Ordination meeting took place on Thursday 11th September. The meetings aim to facilitate improved communications between local authorities and DRCD with respect to Capital Project commencements, progress and completions; to support local authorities to develop a consistent stream of high quality, well costed and shovel ready project applications, with accurate timelines; to build and share knowledge around Capital Project delivery within and across local authorities, including through networks and community engagement.

2.0 Town Centre First Masterplans

2.1 Blessington Town Centre First Masterplan

2.2 Newtownmountkennedy Town Centre First Masterplan

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3.0 Town Centre First Measure 3 Suite of Support

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

a) Blessington:

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

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

b) Wicklow Town:

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

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

4.0 Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2023

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

a) Kirikee, Glenmalure - Renovation works are planned for the Community Centre, including upgrades to the roof, windows, ceilings, and walls.

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

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

5.0 Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2025

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

Main Scheme Funding

- a) Rathdrum RDA hall – grant funding of €225,000 secured which will be used to replace the electrical system to ensure compliance with current safety standards and to refurbish the existing toilet block, including the installation of a fully wheelchair-accessible facility. These works are essential to ensuring the hall remains safe, functional, and inclusive, and continues to meet the needs of Rathdrum's growing population. This project has been put out to tender with a closing date of August 28th, 2026, and an evaluation committee will now be chosen to start works.

Project Development Measure

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

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Health checks

Quotations were sought for Health checks for two towns: Carnew and Wicklow. Successful tenderers, Studio Myco. Report is pending from Studio Myco.

The health check for Wicklow starts with a walkability audit on the 7th July with the consultants, members of the municipal district and the town team. Surveys have been prepared and disseminated. Public consultation day took place on August 18th.

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

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

Blessington RRDF (Category 2)

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

A meeting between WCC's Capital Delivery Team (CDT) and the Department's RRDF Team took place on the 25th of February 2026. The Department requested some further information regarding the Council's proposals for Blessington and how they align with the original RRDF application and grant of funding. The Department were accepting of the fact that, since the awarding of the RRDF grant, a Town Centre First (TCF) Plan has been developed in line with the Department's guidelines. They agreed it had been prudent to wait until that TCF process had been completed prior to progressing the RRDF further to ensure the RRDF complimented the TCF Plan. All requested information has been submitted to the Department. A meeting was held with the Department to try and address their questions; further information requested by the Department has been forwarded to them. A decision by the Department is expected imminently.

Baltinglass RRDF (Category 1)

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

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

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

Two applications were submitted in July; one regarding Bog Meadow, Enniskerry and one regarding Newtownmountkennedy.

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

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

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Bray Harbour Improvements – URDF Wic0004 (Category B)

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

The approval covers the Planning and Design stages only at this stage.

Bray Sustainable Transport Bridge – URDF Wic0002 (Category B)

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

The Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage James Browne TD, announced a new Town and Cities Investment Regeneration Fund (TCRIF) to replace the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund. Towns of 9,000 and above are eligible for funding.

Three projects were submitted to the Department for funding:

- Arklow Harbour Plan Development
- Wicklow Harbour Plan Development
- The Wicklow Murrough Master Plan

We are currently awaiting notification on the outcome of these funding applications.

Tourism

1. Wicklow Gaol

Fire Safety Upgrades will be completed by mid-September. Works to fix the roofs and windows are scheduled to start by mid-September as well.

With contracts signed the focus now is to reopen the Gaol as soon as possible.

Enhancement works are being carried out in the courtyard to allow the new operator to host events in the courtyard independent of the main building. The side door at the upper carpark is being upgraded to allow safe access for visitors, and extensive electrical power is being laid down into the courtyard to facilitate outdoor events. The installation of three new toilet units is planned for late September to early October. This upgrade will include one fully accessible unit, providing improved facilities and accessibility.

2. Food & Beverage Strategy - Wicklow Naturally

Wicklow Naturally has secured further funding from Fáilte Ireland to run a food event/festival during the Halloween season. The board of Wicklow Naturally is putting together a calendar of activities that will once again focus on raising awareness and promoting local food producers and suppliers.

3. Destination Experience Development Plan (DEDP)

The Implementation Committee is meeting at the end of September. The DEDP has been agreed internally at Fáilte Ireland with the objective to launch before the end of the year. Several actions from the plan are already being worked on through relevant groups and organisations.

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4. Tourism Promotion

Extensive online promotion is ongoing through the various VisitWicklow social media channels. This is being carried out by a dedicated Digital Marketing Agency appointed and managed by Wicklow County Tourism Ltd.

This summer, the Wicklow Passport was picked up organically by online influencers with very large number of followers. The Passport was heavily featured resulting in a sharp increase in sales. The free Mini Passport was also extensively distributed around Wicklow focussing on the Wicklow Town Passport Trail and the Wicklow Way Passport.

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

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

Economic Development

1. Special Projects

Avondale Business Park:

Site sales at Avondale Business Park continue to progress following the formal approval of Sites 13 & 17 for disposal at the September council meeting. Preparations are underway to bring an additional disposal forward for consideration at the October meeting, while the evaluation of expressions of interest and comprehensive on-site infrastructure assessments continue to advance

Strategic Enterprise Lands:

Strategic enterprise lands across County Wicklow remain under active review to ensure they are developed in a way that best serves the county's economic and community needs.

The GRID:

The new operator is now active on-site following the completion of the formal handover. While core occupancy remains at 100%, options for the future use of the open event space are currently under active evaluation, with a focus on repurposing the area for casual hot-desking and drop-in meeting use.

Sites on Mill Road, Greystones:

Property registration remains ongoing. The Law Agent is maintaining direct engagement with the Property Registration Authority to resolve outstanding queries and to bring the registration to a formal conclusion.

2. Offshore Renewable Energy (ORE)

Network activities continue to move forward following the ORE network meeting in July, with members progressing the planned schedule for the remainder of the year. The next meeting is scheduled to take place in September

3. Skills Strategy

Strategic progress on the Wicklow Skills Strategy remains on schedule as key project deliverables remain aligned with 2026 targets, preparation is also underway for the next formal meeting in October.

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Local Enterprise Office (LEO)

LEO Objectives

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

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

NB: Ability to meet demand is influenced by the amount of funding allocated to the LEO

Metrics: Grants	Historical	Targets	Year To Date
	2025	2026	2026
Grants Approved (number/ value) - Measure 1 - Market Explorer Grant	14 BEG / 2 Priming / 8 Feasibility /3 (MEG) Total: 27- €546,033	33	7 BEG/ 4 Priming/ 3 Feasibility Total: 14 € 434,822
Gross Jobs Created	696	188	8
Net Jobs Created	50	105	-
New Job Commitments 3 Years	N/A	84	91
Metrics: Training/ Capacity Building	Historical	Targets	Year To Date
	2025	2026	2026
Total number of participants at Management Development type programmes.	117	90	59
Start Your Own Business Participant numbers (included in total training programmes)	156	90	75
Total No. of all Participants participating in training Programmes and events (all programmes except SYOB and MDP)	1139	720	372
Women in Business Network Number of Meetings	20	20	5
Metrics: Business Advice & Mentoring	Historical	Targets	Year To Date
	2025	2026	2026
Number of new clients added to database. *Criteria have been amended for this metric	580	-	393

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Number of One-to-One Business Advice meetings including Businesses assigned a mentor	544	270	448
Metrics: Student Enterprise Programmes	Historical	Targets	
Academic Year	2025/26	2026/2027	Year to Date 2026/27
No. of Secondary Student Participants	1170	1170	1467
Metrics: Client Transfers To Enterprise Ireland	Historical	Targets	
No of transfers	2025	2026	Year to Date 2026
Number of transfers	6	5	4
Lean, Green & Digital Start For Micro Projects	Historical	Targets	Year To Date
	2025	2026	2026
No. of Companies who have undertaken a Lean for Business Assessment by a Lean Expert	15	15	15
No. of Companies who have undertaken a Green for Business Assessment by a Green Expert	21	27	18
No. of Companies who have undertaken a Digital for Business Assessment by a Digital Expert	34	27	21
Number of Grow Digital Vouchers approved	5	18	4
Energy Efficiency Grant	9	18	13
RD&I Grants (inc IP) Approved	1	1	1
Microfinance Ireland	Historical	Targets	Year To Date
	2025	2026	2026
No. of Companies who have submitted an MFI loan application through the LEO	17	19	15
New Exporters	Historical	Targets	Year To Date
	2025	2026	2026
No. of Companies who have started exporting (at least €10k in first time export sales).	3	3	TBC

Activities took place in August/September

- Join Local Enterprise Office Wicklow for **National Women's Enterprise Day 2026** on **Thursday, 15 October**, at Clermont House, Rathnew. Enjoy an inspiring afternoon of **networking, practical insights and entrepreneurial stories**, featuring keynote speaker **Claire Walsh** and a panel of successful female LEO Wicklow clients sharing their business journeys, experiences and advice.
- Two LEO Wicklow clients, **Ailbhe Cronin** of **Appleberry Atelier** and **Claire Schorman** of **By Claire Schorman**, have been selected among 25 finalists nationwide for the **Kilkenny Design Makers' Academy**, a new business

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development programme supporting creative businesses to scale. The programme includes expert mentoring, business coaching, workshops and opportunities to showcase their products through Kilkenny Design retail stores.

- The **LEO Wicklow Design Thinking for Business Innovation Programme**, delivered in partnership with KWETB, is a Level 6 Micro Qualification designed to help businesses strengthen innovation, problem-solving and decision-making skills. The programme takes place at **LEO Training Room, Clermont House, Rathnew, Co. Wicklow**, across four full-day sessions on **21, 24 and 28 September and 5 October 2026**.
- **National Ploughing Championships 2026**: LEO Wicklow client **Equibuff**, led by **Niamh Jennings**, has been selected to exhibit in the **LEO Village at the National Ploughing Championships in September 2026**. Niamh will also receive training and mentoring to help her maximise this valuable business and promotional opportunity.
- Local Enterprise Office Wicklow, in partnership with Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board (KWETB), invites Wicklow SMEs to an informative networking event exploring the supports and training available to local businesses, taking place at **Baltinglass Outdoor Centre (KWETB) on Friday, 18 September 2026**, and **Arklow Business Enterprise Centre on Friday, 2 October 2026**.

Business Skill Trainings

- Bookkeeping using Excel - 23/09/2026
- Explore Your New Business Idea Online- 14/10/2026
- Start Your Own Business Course 29/10/2026
- Costing and Pricing Strategy 19/11/2026

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Climate, Environment, Recreation & Amenity

1. Government Funding: Local Authority Marine Infrastructure Scheme (LAMIS) - DAFM		
Funding Applied	Grant applications for 10 harbour improvement projects.	Value € 1.37m.
Funding Approved	LAMIS funding conferred for three projects.	Value of €175,402.97
Tenders	Tenders submitted for two projects on eTenders. Emergency works approved for one project.	
Project 1 (Sluice Gate)	Refurbishments/Removals/Restoration/Manufactured.	75%
Project 2 (Ladders)	Contractor Appointed/ Site Visit Completed/Manufacturing.	20%
Project 3 (Electricals)	Contractor Appointed/Site Visit Completed/RAMs pending.	20%
2. Dredging: MARA Applications		
MARA Submissions	Marine Area Consent (MAC) and Marine Usage Licence (MUL) applications for Wicklow Harbour dredging project submitted to MARA 26 th January.	
Wicklow MUL 230026	Additional Information submitted to Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA) with guidance from appointed consultant.	100%
Minded to Determine Notice	Application permit - MUL 230026 - Final comments made with consultation to MARA to address proposed conditions for the application.	100%
Arklow - Dumping at Sea	Appointment of specialist to conduct the annual Dumping at Sea monitoring for the EPA is pending procurement.	80%
Arklow - Dumping at Sea	Appointment of specialist to compile the Aftercare Management Plan for the Dumping at Sea Permit. (2025-2032)	80%
Wicklow - Dredging	Specialists to conduct annual dredging and measurement in Wicklow Harbour appointed. Planned dates for campaign is 31.10.26 to 09.1.26.	80%
3. Harbour Infrastructure & Accessibility Upgrades		
Marine Strategy Report - Wicklow Harbour	Consultant finalised stakeholder engagement report and optimisation study for Wicklow Harbour. A submission of scope is requested for the Marine Strategy report.	80%
Wicklow Harbour Amenities	Works have been successfully completed on the new age friendly steps access to the bathing area.	100%
Wicklow Harbour Amenities	This project included the installation of supportive hand railings, alongside general surface cleaning and fresh painting.	100%
Public Accessibility Toilets	Arklow and Wicklow public toilets have been upgraded with improved door access using a dedicated button for disabled people, upgrading the approach ramps, and improved general drainage.	100%
Public Accessibility Toilets	Arklow and Wicklow public toilets have been programmed to operate from 8am to 4pm with corresponding key fobs handed to cleaning Team - Ashford Cleaners	100%
Harbour Security	Completion Certificates - All warranties and certificates for all CCTV related installed assets submitted and approved. Working on Maintenance Plan	90%
4. Office of Public Works		
Storm Damage, Wicklow Harbour	Damage Repair: Major damage has occurred to Wicklow harbour beach due to multiple storms and persistent easterly winds. Temporary works have been completed to make area safe for public. Full design required for permanent sea wall / barrier solution is this area.	100%
Funding Applied	An application was successfully submitted to the OPW under the Minor Flood Mitigation and Coastal Protection Scheme. The application requested € 100,000 to appoint an engineering consultant to conduct a comprehensive flood assessment, including all necessary hydrological and investigative works.	100%
Funding Approval	Scope: The assessment covers four specific risk areas within Wicklow Town and Harbour. The OPW has formally approved	100%

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	and granted funding to Wicklow County Council to the value of € 90,000 to progress these works.	
Tender	Tender for the appointment of an Engineering Consultant submitted on eTenders.	100%
Wicklow Harbour	Kick-off Meeting with Engineering Consultant. Planned site visit 22 nd October 2026. Interim report currently in progress.	10%
Coastal Erosion, CERM Study.	Interim Report 1 and 2 by consultant has been submitted to OPW for review.	70%

5. Events

The Round Ireland – Ireland's Premier offshore Yacht Race was successful held
Filming of the movie "Drummer Boy" in Wicklow Harbour with the Tall Ship Phoenix.
Arklow Lifeboat Station Bicentenary Open Day (August 2, 2026)
Viking Series – Video shoots in Wicklow Harbour (September 2026)

WICKLOW HARBOUR STATISTICS

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

GENERAL CARGO DATA 2026

General Cargo/Container	42
Gross Tonnage	109,792

SIZE OF VESSELS BREAKDOWN 2026

Tonnes			Number of Vessels
Lower Limit	Upper Limit		
500	999	2	1704
1,000	1,999	2	3534
2,000	2,999	33	87713
3,000	3,999	5	16841
			109792

2026 CARGO BREAKDOWN

CATEGORY	IMPORTS	EXPORTS	TOTAL
FORESTRY PRODUCTS	38728.96	4516.24	43245.2
METALS		31908.436	31908.436
	38728.96	36424.676	75153.636

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PROJECT OFFICE

The Arlow Flood Relief Scheme: Planning Application and CPO were approved by An Bord Pleanála in July 2022. Byrne Looby Partners Ltd., (now known as Ayesa) has been appointed to carry out the detailed design and tender documents for the project. The detailed design which includes elements such as flood walls, flood embankment design, hydrology and hydraulic modelling, archaeological investigations, utility diversions, environmental inputs & bridge remediation specifications is ongoing and should be complete in Q3 2026.

The project team are currently finalising the design, specification and tender docs. The project will be advertised for tender as a 2-stage restricted procedure, this tender process should be complete by Q1 2027 with an estimated contractor appointment date of Q1/Q2 2027. The works will take 3.5 years with completion by Q4 2030.

WCC are also in discussion with UE & ESB in relation to facilitating major infrastructure upgrade to their networks in order to aid the proposed/ pending developments in Arklow. It is intended these upgrades will be undertaken in conjunction with the flood relief scheme works.

A public information day will also be organised within the coming months, where the team will showcase the final design for the scheme.

WATER SAFETY AND BEACHES

Water Safety Development

- Assistance to Water Safety Ireland and Wicklow Surf Rescue Club with the preparation of the National Lifesaving Championships Brittas Bay 22nd & 23rd August
- End of season preparations for removal and storage of all lifesaving equipment and stations.

Beach Lifeguards:

Lifeguards during August have;

- Provided water safety advice - 1526 times
- Provided first aid - 52 times
- Prevented accidents - 74 times
- Provide swimming rescue assists - 2 times
- Missing children on the beaches – 2 times
- Rescues with rescue board - 1 time
- Non-fatal drownings = 1 times

Risk assessments:

Water Safety Ireland conducting a new ILSE Risk Assessment of the Cove in Greystones

Missing Ringbuoys & Replacements:

Ringbuoys provided for replacement, Bray Harbour and river walk. Arklow river walk



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Beaches

The bathing water season commenced on the 1st June 2026. Bathing waters are sampled 10 times over a 15-week period to ensure safe water quality. The water quality results were excellent for the bathing water season.

CLIMATE & BIODIVERSITY ACTION AND ENVIRONMENT AWARENESS

Sky to Sea Life application: Wicklow County Council has submitted a major funding proposal, *Sky to Sea*, under the EU LIFE Programme. Wicklow County Council is the lead applicant, working in partnership with Wicklow Uplands Council, East Wicklow Rivers Trust and a range of other national and local partners.

The project proposes landscape-scale biodiversity restoration across the Avoca–Vartry catchment, linking the Wicklow uplands with rivers, floodplains and the coast. Proposed actions include habitat and river restoration, natural flood management, peatland and floodplain restoration, and measures to improve water quality and ecological connectivity. A strong emphasis is placed on working with farmers, landowners and local communities to deliver practical restoration measures across the catchment.

If successful, *Sky to Sea* would support the delivery of multiple objectives and actions within both the Wicklow County Biodiversity Action Plan 2026–2031 and the County Climate Action Plan, particularly in relation to ecosystem restoration, water quality, climate resilience and nature-based solutions.

Spongeworks: Trinity College are undertaking a study of the catchment, mapping opportunities and undertaking on site farm assessments to identify where nature-based solution can be implemented. Two pilot farms have been identified to demonstrate sponge measures. Work has commenced on a survey of 22 wetlands in the Aughrim River catchment to assess status and see where measures could be undertaken to increase their capacity to absorb and store water. The contract was awarded to Wetlands Survey Ireland. Aughrim Tidy Town are undertaking a study of Green and Blue Infrastructure funded by River Basin Management Services. ACT have been recruited to undertake the study. They held a first workshop with the community on the 3rd of September.

Dark Skies: Dark Source are undertaking a lighting assessment of four towns in the uplands, identified current practice in lighting and measures that could be used to reduce light pollution, looking at the local authorities public lighting and also identify opportunities to work with stakeholders in the community. The four towns are Roundwood, Laragh, Aughrim and Donard. A lighting pollution policy guidance document will also be produced. Transportation & Roads, the Heritage Office and Housing are collaborating with the project. A talk was given in Roundwood on the 15th of September.

Tidy Towns and Sustainable Development Awards: Judging of the annual awards has now been completed. The awards recognise the work local volunteers undertake to deliver sustainable development in our communities.

DZ demonstrator fund: The DCEE have provided funding to each local to undertake a decarbonisation project in their assigned decarbonisation zone. Arklow is the DZ for Wicklow County Council. Projects must focus on community engagement and awareness raising of the DZ. A project has been developed to promote greater uptake of SEAI Warmer Homes and other SEAI grants for homeowners. Marketing Coach were awarded a contract to develop marketing strategy for the project. Scope 123 were awarded a contract to deliver the advice and support campaign. The project launch occurred on the 23rd of September with stakeholder groups who work with lower income families.

PPN, Concern, An Tairseach Food for thought event: To celebrate Sustainable Development Goals Week a conversation café on the topic of food poverty was held in An Tairseach. Concern chaired a discussion on food poverty.

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Community Climate Action Programme (Phase 1) - Strand 1: Building Low Carbon Sustainable Communities : A total of 19 projects have completed Phase 1 with the final report submitted to the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment.

Community Climate Action Programme (Phase 2): Following submission of the original portfolio from Wicklow County Council to Pobal and the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment of 27 projects, an additional project was granted funding from the reserve list: An Tochar GAA Roundwood. This brings the total number of Wicklow projects to 28 for Phase 2 of the CCAP.

All 28 groups are now in the delivery phase of the programme and have until October 2027 to complete their projects.

Local Environmental Action Fund (LEAF)

Under this new grant, IPB insurance have committed €50,000 with a matching €50,000 from each local authority to deliver a stream of funding to community based groups. The fund is aimed at Tidy Towns groups who are encouraged to collaborate with one or more local groups to take meaningful environmental action through impactful, sustainable, community-driven projects.

Fifteen applications were received with one subsequently withdrawing their application. The list of awarded groups is:

Enniskerry TT / Biodiversity Group
 Dunlavin Forum
 Carnew AFC
 Hollywood TT
 Tearmann Garden
 Rewild Wicklow
 Arklow TT
 Ballycoog District Development
 Bray TT
 Carnew Town Team
 Rathdrum TT
 Roundwood TT
 Aldborough Garden
 Shillelagh People's Property

The delivery phase will close early December 2026 when all projects and payments will be complete.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

0	186
No. of Cases Closed, Resolved or Completed	167
No of Litter Fines Issued	4
No. of Waste Management Files Opened	2
No. of Warning Letters Issued	2
No of Abandoned Car Notices Issued	37
No. of Notices Issued under Section 14 of the Waste Management Act	13
No. of files prepared for Court and included in Court Lists	There were no court sittings during the month of August
No. of Cases in Court under the Litter Pollution Act.	There were no court sittings during the month of August
No of Cases in Court under the Waste Management Act	There were no court sittings during the month of August
Income - Litter	€450.00
Income- Waste Management	€1300.00

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During the month of September, the Waste Management Section carried out 8 targeted Bulky Household Waste Collections, funded under the Anti-Dumping Initiative 2026.

Three Mattress Amnesties have also been organised under this initiative (ADI's). Two are taking place in Rampere Recycling Centre on 25th and 26 September 2026 with one taking place in East Wicklow on 3rd October 2026 in the Murrough Eco Park, Wicklow Town.

DOG CONTROL, DOG LICENCES AND HORSES

Dog Control: For the month of August 2026, a total of 533 yearly dog licences were purchased, and 40 lifetime licences were purchased. This is a 27% increase on licences purchased in August 2025.

The Dog Wardens are continuing a targeted approach ensuring that all dogs are licenced by visiting every house in certain locations. Fines have been issued to householders not in possession of a dog licence.

They also patrolled the beaches to ensure dogs are under effectual control and not causing a nuisance.

Horses: 3 horses were seized in Enniskerry on the 3rd August and unfortunately, they were not collected by the owner. These horses were subsequently rehomed at the end of August.

POLLUTION CONTROL

Pollution Response & Investigation	
6	Water pollution complaints received and investigated.
6	Water pollution complaints closed.
7	Noise pollution complaints received and investigated.
5	Noise pollution complaints closed.
5	Air pollution complaints received and investigated.
3	Air pollution complaints closed.
Water Framework Directive National Monitoring Programme	
14	Lakes monitored for checking compliance with environmental quality standards
36	Rivers monitored for compliance with environmental quality standards.
Water Framework Directive River Management Engagement and Investigations	
1	Catchment activity/engagements/consultations
Good Agricultural Practice Inspections	
2	Inspections of farms carried out for adherence to good agricultural practice.
1	Sewage sludge nutrient management plan applications to land reviewed.
Well Grants	
12	New Water Grant application received
4	New Well granted
14	New Pumps granted
9	Water Treatment/Disinfection Equipment Units granted
31	Inspections in advance/completion of works
Private Water Supplies	
1	Drinking Water Monitoring Plan for 121 Regulated Private Water Supplies prepared.
28	Regulated Private Water Supplies were monitored.
24	Regulated Private Water Supplies were compliant.
4	Regulated Private Water Supplies were non-compliant with available results and required to take remedial action.
2	Boil water notices placed on Regulated Private Water Supplies in consultation with the HSE.
1	Boil water notice lifted from Regulated Private Water Supplies in consultation with the HSE after completion of remedial action and satisfactory water quality results.
2	Do not consume notices placed on Regulated Private Water Supplies in consultation with the HSE.

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Bathing Water Monitoring Programme	
35	Bathing waters monitored had excellent or Good quality
Septic Tank Inspections	
1	Inspections of domestic wastewater treatment systems carried out.
1	Follow up Inspection to assess compliance with advisory notice.
1	Inspection relating to grant application in high status catchment.
1	Public Engagement Activities
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plants – Ambient Monitoring	
31	River samples were taken upstream and downstream of wastewater discharges of municipal wastewater treatment plants.
4	Lake samples were taken upstream and downstream of wastewater discharges of municipal wastewater treatment plants.
5	Coastal waters samples taken upstream and downstream of wastewater discharges of municipal wastewater treatment plants.
Planning & Development	
4	Environmental reports on referred planning applications/consultations were completed concerning agricultural development.
3	Environmental reports on referred planning applications/consultations were completed concerning commercial development.
3	Environmental reports on referred planning applications/consultations were completed concerning housing development.
1	Environmental reports on referred planning applications/consultations/compliance were completed concerning quarries development.
1	Environmental report on compliance with planning permission conditions was completed.

CEMETERIES

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

Published Death Notices Data

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	2026
Total	138	94	125	105	99	103	100	101	866
WCC	55	32	42	44	38	36	24	44	316
Cremation	49	27	42	40	44	33	34	34	303
Other	34	35	41	21	17	34	42	25	247

Percentage Breakdown

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

OUTDOOR RECREATION

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

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The table below is a list of current projects funded under ORIS being completed at present:

ORIS	Project Name	Brief description	Completion
OR221WW02	Bray to Greystones - Cliff Walk Protection Scheme	The walk remains closed due to safety concerns.	
OR221WW01	Jubilee Loop and Avonmore Way link 2021 Scheme	Engineering contractors completed a report on remedial works and costs following flood damage to bridge. Bridge is closed with repairs due to be carried out. Tender for project access works returned and being assessed	31/12/26
OR322WW01	Roundwood Recreation Area	Car park upgrade and 5 play areas completed. Signage installation completed. Bike pump track works completed with grass seeding growing.	Completed
OR423WW02	Bray Head Sustainable Recreation Plan	Feasibility project to deliver: AA screening, a biodiversity survey, trail design and landscape design. Plan is now completed.	Completed
OR123WW01	Hollywood Natural Play Area	Provision of a natural play area within Ballysize forest. Play area specification ready. Landowner agreement in place. Tender for play equipment and works issued.	30/09/26
OR123WW06	Wicklow Uplands Way rebranding to Sugarloaf Way	Signage replacement along an 18km route. Signage installation completed for 3 new trailheads erected at Raheen, Great Sugarloaf, Mullinaveigue.	Completed
OR223WW01	Baravore Car Park, Glenmalure	Car park upgrade works and fencing completed. Feasibility study for adjacent land purchased by Council nearly completed with topography survey.	31/03/27
OR424WW01	Disability and Outdoor Recreation	Creation of a strategy and work plan to ensure accessibility for walking, cycling and water access for the disabled community in Co Wicklow. Consultant appointed and working to identify available/usable sites for 2 x water, 2 x bike and 2 x trail access for exploration.	26/02/27
OR124WW01	Brockagh Forest Science and Discovery Area	Provision of rustic, timber exploration, science tables, magnifying glasses play equipment and seating in Brockagh Forest. Project screened out. Landowner licence agreement in place. Tender for play equipment and works issued.	26/02/27
OR124WW02	Wicklow Harbour Sea-Trac	Installation of a Sea-Trac system in Wicklow Harbour to create independent swimming access for those with a physical disability. Chair supply and installation during September.	26/02/27
OR124WW03	Vartry Anglers Disabled Access	Disabled access to the lakeshore with 320m of new trail surfacing for wheelchair use and installation of a self-contained eco toilet and tree planting. Tender ready for issue. Updated Agreement due with club.	26/02/27
OR124WW04	Wild Swimming Infrastructure	Installation of changing screens at 4 locations where wild swimming is popular throughout Wicklow. Bike shelter installation at 3 of those locations. Tender out to appoint screen manufacture contractors.	26/02/27
OR224WW01	Glen Turn Cliff Walk	Complete surface upgrade and drainage works on cliff walk trail. Tender out for Engineer's specification required for works.	30/11/27

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OR224WW02	Russellstown Link to Russborough House	Trail link at Russellstown to Russborough. Tender process for consultant completed	30/11/27
OR324WW01	Djouce Mountain Trail construction and habitat restoration	Djouce Mountain trail construction works to improve safety issues and restore habitat. Draft MOU and route planning discussed with NPWS and Powerscourt estate. Works specification being completed. Helicopter tender drafted for dropping materials at various locations on the trail.	30/11/27

WICKLOW SPORTS & RECREATION PARTNERSHIP

Community Sport Facilities Fund 2026

The Community Sport Facilities Fund 2026 is Ireland's main capital grants scheme for local sports facilities, offering equipment grants up to €70,000, local facility grants up to €250,000, regional grants up to €550,000, and a new top tier up to €750,000, with registration opening 28 September 2026 on the SPRAOI platform.

Free online webinars guiding clubs and community groups will be facilitated by Wicklow Sports Partnership in October.

Training & Education

Activity	Venue	Date
Safeguarding 1	Online	25th August 2026
Safeguarding 1	Online	8th September 2026
Sports First Aid	Greystones Tennis Club	19th September 2026

General Programmes that are ongoing in August 2026

Activity	Venue	Start Date	End Date	No. of Weeks	Comments
Intro to Padel for Teen Girls	W7 Padel	1 st of July 2026	5 th of August 2026	6	Targeting teen girls who are new to padel and social players
Swimmin' Women (in collaboration with Swim Ireland)	Bray Seafront	8 th of July 2026	12 th of August 2026	6	Targeting individuals learning how to swim in the sea
Gym Introduction for Teen Girls	Coral Leisure Arklow	10 th of July 2026	14 th of August 2026	6	Targeting new to the gym and social gym goers
Women Try Tennis (in collaboration with Tennis Ireland)	Blessington Tennis Courts	16 th of July 2026	20 th of August 2026	6	Targeting women who are new to tennis and social players
Beginner Adult Tennis Lessons (in collaboration with Tennis Ireland)	Blessington Tennis Courts	16 th of July 2026	20 th of August 2026	6	Targeting adults who are new to tennis and social players
Walk N Talk Programme	Rathdrum	27 th July 2026	7 th of September 2026	6	Social Walking Programme for Beginners

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Walking Football (in collaboration with Age and Opportunity Ireland)	Carnew Emmets	5 th of August 2026	2 nd of September 2026	5	Targeting over 50's who want to start playing walking football
Intro to Weightlifting for Teen Girls (in collaboration with Weightlifting Ireland)	St. Brigid's Hall, Carnew	6 th of August 2026	27 th of August 2026	4	Targeting teen girls who are new to weightlifting

General Programmes planned for September 2026 include:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>No. of Weeks</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Intro to Trail Running	Bray Seafront	1 st of September 2026	4	Targeting adults who are new to trail running
Gym Introduction for Teen Boys	SMG Fitness Rathdrum	8 th of September 2026	6	Targeting boys who are new to the gym and social gym goers
Gym Introduction for Teen Girls	Coral Leisure Wicklow	9 th of September 2026	6	Targeting girls who are new to the gym and social gym goers
Gym Introduction for Teen Girls	SMG Fitness Rathdrum	10 th of September	6	Targeting girls who are new to the gym and social gym goers

Wicklow Outdoors Week 10th to 16th August

Wicklow Outdoors Week took place from 10–16 August 2026, coordinated by Wicklow Sports & Recreation Partnership. The initiative was introduced following the discontinuation of Sport Ireland's HER Outdoors Week, expanding the programme locally to both men and women and building on the success of previous years.

Activities included waterskiing, bouldering, hiking, activator poles walking, cycling, sailing and rowing, alongside the Greystones Beach Festival.

The week saw strong buy-in from local sports and outdoor clubs, creating a strong sense of community ownership. Feedback from participants and partners was extremely positive, highlighting the value of the week in showcasing Wicklow's outdoor recreation opportunities and encouraging people to get active outdoors.

Inclusive Programmes

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>No. of Weeks</u>	<u>Attendees</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Inclusive swim lessons for children	Coral Leisure Arklow	6 th July	4	11	Learn to swim for children with additional needs
Inclusive Teen Gym	Coral Leisure Arklow	6 th July	4	3	Introductory gym sessions for teenagers with additional needs
Multi-Sport 3 day Inclusive camp	Shoreline Sportspark	6 th July	3 days	4	Athletics, Football and Basketball
Balance bike 3 day camp	Learn to cycle track Coral Leisure Arklow	21 st July	3 days	3	Introductory balance bike sessions

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Learn to cycle 3 day camp	Learn to cycle track Coral Leisure Arklow	21 st July	3 days	21	Targeting children who are unable to cycle without stabilisers
Inclusive summer camp at the Colour club	The Colour Club Arklow	28 th July	3 days	7	Fundament movement and play camp for children with additional needs

Inclusive programmes in August

- Disability inclusion land camp for children aged 8 to 18 years in CP Adventure
- Inclusive foroige group from West Wicklow land and water camp in Cp Adventure

ESF+

Programme	Target Group	Attendees	Area	Goal	Comments
Cross Care Boys (Golfer Gang)	Youth at Risk	12	Kilcoole	Increased Physical Activity & Social Integration	12 boys from Cross Care in Kilcoole took part in co-designed activities in July, with more to come in August. In July, they took on the driving range.
Cross Care Girls (Project TNT)	Youth at Risk	9	Kilcoole	Increased Physical Activity & Social Integration	9 girls from Cross Care in Kilcoole took part in a 2-day summer sports camp, led by ESF+ officer.
Cross Care Girls	Youth at Risk	12	Newtown	Increased Physical Activity & Social Integration	9 girls from Cross Care in Kilcoole took part in a 2-day summer sports camp, led by ESF+ officer.
In Sync	Youth at Risk	16	Blessington	Increased PA & New skills & Social Integration	16 boys from In Sync, a mix of boys residing in IPAS centres and from the Blessington and Dunlavin community completed a 6 - week of soccer before taking part in a tournament in Kildare.
In Sync	Youth at Risk	8	Blessington	Increased PA & New skills & Social Integration	8 girls from In Sync, a mix of girls from the Blessington Community and residing in IPAS centres, completed a community Teenage Girl Intro to Olympic Lifting Programme. Completing 8 sessions (2 tasters and a 6-week programme)
Shelton Abbey	Disadvantaged Backgrounds	24	Arklow	Social Integration	24 Prisoners taking part in Football training and coaching skills with focus on team building and communication to prepare for reintegration into society.

August Programmes

- Shelton Abbey – Sports First Aid: 12 Prisoners will complete a sport first Aid programme
- Cross Care – Project TNT (Try New Things) – The boys and girls will come together to try a series of new outdoor activities including Kayaking, Stand Up Paddle Boarding and Mountain Biking.
- Tiglin – Co-Design project will begin 19th August

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Physical Activity for Health Programmes

Programme	Venue	Start Date	No. of Weeks	No. of Attendees	Funding
Active Bones	Tinahley Sports Hall	13 th May – 1 st July	8 weeks	12	Healthy Ireland Sláintecare Funding
Active Bones (X2)	Coral Leisure Centre, Wicklow Town	18 th May – 13 th July	8 weeks	12	HSE Seed Funding
Active Bones	Coral Leisure Centre, Wicklow Town	22 nd May – 10 th July	8 weeks	6	HSE Seed Funding
Bray Outdoor Mobility Programme	Bray Promenade	23 rd June – 28 th July	6- weeks	12	HSE Grant Aid Funding
Prime Time of Life	Ballywaltrim Community Centre, Bray	2 nd June – 14 th August	11-weeks	16	Sláintecare Funding
Walk & Talk	Bray Promenade	1 st July – 5 th August	6- weeks	16	HSE Grant Aid Funding

September Programmes for People with Chronic Conditions

- **Stronger for Life**, Fatima Hall Baltinglass, Friday 4th September for 8 weeks
- **Stronger for Life**, Coral Leisure Centre Wicklow Town, Wednesday 2nd September for 8 weeks
- **Aqua Ease**, Coral Leisure Centre Wicklow Town, Wednesday 2nd September for 8 weeks
- **Bat & Chat**, Methodist Hall Wicklow Town, Wednesday 9th September for 10 weeks
- **Walk & Talk**, Bray, Monday 21st September for 6 weeks
- **Walk & Talk**, Dunlavin, Wednesday 23rd September for 6 weeks
- **Active Bones**, Shillelagh, Wednesday 30th September for 6 weeks

LIBRARY SERVICE

National Public Libraries Open Day takes place on Saturday, 26 September, showcasing the services and resources available in library branches around the country. Wicklow libraries will mark the occasion with a variety of special events, including Saturday Storytimes in most branches, Wicklow Library will host a coffee morning alongside a Halloween Costume Swap while Arklow Library will offer a Journalling Workshop and a family-history research session.

Public Libraries also marked **International Literacy Day**, on 8 September, which this year focused on Health Literacy. Wicklow Libraries highlighted the theme with book displays and Storytimes. Our library staff also continue to promote the *Library of Things*, offering practical resources such as Activator Poles, Blood Pressure Monitors and C-Pens to support the community.

Climate Action Week: Wicklow County Councils **Climate Action Week** is taking place this year, from Saturday 19 to Sunday 27 of September in alignment with Ireland's fifth Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Week. To celebrate, Wicklow County Council Library Service are hosting a wide range of events across the county in our Library Branches.

Highlights include:

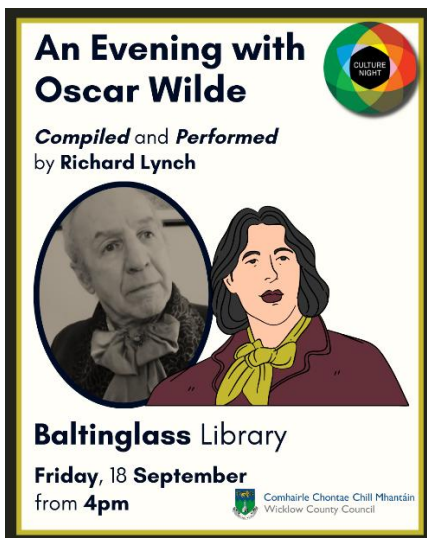
- **Storms, Sunshine and Surprises - A weather talk with Joanna Donnelly** at both Blessington and Greystones Libraries. Arklow Library is also hosting this event but aimed at local primary school children.
- **Make, Mend and Reduce Waste – Sewing for Beginners a workshop with Green Thread** will take place at Blessington Library.

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- Bray Library will host a talk by **Edible Bray, The Butterfly Effect** about their Butterfly Project enhancing local area planting for butterflies and includes a seed swap event.
- **Make Your Own Notebook Using Scrap Paper with Fiona Walsh** will take place at Ballywaltrim Library.
- Gillian Stewart, WMNP Guide, will give a talk about the **Habitat Restoration work taking place in Wicklow Mountains National Park** Wicklow Town Library.
- There are also many **SDG themed Storytimes and Arts & Crafts sessions** across all branches, while the **Halloween Costume Swaps** at the end of the month are not to be missed.

Culture Night: This year, 9 Wicklow library branches participated in Culture Night, delivering a diverse programme of music, crafts, storytelling, heritage, literature and film. Highlights included **Indian Classical Music concerts** in both Arklow and Bray; a **Wonderful Wool in Wicklow** exhibition and hands-on craft experience in Ballywaltrim exploring traditional wool crafts and local folklore; and an author talk with journalist, presenter and author **Zainab Boladale** in Blessington. Carnew hosted a community heritage evening featuring local stories, antiques and vintage records, while Enniskerry screened the locally significant film **A Country Dance**, which was filmed in County Wicklow. Greystones offered a **harvest-themed stitching workshop and a jazz guitar concert**, while Wicklow Library presented **traditional music by Hugh Browne** alongside a **linocut workshop with Terry Lawless**. Carnew Library hosted a very well attended event where people shared their memorabilia and memories and Baltinglass Library welcomed Richard Lynch's stunning performance of **An Evening with Oscar Wilde**

Overall, the programme showcased the richness of Wicklow's cultural heritage, creativity and community engagement across the county. A very special word of appreciation to the many Library Staff who supported Culture Night by attending at their various libraries in a Friday Evening.



Youth Programming & Back to School: Branches are strengthening links with schools and early-years settings, encouraging engagement with library services and membership.

- **Arklow Library:** Junior Chess Club on Saturdays, 3–4pm, for ages 7–12.
- **Ballywaltrim Library:** Primary school class visits resume, introducing pupils to the library, study spaces, information resources and caring for library materials. My Little Library activities include a special Reuben the Entertainer event for Junior Infants.
- **Blessington Library:** My First Library Bag event on 12 September, with Storytime followed by music and movement with Rachel Drew of Let's Sing
- **Bray Library:** New Teen Film Club (ages 12–14) and Dungeons & Dragons group (15+) launch, alongside established Storytimes, book clubs, Junior Film Club and a fully booked Afterschool Comic Club.
- **Greystones Library:** Young Engineers Ireland STEM workshop on 26 September as part of National Public Libraries Open Day.
- **Tinahely Library:** Weekly Baby/Toddler Storytime continues to grow, alongside the new monthly LEGO Club.
- **Wicklow Town Library:** Children's and Young Adult Book Clubs, Baby Rhyme Time, Cohrá agus Ceol and Children's Chess Club resume. A Young Adult Advisory Group is being piloted to help shape future programming

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and collections, while outreach to local ELCs and schools is being developed to increase engagement and membership.

Community Engagement, Inclusion & Lifelong Learning

- **Arklow Library:** LAIT Integration Team: **13th September, and DigiLit:** Six digital literacy classes commencing Monday **14th September**,
- **Ballywaltrim Library:** Chair Yoga, block-printing workshops, Everyday AI, MABS, a talk on Camino walks, Age Action one-to-one classes and Rehab Care's weekly Book Club.
- **Bray Library:** regular craft, language and book clubs and a monthly Seed and Plant Swap.
- **Greystones Library:** Age Action IT classes.
- **Tinahely Library:** hopes to commence a six-week DigiLit programme.
- **Wicklow Town Library:** two knitting groups, Irish, French and Spanish conversation groups and adult book clubs. The community room continues to support Vision Ireland, the Integration Team Community Clinic, HSE Pulmonary Rehabilitation sessions and the Wicklow Chamber of Commerce on planning for Wicklow Town and the Heritage Led Regeneration Plan.
- **Baltinglass Library:** InSync and WAY Youth Diversion meet weekly.

Creativity, Culture & Local Heritage

- **Arklow Library:** Exhibition of collage, painting and mixed-media work by **Jakub Syrسته** and **Irena Plazewska**.
- **Baltinglass Library:** *Sounds of the Slaney*, a Creative Places Baltinglass and Music Generation project. The *My Sense of Place – Baltinglass and Beyond* exhibition continues to be displayed in Baltinglass Library.
- **Wicklow Town Library** continues to support the Wicklow Creative Co-op, which meets monthly and will exhibit its work in the library's exhibition space.
- **Bray Library** will host readings from extracts of *Breath* by Prem Rawat on Saturday 26 September, read by Olivia Clear and Helen Clarke.
- **Carnew Library** will host *Show and Tell of Yesteryear*, providing an opportunity to share and explore local memories and heritage.



Photos: Blackbird painting at Baltinglass exhibition & cupcakes made for library staff

Additional Highlights

- Arklow Library **Polish Language Classes with Agie:** Six classes commencing Monday **31st August, 3.30–4.30pm**, continuing through September.
- **Wicklow Town Library** celebrated its fifth anniversary, marking five years of service from the current library building. Children created bunting which was displayed in the front windows, with refreshments provided throughout the day.
- The completion of the **Summer Stars** programme in Wicklow Town has resulted in strong engagement from children and families, with participation in reading and a wide range of library activities throughout the summer.

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ARCHIVES SERVICE

County Archives collections continue to be catalogued on our collections management platform *Axiell Collections*. Collections catalogued to date include private estate collections; Wicklow business collections; Grand Jury and Boards of Guardians. Cataloguing of county council records series is ongoing – current collection Co Wicklow Board of Health & Public Assistance 1922-1942.

Digitisation programme - Funding secured through the Commemorations Unit of the Department of Culture Communications and Sport digitise records of Rathdrum Rural District Council, and Shillelagh Rural District Council. Digitisation company has been procured and project commenced.

Special projects/Outreach activities

Education programme - County Wicklow secondary schools contacted this month, inviting students to group visits of the County Archives and proposing archivist outreach visits to schools introducing our educational resources. Class visits this month from Dominican College Wicklow and Nuns Cross NS.

Outreach & Advocacy - County archivist presented at Heritage Council conference: *Shared Island: Building Connections, Exchanging Knowledge* at Monaghan Peace Campus. Senior management and heritage professionals of local authorities north and south came together to discuss their strategic role in supporting and delivering heritage policy at local level.

Special projects - Arklow Street Preachers publication – books now printed and planning is underway for launch next month

Wicklow Historic Towns Atlas – scoping and research continues

ICAN – Irish Community Archives Network meeting this month and support and training for our ten Wicklow groups continues

ARTS OFFICE

Arts Plan Consultation for a new Arts Plan for 2026 – 2031: The Arts Plan 2026 – 2031 public and internal consultation process was completed in August and the final draft has been prepared. The Plan will be progressed to the SPC Meeting on September 4th for feedback and referral to the full Council meeting in November 2026 for final adoption. The survey received 117 responses, there were three public meetings, 18 telephone interviews were carried out and 8 other formal submissions were received as part of the process.

Culture Night: The national Culture Night launch took place in the first week of August 2026 led by the Arts Council. Wicklow County Council held its local press launch in August and there are now 52 events registered and supported by Wicklow County Council as a result of an open call for participation run by the Arts Office. The Arts Office will fund some of these events and coordinate the marketing and implementation of this County Wicklow programme of events.

Strategic Projects Award for 2027

The Strategic Project Application process closed on August 21st. A total of thirty-two applications were received; this was a 68% increase on the applications received in 2025. The applications will be assessed by an independent panel in September, up to 6 applications will be funded. The maximum award in the scheme is €15,000.00

The Creative Places Baltinglass Programme Community Activation Fund projects got underway. There were 5 projects supported through this scheme. The Project Sounds of the Slaney with youth supported by Music Generation Wicklow will be launched in early September 2026 where the students will showcase their creative work in Baltinglass Library.

The new exhibition hanging system was installed in Baltinglass Library with the first exhibition selected by the Community Hub Collective. The Launch of the exhibition Baltinglass and Beyond will be on September 4th, to be opened by Cathaoirleach Cllr Jason Mulhall.

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CREATIVE IRELAND

Launch of the Mentorship Youth Café pilot project

The launch of the Mentorship & Resilience Youth Café - pilot project is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, 30th September with representatives from all local secondary schools and ambassadors from 55+ community. Mentorship & Resilience Youth Café project, in collaboration with the Age Friendly Officer and the Youth Café in Greystones, is a pilot project set up to serve as a community of support where younger individuals can connect with mentors (55 plus) and gain valuable insights. It provides a platform for young adults to feel empowered. The purpose is to offer guidance, advice and support in various aspects of life, addressing loneliness in both cohorts and exchange of cross generational skills like cyber literacy and storytelling. By participating in the mentorship café, young individuals can benefit from the mentors' experience and expertise, which can help them navigate challenges while mentees can enrich the mentors' lives and offer them a chance to gain a new perspective.



Weekend festival of heritage skills - InHand Forum takes place in Greenan, Rathdrum

Over the weekend of 18–20 September 2026, The InHand Forum, supported by Creative Ireland and WCC brought together makers, craftspeople, researchers and the wider community for an immersive celebration of heritage through hands-on workshops, professional experimentation, field trials and public talks. The 2026 programme was redesigned to allow participants to experience multiple crafts or deepen their knowledge by extending their principal craft into a third day. For the first time, the festival was open to the public, the festival organisers invited visitors to observe crafts in practice, explore live experiments and field trials, and engage with the knowledge, skill and energy behind traditional material production. By bringing together experts, learners and the public, the InHand Forum created a dynamic space to research, revive and reimagine endangered craft knowledge. Through collaboration and experimentation, the festival reconnected people with traditional making processes while fostering new ideas that link heritage skills with contemporary practice and future innovation.

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Transportation & Infrastructure Delivery

Transportation

Public Lighting Maintenance

Please find attached the latest update on the outstanding public faults. The total number of faults currently (14/09/2026) outstanding stands at 330 – 1.99% of total stock of 16,616. Please note that some of these faults are dependent on ESB attendance and co-operation and we have ongoing liaison with the ESB to repair these faults, and progress has been made to repair long standing faults. A number of faults also require civil works or infrastructure installations to undertake the repair; a number of these faults have been completed, and others are currently in progress. A total of 205 faults were attended in August, while 191 faults were noted/reported during the month.

Status	ARKLOW MD	BALTINGLASS MD	BRAY MD	GREYSTONES MD	WICKLOW MD	Grand Total
Faults Reported – August	22	49	52	25	43	191
Faults Attended – August	25	54	59	24	43	205
No Supply						0
Access Issues (Atten)	8		12	1	10	31
Cable Fault (Attend)					2	2
Civils	2	1	6	3	5	17
Council Approval				4		4
ESB Notified	29	35	26	9	25	124
ESB Required	7	4	2	4	1	18
On Hold	2	5	20	3	2	32
PLEEP Fault	4	5	2	3	1	15
Submitted	4	21	5	6	5	41
TMR	7	3	8	2	3	23
Tree Cutting Required	2	1	11	4	5	23
Grand Total	65	75	92	39	59	330
Percentage Not Working	1.96%	2.94%	2.62%	1.23%	1.45%	1.99%
No. of Lamps	3309	2552	3509	3181	4065	16616
Percentage of Total Lamps	20%	15%	21%	19%	24%	100%

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Transportation Statistics

Transportation Statistics	Total 2024	Total 2025	Total 2026	July 2026	August 2026
Solicitors Queries	1014	1065	823	137	107
Road closure Applications	53	56	53	5	5
Road Opening Licences	1254	1494	884	82	141
Abnormal Load Applications	50	33	40	6	2

National Roads Projects

Junction 4 to 14 Improvement Scheme

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

M11N11 Bus Priority Scheme

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

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

The project team will continue to engage with all stakeholders as the project progresses through its various phases. Specialist ecological surveys are currently ongoing across the scheme boundary extents and Ground Investigation works are planned to commence at the end of September 2026.

N11 Junction 12 Road Safety Improvement Scheme

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

N11 Kilpedder 'Rat-Run' Road Safety Improvement Scheme

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

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

A public consultation under Part 8 took place between 29th April 2026 and 28th May 2026 with an in-person Public Information Event held in the Glenview Hotel on the 14th of May 2026 between 4:00pm and 8:00pm. Submissions were

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accepted up until 12th June 2026. Full details including a summary presentation are available on the Council's Online Consultation Hub at www.wicklow.ie/Living/ConsultationHub.

The scheme had been screened for the requirement of an Appropriate Assessment and Environmental Impact Assessment, and it was determined that neither was required. The screening reports and determinations were included in the Part 8 documents. Nevertheless, a third-party application has been received by An Coimisiún Pleanála for their screening determination as to whether an EIA and/or an AA is required. A decision by ACP is expected in October 2026.

N11/M11 Strategic Bus Park & Ride Facilities

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

- The Park & Ride at Junction 6 Fassaroe commenced construction work in April 2025 and was completed in Q1 2026. The NTA are waiting on funding for the bus service before park and ride can be opened.
- The Bus Park & Ride at Junction 16 (Ashford/Rathnew) was approved by the Elected Members at the meeting of the full Council in March 2025. Land purchase has been completed. Construction is expected to commence in 2027 subject to funding being available.
- The preliminary design for the Bus Park & Ride at Junction 11 (Kilpedder) is being developed in conjunction with the NTA Park & Ride Delivery Office (PRDO). The PRDO are not currently progressing until progress is made with other Wicklow P&Rs and due to other priorities nationally
- Junction 20 Templeraíne Park and Ride/Share is currently progressing through preliminary design towards a planning application by Wicklow County Council in conjunction with the NTA. A part 8 planning route is envisaged, subject to AA and EIA screening processes. WCC are progressing land acquisition discussions in parallel with this design process.

N81 Hollywood Cross to Tallaght Road Improvement Scheme

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

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

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

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

The Phase 2 Preferred Option was published in October 2025 on the project website www.N81whitestownandtuckmill.ie. The project team is currently progressing at Phase 3 (Design & Environmental Evaluation). Ground Investigation works are planned to commence shortly. The project team will engage with all stakeholders as the project progresses through its various phases.

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

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

Park & Ride/Share at Hollywood

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

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

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

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N81 Blessington Gateway Project

Wicklow County Council are progressing this project at the design phase (Phase 3) to be followed by any necessary statutory approvals process (Phase 4). This will likely be a Part 8 process.

N81 Baltinglass South Gateway Project

A Technical Consultant was appointed in June 2026 and is now progressing the Phase 3 design.

N81 Hearn's Cross

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

N11M11 Resurfacing Works

Nighttime road resurfacing works were completed by the MMARC contractor on the N11 northbound between junction 7 and junction 5 between June and July 2026.

TII have appointed a contractor to carry out resurfacing works on the N11 southbound carriageway between Junction 14 and Junction 18. To mitigate noise impacts on properties near the N11, WCC requested that SMA material is used to resurface the road, however TII have advised that they intend to proceed with the resurfacing of this section of the N11/M11 using HRA in line with the existing pavement surface and current TII asset management policy. This work commenced as nighttime works from 7th September 2026 and is due for completion on 13th November 2026. Nighttime road closures will be in place along with 24hour special roadworks speed limits orders.

N81 Resurfacing Works

Surfacing works on the N81 Mullicagh Lower and Upper were completed in August 2026.

Greenway & TII Active Travel Projects

Arklow to Shillelagh Greenway

Meetings with the local stakeholders committee were held on Friday 22nd May and Thursday 25th June 2026. The committee were provided with an overview of the Project Programme, Key Project Deliverables and target dates, and updates on progress for the Design and Environmental Evaluation Phase (TII PMG Phase 3). A landowner workshop was carried out with Local Stakeholder Committee on 16th July 2026 to inform communications strategy. The programme for the current Phase 3 (Design & Environmental Evaluation) is a total of 24 months with the statutory planning submission to An Coimisiún Pleanála targeted for Q2 2028. Information on the scheme is available on the project website www.wicklowgreenways.ie

Wicklow Greystones Greenway

A non-statutory public consultation for the Emerging Preferred Route was undertaken in January and February 2026. The Public Consultation included two public display events in Greystones and Wicklow libraries. Submissions and observations were accepted up to 13th February 2026.

Meetings with landowners and stakeholders (including Iarnród Éireann and NPWS) have taken place.

The final preferred option is being considered. This will be submitted to TII for the Phase 2 Gateway Review approval.

Following TII approval, this route will advance to Phase 3 for Preliminary Design. Information on the scheme is available on the project website www.wicklowgreenways.ie

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Blessington eGreenway

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

Kilmacanogue to Bray Southern Cross Active Travel Scheme

The Phase 3 design, EIA works and landowner engagement are all continuing to progress. Information on the scheme is available on the project website www.kilmacanoguetosoutherncross.ie

Road Capital Projects

Blessington Inner Relief Road North

Construction work is progressing with completion expected later in 2026. The construction of the new roundabout junction with the N81 has commenced with works anticipated to be completed in Q4 2026.

Blessington Inner Relief Road South

A tender brief is being prepared for the appointment of Technical Consultants to carry out design works.

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

Construction work on the project commenced in April 2025. Section 1 construction works are complete and are fully open to the public. The original contract completion date for the full project was May 2026 with the contractor now reporting a substantial completion date of 5th October 2026.

Arklow Southern Port Access Road

A Technical Consultant has been appointed for the project in August 2026. The initial design phases 2 (options selection) and 3 (design & environmental evaluation) are expected to take 24 months to complete.

Rathnew Inner Relief Road North – Phase 3

Tenders have been received and are under evaluation for Consultancy Services to deliver this project through Design, Planning, Tender and Construction phases.

Housing Infrastructure Investment Fund (HIIF) Road Projects

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage advised, by letter dated 17 June 2026, that the projects listed below have been accepted onto the Housing Infrastructure Investment Fund (HIIF) programme.

- Rathnew Inner Relief Road (RIIR)
- Fassaroe Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge across N11/M11, Bray
- Fassaroe Road Infrastructure N11 to Enniskerry, Bray

The Local Authority is the designated Sponsoring Agency for approved projects under HIIF Call 1 and is responsible for the direct delivery of the project in accordance with the requirements of the Infrastructure Guidelines 2023.

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Active Travel Updates

Project Updates

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

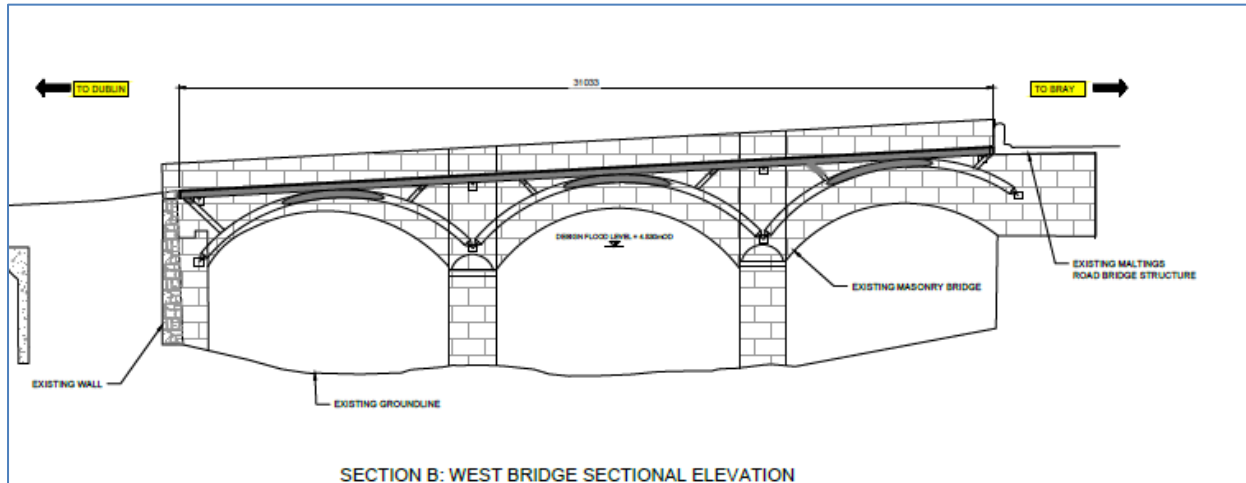
New pedestrian and cycle bridge to be provided at Wicklow Train Station, linking Station Road to the Port Access Road. Bus and vehicle set down to be provided along with cycle parking. The acquisition of lands on northern side of rail line has been completed. Archaeological Testing completed. NTA Rail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

Wicklow Active Travel Pathfinder Project (Wicklow MD)

Provision of pedestrian and cycle improvements along the R750 and Station Road from Abbey Street carpark to Station Road Junction to improve linkage to Wicklow Train Station. Preliminary Design stage completed and approval received from the NTA to move to Statutory Stage. AtkinsRealis appointed as consultants to manage the project through Phases 4-7. Preliminary design complete, Traffic modelling completed. Meeting to be arranged with Cllrs. to discuss prelim design

Bray Bridge footbridges and tie ins (Bray MD)

New footbridges and alterations to the road to make provision for cyclists. Atkins are progressing with the preliminary design phase. The Options Report for the new pedestrian bridge structures has been completed, and the report is currently under review. The road alignment design has also been progressed WCC have provided comments to Atkins. Atkins to amend the alignment design as per WCC comments.



Baltinglass Bridge Active Travel Scheme (Baltinglass MD)

Provision of improved facilities for pedestrians and cyclists at Baltinglass Bridge. Atkins Realis have completed the Options Selection Phase, and an emerging preferred option has been selected. The emerging preferred option is for the provision of a new pedestrian bridge structure on the north side of the existing bridge. The Consultant is progressing with the preliminary design phase. The Geotechnical investigation works have been delayed while waiting for the National Monuments Service to approve the Archaeological Licence. The licence is now approved, and the Ground Investigation works will be completed in October.

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

Provision of pedestrian and cycle improvement works to be completed along the public road linking Greystones Train Station with the Marina to the north and Charlesland to the south. AtkinsRealis appointed as consultants to manage the project through Phases 4 -7. Part 8 Pack prepared and advertised on the 19th August 2026. It will be on display until the 16th September 2026. The submission period is open until the 30th September 2026.

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Safe Routes to Schools: Kilmacanogue NS (Bray MD)

Provide infrastructure for schools to increase walking and cycling as the preferred travel mode where possible and improve safety at front of school. Works commenced on site.

Convent Road Active Travel Scheme (Greystones MD)

The provision of new and improved pedestrian facilities on Convent Road, Delgany. The Preliminary Design Phase has been completed, and the project has progressed to Phase 4 – Statutory Processes. The public consultation phase has concluded, and a total of 83 public submissions were received. The submissions were generally positive, with 72% of submissions supportive of the proposed plans. The Chief Executives Part 8 Report has been completed and has been issued to the GMD elected members. It is planned to present the outcome of the Part 8 report to elected members in the September GMD meeting.



Killincarrig Village Enhancement Scheme (Greystones MD)

The provision of new and improved pedestrian facilities on the R761 Kindlestown Lower Road, with new Public Lighting, and Public Realm improvements in Killincarrig Village. The Detailed Design phase is ongoing. The alignment design has been completed, and the utility design is currently being finalised. A Stage 1&2 Road Safety Audit has been completed. Construction works are scheduled to commence when the Chapel Road Scheme has been completed. Expected start date is Late November 2026

Blessington Main Street to Deerpark

WCC and NTA met to review preliminary design. NTA have approved gateway 2/3 pack to proceed to statutory process and Part 8. WCC screening determination reports approved, next step would be to advertise Part 8 however due to staff shortages this project is on hold.

Delgany Village Accessibility Scheme – Mill Road (Greystones MD)

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

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Other Projects -

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

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

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

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

- **Scalp Road Footpath, Enniskerry**

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

- **Aughrim Road Pedestrian Crossing, Tinahely**

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



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

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



- **Redford Park Junction, Greystones**

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

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- **Bus Priority Little Bray**
Enhancement of bus and active travel infrastructure between Fassaroe Townland and Sunnybank Junction
Review drawing and options assessment as bridge in Rehills development is no longer part of this plan and not feasible as part of river cycle way option. Draft Feasibility & Options Report under review with WCC. Project on hold due to lack of resources.
- **Wicklow MD Pedestrian Improvement Scheme**
2026 list of proposed locations to be submitted to Active Travel Team by WMD and issued to NTA for approval. Drawings to be prepared & RSA undertaken
- **Arklow MD Pedestrian Improvement Scheme**
Construction completed in Rathdrum and Avoca. 2 Pedestrian crossings to be completed as part of the Coolgreany Road improvement scheme which will be funded under Arklow MD Junction Tightening Works. Section 38 was advertised on the 19th August 2026. Submission period is from the 19th of August 2026 to the 2nd of September 2026. Report to now be prepared.
- **Greystones MD Pedestrian Improvement Scheme**
Pedestrian crossing installed in Kilcoole. Awaiting ESB connection. Gateway 5 approval request issued to NTA for approval. Victoria Road crossing and Newcastle Rd crossing under construction
- **Baltinglass MD Pedestrian Improvement Scheme**
2026 list of locations to be listed in PGAF and issued to NTA for Gateway 5 approval.

Bus Stop Enhancement Programme

- New NTA BSEP tracker being actively populated from sources below to Outline Plan for BSEP that can be delivered in 2026 & into 2027. Currently 131 locations. Includes Bus Shelter requests.
 - TFI/NTA directly
 - LA - CRM, MD's inputs
 - Representations – Councillor / TD requests / SPC
 - Public Consultations
 - Reporting Safety / Accessibility Issues – directly TFI/LA
- 100 SPC items from each MD have been added to the BSEP tracker & categorised for progression.
The requests are primarily shelters but locations noted also highlighted ancillary works also needed. NTA will these for suitability and will recommend level of works/progress required. Some items may overlap with Connecting Ireland (CI) works & some have already been installed.
- Current & Completed works 2026
 - 2 new stops being installed in Dunlavin including resurfacing of adjacent road surface.
 - 2 new stops Naas Road Blessington
 - 2 New Stops Blessington MD
 - 2 new stops Stratford On Slaney
 - 2 New Stops Ballynerrin Wicklow
 - New Shelter & Stop installed in Rathnew and existing stop to be relocated to shelter
 - Bus cage lining to progress where missing or faded locations being grouped.

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- TFI flagpole and carousels to be installed by NTA at 11 locations where recent upgrades of stop infrastructure are complete.
- Bus Eireann installing Pole & Flags at a number of 183 location

New Projects in 2026

- **SRTS Round 4 Scoil Naomh Brid, Talbotstown**
Prepare brief Design support for round 4 schools. Due to staff shortages project on hold
- **SRTS Round 4 St. Brigid's NS, Greystones**
Prepare brief Design support for round 4 schools. Due to staff shortages project on hold
- **SRTS Round 4 St Brigid's NS. Manor Kilbride.**
Prepare brief Design support for round 4 school. Due to staff shortages project on hold
- **SRTS Round 4 Wicklow Educate Together**
Prepare brief Design support for round 4 schools. Due to staff shortages project on hold
- **Deerpark Cycle Link, Bray**
Phase 1 – PGAF approved. Consultant to be appointed to complete design.
- **Giltspur to Charnwood Active Travel Link**
Phase 1 – PGAF approval to be sought from NTA
- **Arklow MD Permeability Links**
Phase 1 - 2026 list of 2026 list of locations to be listed in PGAF and issued to NTA for Gateway 5 approval.
- **Arklow MD Junction Tightening works**
GAF approved. Coolgreaney Road Pedestrian Improvement works scheme will use this funding to provide junction tightening and new pedestrian crossings on Coolgreaney Road. Section 38 was advertised on the 19th August 2026. Submission period is from the 19th August 2026 to the 2nd September 2026. Report to now be prepared.
- **Bray MD pedestrian crossings**
GAFs to be submitted to crossings on Upper Dargle Road and Springfield Cemetery

Site visit with district completed. A design has been prepared for the Killarney Road crossing. A Road Safety Audit will be completed in September.

Bridge Rehabilitation (Local and Regional Roads)

- Work completed at Carrigmore (Coolacork) Bridge.
- Works completed at Quill Rd culvert.
- Works commencing at Ballyteigue Bridge.

Report on option for Colbinstown Bridge currently being reviewed with Consultants.

Machinery Yard

- Framework Circle K cards usage is increasing, and all cards have been delivered.
- Training continuing for all relevant drivers.

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Winter Maintenance 2026/2027

Current Winter Maintenance Plan is being reviewed and updated for the 2026/2027 season.

Salt stocks are being measured with a view to ordering new salt.

New salt barn constructed at Avoca Depot.

Parking Income

January to August 2026

Parking Income by Municipal District	EURO
Bray Municipal District	674,062.45
Greystones Municipal District	247,312.90
Wicklow Municipal District	325,729.13
Arklow Municipal District	185,418.00
Parking Permits	82,747.50
Parking Fines	446,765.50
Wicklow County Council Total	1,962,035.48

Infrastructure Delivery

Housing Delivery Action Plan

The Department of Housing published **Delivering Homes, Building Communities: An Action Plan on Housing Supply and Targeting Homelessness, 2025-2030** on 13 November 2025. The plan articulated government policy regarding housing delivery and sets a target of delivering 300,000 homes by 2030. Included in this is a targeted delivery of an average of 12,000 social homes per year.

As part of the plan, local authorities are to prepare Housing Delivery Action Plans for the 2027-2030 period. These plans will indicate local priorities and delivery mechanisms for social and starter homes (formally affordable) for the period of the plan. *Delivering Homes, Building Communities* indicated that these plans will be informed by national and local targets and would ensure that local authority delivery of social housing is in line with the type and size of social housing needed in their area.

Circular 25/2026 dated 7th of July provides guidance and timeframes for the preparation of these Housing Delivery Action Plans. In addition to the circular, Wicklow County Council has received its targets for 2027-2030. Wicklow County Council also received a target of starter homes for the period Submission of HDAPs and Department Engagement. Local authorities are required to submit data (draft plans) for both social housing and starter home delivery through the HDAP's HDAP Portal. Delivery data must be submitted formally via the HDAP Portal no later than 25th September 2026. Thereafter, the Department will examine the submitted social housing and starter home data to ensure consistency with local needs (e.g. house types and sizes, specialist need, etc.) and broader national policy requirements and, where required, will engage bilaterally with relevant local authorities. The HDAP portal will provide the mechanism for review of submitted HDAPs and engagement between local authorities and the Department to finalise the Plan. On approval of the submitted data, a starter homes delivery target will be issued to each local authority. Local authorities will then finalise their HDAPs, using the template provided in the HDAP Guidance Document, prior to publication on their websites. The process is to be completed before the end of November 2026.

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Social Housing Targets.

Circular 25/2026 indicated that targets have been developed having regard to social housing need and demand nationally and locally including house size, older person units, disability and traveller specific units. In developing their HDAP, local authorities will be required to justify how their plan will meet the identified need under each category while taking account of local knowledge and their own Social Housing Waiting List data. In addition, Government policy places an emphasis on increasing the level of local authority and AHB own build programmes as a percentage of the delivery pipeline

Wicklow County Council has prepared a draft housing delivery plan based on the circular's requirements.

Table1 Social Housing Targets & Plan 2027-2030					
	2027	2028	2029	3030	Total Target 2027-2030
Target	280	280	311	325	1,196
Draft plan	263	290	304	343	1200

This is based on 15 own build schemes (2027-2030). (See local authority schemes below together with a range of other delivery options.

		%
Local Authority Build Traditional Social Housing	569	47%
LA Indirect (Part V and Turnkey) Approved Housing Body CALF	417	34%
New Site (s)	50	4%
Buy and renew/CPO Activation	10	2%
Approved Housing body	154	13%

Former PPP Sites

- **Burgage.** -The site at Burgage More (Sli Bhride) comprising of 106 units and creche has started on site (Q2 2026 with programmed delivery in 2028
- **Tinahask** 69 units were included for delivery Tinahask (Phase 2) in the housing delivery plan delivery scheduled for in 2030. This site is sufficient for 128 units and a creche. Tinahask (Potters Bay) contains 74 units and is considered as Phase 1. The contract has been awarded. The remainder of the site will be developed as either a phased social housing development or starter home housing.
- **Burnaby and Rehills.**

Rehills. -The development of the Rehills site is dependent on the construction of a bridge over the River Dargle. As the bridges main function is to facilitate the housing development of these lands and in the absence of an identified funding source the cost of the bridge will have to be charged to the future housing scheme. Two main approaches to this site.

Local authority to develop a relative low density mixed tenure site of affordable and social housing. A higher density (as favoured previously by the PPP). Significant time was expended during the preparation of the Housing Delivery Plan looking at various options for both sites that would allow (some) social housing development by the local authority during course the plan. These are larger sites. With a limited design staff and

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a large range of schemes to be developed by the local authority, it was not considered that the local authority could realistically progress these schemes in the short to medium term.

Engaging with Delivery Partners

The circular indicated the need to actively engage with delivery partners including AHBs and the LDA. The Land Development Agency Act 2021 indicates that a local authority may request the LDA to provide services to help develop large-scale, mixed-tenure housing sites. Services including:

- Preparing masterplans and assessing development potential
- Applying for planning permissions and approvals
- Delivering infrastructure to service housing sites
- Constructing housing and related urban development works
- Managing cost-rental units.

Due to the complexity and size of the Burnaby and Rehils sites and potential timeframes the local authority is in preliminary discussions with the LDA with an aim of early development of these sites.

Starter Homes Assessed Need

The circular indicated that during the period 2027-2030 around 31,000 new starter homes are required to be delivered nationally to provide for the cohort of households who are deemed to have an affordability constraint. This has been broken down to local level which indicates that Wicklow County Council has a need for 1070 in the period.

Starter Home Assessed Need 2027-2030 (Aggregated)	First Home Projections 2027-2030 (Aggregated)	Starter Home Delivery 2027-2030 LA/LDA/AHB (excluding FHS)
1,070	746	324

The circular indicated that each local authority's assessed need (net of First homes projections) for the period 2027-2030 is now required to be met by way of

- existing local authority,
- Approved Housing Body (AHB)
- Land Development Agency (LDA) delivery pipelines,

Wicklow County Councils current (draft) starter home plan 2027-2030 is based on the following

Cost Rental	121
Part V affordable	76
Wicklow County Council own Build	85
Developer Agreed Schemes	42

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Schemes

Schemes on site	Units	Current Status
Merrymeeting Ph 3, Rathnew	7	Nearing completion. Expected completion date Q3 2026
Ballinahinch, Ashford	19	Nearing completion. Expected completion date Q3 2026.
1A Mill Rd, Greystones	3	Nearing completion. Expected completion date Q4 2026.
Lott Lane Ph 1, Kilcoole	75	Contractor on site, expected completion date Q1 2027.
Lott Lane Ph 2, Kilcoole	26	Contractor on site, expected completion date Q1 2027.
Rockbrae, Bray	53	Contractor has commenced on site, expected completion. date Q4 2027.
Burgage More, Blessington	106	Contractor on site, expected completion date Q2/Q3 2028.
Mountain View, Blessington	10	Contract awarded, construction to commence in coming weeks
Tinahask Ph 1, Arklow	74	Contract awarded, construction to commence in coming weeks
Schemes recently completed	Units	Current Status
Ard Darach, Shillelagh	20	Completed and allocated
Merrymeeting Ph 2, Rathnew	21	Completed and allocated
Cois Droichead, Greystones	41	Completed and allocated
Lugduff, Tinahely	20	Completed and allocated
Avondale Ph 3, Rathdrum	3	Completed and allocated
Fassaroe, Bray	11	Works complete, allocations in progress
Future schemes	Units	Current Status
Lott Lane Ph 3, Kilcoole	46	Preparation of tender documents nearing completion. Tender to be issued September 2026
Barndarrig	20	Preparation of tender documents nearing completion. Tender to be issued September 2026
Hawkstown Park Ph 2, Wicklow	54	Preparation of tender documents nearing completion. Tender to be issued September 2026
18 Old Conna Grove, Bray	3	Detail design ongoing. Stage 3 funding application to be submitted September 2026.
Ballyguile Rd, Wicklow	16	Part 8 public display period has passed. Included on agenda for September 2026 Wicklow MD meeting.
Parnell Rd, Bray	16	Part 8 public display period has commenced. Scheduled to be included on agenda for November/December Bray MD meeting.
Sheephouse, Arklow	57	Design stage ongoing. Funding application to be submitted. September 2026. Part 8 expected to go on public display in Q4 2026, subject to funding approval.
Lauderdale Estate, Bray	6	Design stage
Ballywaltrim Cottages, Bray	3	Design stage
Kilbride Lodge, Bray	18	Design stage
Lott Lane Ph 4, Kilcoole	5	Detail design due to be progressed in 2027
Tinahask Ph 2, Arklow	128	Options being considered, post PPP
Burnaby, Greystones	268	Options being considered, post PPP
Rehills, Bray	140	Options being considered, post PPP

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Part V

The following Part V units are due during 2026:

Location	No. of Units	Due for Delivery	Method
Wicklow	4	Delivery due Q4 2026	WCC
Roundwood	6	Delivery due Q4 2026	WCC
Baltinglass	7	3 Delivered Q2. Remainder due Q3 2026	WCC
Delgany	3	Delivered Q2 2026	WCC
Dunlavin	7	Delivery due Q3 to Q4 2026	WCC
Wicklow	7	Delivered Q3 2026	WCC
Newcastle	1	Delivered Q1 2026	WCC
Delgany	6	2 delivered Q2. Remainder due Q3 2026 to Q1 2027	WCC
Wicklow	4	Delivery due Q3 2026	WCC
Arklow	2	Delivery due Q1 2027	WCC
Delgany	11	Delivered Q2 2026	WCC
Rathnew	19	9 Delivered Q2. Remainder due Q3 2026 to Q4 2026	WCC
Rathnew	16	Delivery due Q4 2026	WCC
Delgany	1	Delivered Q2 2026	WCC
Kilcoole	1	Delivered Q2 2026	WCC
Enniskerry	8	Delivery due Q3 2026	WCC
Delgany	4	Delivery due Q3 2026	WCC
Wicklow	2	Delivery due Q4 2026	WCC
Delgany	10	Delivery due Q4 2026	WCC
Enniskerry	2	Delivery due Q4 2026	WCC
Rathdrum	7	Delivered Q2 2026	CALF
Rathnew	15	Delivered Q1 2026	CALF
Wicklow	13	Delivered Q2 2026	CALF
Newcastle	5	Delivery due Q4 2026	CALF
Newtownmountkennedy	16	Delivery due Q3 2026	CALF
Bray	12	Delivery due Q3 2026	CALF
Newtownmountkennedy	22	Delivery due Q4 2026 to Q1 2027	CALF
Newtownmountkennedy	26	Delivery due Q3 2026	CALF

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Potential units

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

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

Turnkey

The following Turnkey units are due during 2026:

Location	No. of Units	Due for Delivery	Method
Baltinglass	2	Delivery due Q3 2026	WCC
Roundwood	4	Delivery due Q3 2026	WCC
Delgany	1	Delivered Q2 2026	WCC
Arklow	2	Delivered Q3 2026	WCC
Rathdrum	3	Delivered Q2 2026	CALF
Baltinglass	10	Delivered Q1 2026	CALF
Newcastle	11	Delivery due Q4 2026	CALF
Newtownmountkennedy	6	Delivery due Q3 2026	CALF

- Negotiations are on-going with a number of Developers and AHB's in relation to acquiring further Turnkey units.
- Expression of Interest for Turnkey Housing Developments/Housing Schemes and or land for the provision of social housing/affordable housing to be advertised in Q3.

Affordable Housing Information as of 31st August 2026

Mariner's Point, Wicklow – 4 x Affordable Houses

- 4 x two-bedroom houses have been assigned. Three sales are closed. One is due to close soon.

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

- Applications for 4 x 2-bedroom houses and 3 x 3-bedroom houses have been processed. Units are being assigned to successful applicants.

Ballycomyn, Blessington, Co. Wicklow 42 x Affordable Houses

- 30 x 2-bedroom houses and 12 x 3-bedroom houses. Applications portal extended to 2nd September 2026. Applications are being processed.

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

- 26 Affordable houses have been approved. 24 x three-bedroom, 2 x two bedroom
- Due to launch Q4 2026
- Showhouse will be ready Q3 2026
- Phase 3 AHF application approved 17th July 2026

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

- Application for 9 Affordable Houses at Rockbrae, Bray was approved on 28th January 2026. Tender is out.

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Vacant Homes Scheme

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

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

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

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

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

There are 2 types of Grants available:

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

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

To qualify for the grant, applicants must:

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

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

Number of Applications to date	355
Applications Approved in Principle to date	167
Number of Applications paid to date	114
Value of 114 Grants paid out to date	€6,253,844.50
Further Information Requested	2
Applications withdrawn/Rejected to date	72

Number Expert Advice Grant Applications to date	3
Applications Approved to date	2
Number of Applications paid to date	1
Value of 1 Grants paid out to date	€4,903.40
Further Information Requested	1
Applications withdrawn/Rejected to date	0

In addition, 3 new schemes have launched:

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

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

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Integration and Emergency Response

Fire Service

There were 164 incidents attended during the month of August 2026. Due to false alarms (non-incidents, 41) and laid down procedures to mobilise two stations to potentially serious incident types (32 incidents), individual Fire Stations were mobilised on a total of 232 occasions including 11 mobilisations in other counties. On 3 occasions an incident commander requested additional resources over what was prescribed in the Pre-Determined Attendance. In all cases this related to additional resources to contain large gorse / forest fires which totalled 39 during the month.

Operational activity for the month of August 2026 saw a slight decrease in mobilisations over the previous month July 2026 (252 mobilisations) a decrease 23 mobilisations or 9%. This is an unusually high level of activity for the time of year. The exceptional extremely hot / dry weather was accompanied nationally and internationally by significant numbers of wildland fires. There were 39 significant wildland fires attended during the month, a decrease of 22 in this type of incident over the preceding month. Wildfires in Ireland normally taper off from May onwards however for the first time since 2018 a significant number of wildfires occurred during the summer months. The fires in August were not as large or resource intensive as those in July.

In addition to the large rural wildfires there were 54 smaller outdoor fires started maliciously mainly in or close to urban areas, a decrease of 13 over the preceding month. There were 16 bonfires responded to on the Oldcourt Green, Boghall Road Bray. There were a number of such fires in Charlesland and Kindlestown in the Greystones area and at Ballyguile in the Wicklow Town area.

There was an increase in mobilisations to RTCs (-13) but a corresponding decrease in fires in domestic properties (-9).

In terms of year-on-year comparison a similar trend to the monthly statistics can be seen when August 2026 is compared with the equivalent month in 2025, an increase over the preceding year of 86 mobilisations. There was an increase in large wildland fires (+29) and an increase in maliciously set fires in mainly urban areas (+15). There was an increase in RTCs (+20), false alarms (+20).

In the Bray Station Area, the 27 bonfires and similar maliciously set fires in open areas represented 44% of all activity in the month. False alarm incidents of which there were 15 accounted for 25% of all mobilisations in the month.

During the month of August 2026 activity by main incident types is as follows:

•	Small fires set maliciously in main urban areas	54	23%
•	Wildland fires	39	17%
•	False alarms	41	17%

This corresponds to 57% of overall activity. In comparison the following incident types which accounted for 22% of overall activity:

•	Road Traffic Collisions (20 incidents, 40 crews attending)	40	17%
•	Fires in Buildings (6 incidents, 12 crew attending)	12	5%

Incidents in County Kildare (7-incidents total, samples below):

- 10/08/2026 Baltinglass and Dunlavin Fire Crews supported crews from Carlow, Athy and Monasterevin at a large gorse fire at Castledermot.
- 20/08/2026 Dunlavin Fire Crew supported a crew from Athy at a 2-car RTC at Crookstown.
- 29/08/2026 Baltinglass Fire Crew supported a crew from Carlow at a 1-car RTC close to Junction 4 on the M9.

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Incidents in County Wexford (6-incident total, samples below):

- 14/08/2026 Carnew Fire Crew assisted crews from Gorey and Bunclody at a gorse fire near Camolin.

Fire Prevention Statistics August 2026

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

Application type	Received	Deemed Invalid, or withdrawn	Requested additional information	Inspections	Recommended for Grant
FSCs	11		5		9
Revised FSCs	2		3		4
FSC 7-Day Notice	2		3		4
Regularisation FSCs	1		1		1
Total FSCs	16		12		19
DACs	10		5		8
Revised DACs					2
Total DACs	10		5		10
Dispensations / Relaxations	1				1

29 planning files were referred to the Chief Fire Officer for comment in August. Observations were made on 20 files received.

Licensing	Received	Inspected	Request further info	Letter / Licence Issued	No objection entered on Courts on-line Service
District	39	22	0	10	10
Circuit	2	0	0	0	0
Dangerous Substances Act	0	0	0	0	0
Explosive Act	0	0	0	1	0

Activities during the month of August included:

- A series of inter-agency meetings and exercises took place during August to prepare for EU Presidency Meetings which took place in Druid's Glen from 31st August to 2nd September.
- 2-day Critical Incident Stress Peer Support training was delivered for 12 Personnel in Wicklow, one member from each fire station and 2 members from Headquarters.
- Training was delivered to all stations on the 2nd Edition of the National Incident Command System which come into effect on 1st September 2026. In addition to the training, a Brigade Instruction No. 6 of 2026 "Incident Command Policy" was issued to all staff.

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Building Control Statistics August 2026

Commencement Notices for August 2026:

- Commencement Notices Submitted: 40
- 12 Commencement Notices with Compliance Documents
- 18 Opt Out Declarations
- 7 Commencement Notices without Compliance Documents
- 3 Seven-Day Notice

Submission Statistics

- 24% of Commencement Notices - Opt Out
- 70% of Commencement Notices Revised Information required & requested = 28 No. Commencement Notices (CN) of which
 - 12 with Compliance Documentation (33%)
 - 13 are Opt Out (57%)
 - 1 Without Compliance Documentation (3%)
 - 2 Seven Day Notice (7%)
- 36 Valid Commencement Notices
- 77 New build residential units
- 26 Apartments
- 8 domestic extensions
- 7 Non-Res new builds
- 8 Invalidated CNs from July

Certificates of Completion processed in August 2026

- 12 New No. of CCC submitted
- 7 Required Revised Information (50%)
- 15 No. Validated
- 0 No. Invalid
- 52 new Residential units & 10 Apartments
- 3 Non-Res. Builds

Submission Statistics

15 No. Validated CCCs related to;

- 11 No. CCCs submitted in August
- 4 No. CCCs submitted in July

****BCA not notified on completion of opt out developments**

77 new residential houses, 26 apartments, 8 residential extensions and 7 Non-res buildings were notified to LA for Commencement & 52 newly residential units were for completion submitted, assessed and validated in August.

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

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

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

Revised Information requests remained high in August for both Commencement Notices and Certificates of Compliance on Completion, 70% of Commencement Notice submissions & 58% of Certificate of Compliance on Completion submissions required revised information. Revised information requests are issued to nominated role holders of submissions when compliance with Building Regs has not been demonstrated.

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

Civil Defence

1. Overview

August was another active month for Wicklow Civil Defence, with volunteers involved in community engagement, medical cover, search and rescue operations, specialist unit training, volunteer development, and the ongoing development of our drone capability.

The month also saw continued investment in operational skills, with senior personnel undertaking Search Management training and the introduction of new drone technology for testing and potential future operational use.

2. Tinahely Agricultural Show – 3 August

Wicklow Civil Defence attended the Tinahely Agricultural Show on 3 August and hosted an area within the Best of Wicklow tent.

The purpose was to showcase the broad range of capabilities available within Wicklow Civil Defence and to engage with members of the public regarding the work carried out by our volunteers.

Displays and information covered our capabilities in:

- Medical response
- Search and rescue
- Radiation monitoring
- Community assistance
- Emergency response

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- The event provided a valuable opportunity to showcase the breadth of Wicklow Civil Defence's capabilities to the public, including our specialist drone, communications, search and medical technologies. It highlighted the range of trained personnel and specialist resources available to support the community and emergency services.

3. Missing Person Search – Bray – 4 August



On 4 August, Wicklow Civil Defence was requested to assist with a missing person search in the Bray area. Civil Defence personnel responded and assisted with the search operation in support of An Garda Síochána. The missing person was subsequently located alive and well.

4. Greystones Beach Festival

Wicklow Civil Defence provided medical cover for the Greystones Beach Festival during August.

Volunteers were deployed to provide a first aid and medical response capability throughout the event, ensuring that appropriate assistance was available to members of the public and event participants if required.



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5. Lough Dan Training Centre – 15 August

On 15 August, Wicklow Civil Defence conducted a training and skills-development day at the Lough Dan scout Centre.

Both the Boat Unit and Drone Unit were deployed for the day.

The training provided an opportunity for personnel to:

- Practice operational skills in a controlled environment.
- Deploy and operate specialist equipment.
- Develop coordination between the Boat and Drone Units.
- Maintain operational readiness.
- Gain practical experience in the use of specialised resources.



6. DJI Matrice 400 – Operational Testing

During August, Wicklow Civil Defence took possession of a DJI Matrice 400 from DJI Enterprise for testing and operational evaluation.

The aircraft is being made available to Civil Defence for the purpose of assessing its potential suitability for future operational use.

Testing will allow the Drone Unit to assess the aircraft's capabilities and its potential application across Civil Defence operations, including search and rescue, emergency response, incident monitoring, and providing aerial situational awareness.

This represents an important development in the continued expansion of Wicklow Civil Defence's drone capability.



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7. Search Management Training

The Civil Defence Officer (CDO) and Assistant Civil Defence Officer (ACDO) are currently undertaking a Search Managers course.

The course is running across August, September and October and is aimed at further developing the organisation's capability in the management and coordination of search operations.

The continued development of Search Management skills will strengthen Wicklow Civil Defence's ability to support An Garda Síochána during missing person incidents and other search and rescue operations.

8. EMT Training and OSCE Preparation

Participants on the current Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) course attended Ratra House during August for additional practical training and preparation ahead of their upcoming OSCE examinations.

This provided students with additional opportunities to practise their clinical skills and familiarise themselves with the examination environment.

In addition, three Wicklow Civil Defence volunteers assisted as simulated patients during EMT OSCE training at Ratra House in the Phoenix Park.

The involvement of Civil Defence volunteers in this training provided valuable support to the EMT programme while also contributing to the development of future qualified emergency medical personnel.

9. Summary

August once again demonstrated the capability and versatility of Wicklow Civil Defence as a county asset. The organisation has trained volunteers and specialist resources across medical response, search and rescue, emergency response, community assistance and radiation monitoring, supported by specialist equipment, communications and drone technology.

As a service under Wicklow County Council, Civil Defence provides a resource that is available 24/7, 365 days a year, with volunteers able to mobilise and respond to emergencies and requests for assistance when required. During August, this capability was demonstrated through missing person searches, event medical cover, specialist unit training, public engagement and the continued development of our operational resources.

The month highlights the value of having a trained, equipped and locally based volunteer emergency response capability available to the community whenever it is needed.

Wicklow Integration Services

1) Wicklow Community Integration Forum



- **Meetings**

The **West Regional Group** met in KWETB's Blessington Further Education and Training Centre, in Blessington, on the 3rd September 2026. At the meeting, members discussed and provided feedback on the draft communication strategy, focusing on how CIF members can communicate and promote CIF events and resources in a coordinated, strategic, and safe way. Members also shared updates on the work taking place within their respective organisations, highlighting current activities, emerging priorities, and opportunities for collaboration. The group also discussed key challenges currently

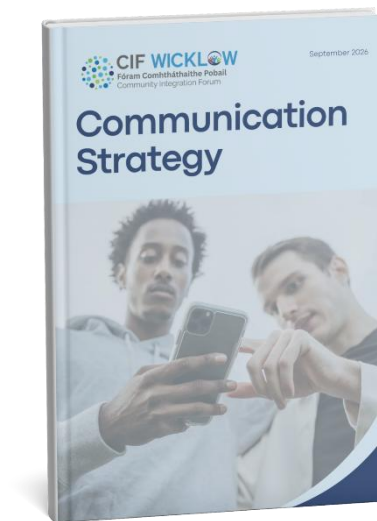
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affecting their organisations and the communities they support, providing an opportunity to share learning and identify common issues across the region.

The **East Regional Group** had their final meeting of 2026 as a group via Microsoft Teams on the 22nd September 2026. At this meeting the Communication Strategy and CIF Funding were discussed, as well as any arising matters for the members. Details of the final End of Year Meeting for all groups, East, West and Management Group in November were shared.

- **Communication Strategy**

During the **Q3 Wicklow CIF Management Group** on the 29th July 2026, CIF members began developing a communication strategy to ensure a more coordinated, consistent, and thoughtful approach to promoting CIF events and resources. A key aim is to strengthen joint communications so that all partners share clear, aligned messages. The strategy also reflects concerns about the safety and wellbeing of new communities, considering discrimination and racism, ensuring that communications do not unintentionally increase risks. While there is a strong commitment to promoting the valuable work of CIF and increasing awareness of available supports, there is also a shared recognition of the need to do so in a cautious and strategic way. As a group, we are working together to identify the most appropriate, effective, and safe approaches to communicating about our events, services, and initiatives. Regional groups have also provided their input to the communication strategy. This has been drafted by the CIF Coordinator and provided to CIF members for further review.



2) Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)

- **Topline data**

Totals per Municipal District (in Department run emergency accommodation only)		
MD	IPAS	Ukrainian Response
Arklow	0	14
Baltinglass	704	31
Bray	200	437
Greystones	0	104
Wicklow	197	89
Total	1,101	675

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IPAS Centre information	
Current number of IPAS centres in County Wicklow	8
Number of new centres opened	0
Total number of residents	1,101
Of which are children	375

WCC LAIT Activity to date in 2026	
Total number of Integration Clinics delivered	121
Total number of face-to-face support sessions	607
Total number of sessions with single adults	232
Total number of sessions with couples	29
Total number of sessions with families	257

• LAIT Integration Support Data Recorded for August 2026

Basic Clinic Data	
No. of clinics	8
No. of Individuals	52
No. of Couples	4
No. of Families	12
No. in Ireland less than 1 month	4
No. in Ireland 1-3 months	8
No. in Ireland 3-6 months	12
No. In Ireland more than 6 months	4
No. of International Protection Applicants	64
No. Persons with Status	2
No. of BOTPs	1
Total number of Referrals to outside agencies	5

Integration Supports – Key Enablers

In Session Support	Incidence
Accommodation	6
Community/Family	1
Culture/Religion	0
Education/Training	7
Employment/Enterprise	26
Events	0

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Finance/Welfare	0
Health/Wellbeing	12
Language/Communication	0
Legal/Justice/Civic	4
Transportation	0
Miscellaneous	2

Overall Support August	
Emails sent for Clinic work	29
Emails Received	235
Emails Sent	293
Contacts with stakeholders	14
Referrals	5

3) Ukrainian Response

• BOTP in State Contracted Emergency Accommodation

As of the end of August 2026, there are **675** Ukrainian displaced persons in emergency accommodation, although it is known that there are significantly more in the county.

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

- Arklow MD: **14**
- Baltinglass MD: **31**
- Bray MD: **437**
- Greystones MD: **104**
- Wicklow MD: **89**

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

BOTP Centre information in Wicklow	
Current number of BOTP centres in County Wicklow	14
Number of new centres opened	0
Total number of residents	676
Of which are children	163

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Update on State-supported Ukraine accommodation in Co. Wicklow

The Government agreed to phase out accommodation that has been provided to people from Ukraine since 2022. This means that the State will no longer be offering accommodation to all people who are beneficiaries of temporary protection who arrived into Ireland before March 2024. This change is being introduced on a phased basis which commenced at the end of June. [List of accommodation centres returning to original or alternative use.](#)

Residents in State-supported Ukraine accommodation in the Wicklow area were informed that they may no longer be accommodated at these centres from October 2026. The first centres affected by this announcement in Wicklow include:

Name	Location	Number of Residents	Last date of accommodation
The Royal Hotel Bray	Wicklow	252	18/10/2026
Astervale	Wicklow	16	31/10/2026
Sinnotts Carnew	Wicklow	15	31/10/2026
Jacob's Bed & Breakfast	Wicklow	14	30/11/2026

Accommodation Centres in Wicklow

There will be a number of Designated Accommodation Centres available in locations around the country. Some existing centres will close and be returned to private use. The next use of the property after a contract ends is a decision for the owner.

Some existing centres may become Designated Accommodation Centres, and some residents whose application is accepted may be able to stay in their current accommodation. Others will be assigned to a new location. The Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration will try to give successful applicants as much notice as possible of their allocated accommodation and date of transfer, if applicable.

The **Royal Hotel Bray** property will continue to provide accommodation to beneficiaries of temporary protection who have been successful in the application process for ongoing accommodation. Current residents who may be in need of further State supported accommodation must still submit an application within the timeframe (4th August 2026 – 11th September 2026) for completion and submission of an application form. Residents who don't apply for ongoing accommodations, or apply but are not accepted, will be required to leave the accommodation by 18th October.

Change in eligibility for Temporary Protection

This change is following the publication of Council Implementing Decision 2026/1912 extending temporary protection introduced by Implementing Decision 2022/382.

From **5 August 2026**, the following changes apply:

1. Temporary Protection will only be granted to applicants who can demonstrate that they were authorised under Ukrainian law to leave the territory of Ukraine. Applicants must provide acceptable evidence of that authorisation.

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Applicants who are unable to provide sufficient evidence that they were authorised under Ukrainian law to leave Ukraine may not be eligible for Temporary Protection.

2. These changes do not affect those who have been granted temporary protection before the new rules entered into force.

3. You will not be granted temporary protection in Ireland if you have already been granted it in another EU country.

4. Family reunification applications will continue to be considered in accordance with Article 15 of the Temporary Protection Directive and relevant provisions of Irish Law.

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Organisational Development

Recruitment:

The following interviews were held in August 2026:

- Executive Engineer Interviews
- Part-Time Retained Firefighter (Arklow Brigade) Interviews
- Craftworker Carpenter Interviews
- Senior Staff Officer Interviews
- District Administrator Interviews
- Part-Time Cleaner (Arklow Municipal District) Interviews

Employee Numbers

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

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

Freedom of Information

August 2026: 11	August 2025: 10
January – August 2026: 137	January – August 2025: 68

Ombudsman Requests

August 2026: 3	August 2025: 3
January – August 2026: 21	January – August 2025: 24

Press Releases

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Register of Electors

Wicklow County Council Franchise Section went live as part of Wave 2 onto www.voter.ie on Thursday 11th June 2026 as part of the new National Register of Electors. There are now a total of 21 Local Authorities migrated to www.voter.ie with the remaining 10 to be migrated before the end of October 2026.

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All applications for updating details and new registrations are now coming to Wicklow County Council via www.voter.ie but we will continue to utilise www.checktheregister.ie for changes of address into Wicklow until all local authorities have migrated to the new National Register system.

We are continuing to work on data quality on the Register and are also planning a programme of voter registration drives including visiting Secondary Schools in late Autumn 2026 along with renewal and updating of disabled voters, nursing homes and defence force voters lists.

Customer Hub

Customer Service Innovation Hub			
2026 - August			
Communication Channels	No.	Public Counters	No.
No. of Phone Calls received to (0404) 20100	7,797	Motor Taxation transactions in County Buildings	1,747
No. of Customer Service Emails received	1,048	Revenue Transactions	1,349
No. of Elected Members / Deputy Representatives Received	119	Housing Counter Visits	526

Energy Office

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

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

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

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

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

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

Other ongoing projects - District Heating Feasibility Study for Arklow Decarbonised Zone, report completed and under review.

Mid-East Energy Unit

- Tender published to establish multi-party framework for smaller works outside EPC
 - One stop shop for SEAI Pathfinder projects for Mid-East Region
 - Framework agreement established with the three successful contractors
 - 6 buildings in the region currently undergoing detailed design and energy efficient design reviews
- First EPC project for Kildare County Council contract signing took place in June 2026
 - Detailed surveys are currently underway
- Second EPC for Meath County Council contract signing took place in July 2026
 - Detailed surveys are currently underway
- Installing energy & heat meters in leisure centres and other buildings across the region to inform decarbonisation and energy saving process
- Third EPC for Wicklow County Council invitation to compete in competitive dialogue ongoing
- Fourth EPC for Louth County Council invitation to compete in competitive dialogue ongoing

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Finance, Water & Information Systems

Finance

Revenue Account

DRAFT REVENUE ACCOUNT							
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 31st Aug 2026							
	EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET
	Actual Expenditure	Adopted Full Year Budget	% Budget Spent to Date	Actual Income	Adopted Full Year Budget	% Budget Spent to Date	Actual Expenditure / (Income)
	€	€	%	€	€	%	€
Housing and Building	43,241,770	62,990,719	69%	(44,660,635)	(65,142,671)	69%	(1,418,865)
Road Transport & Safety	15,987,552	28,055,651	57%	(10,478,464)	(19,804,843)	53%	5,509,088
Water Services	2,123,827	4,382,330	48%	(2,969,967)	(5,354,831)	55%	(846,140)
Development Management	12,152,969	19,296,387	63%	(6,724,512)	(11,199,854)	60%	5,428,458
Environmental Services	13,501,926	20,044,291	67%	(3,786,767)	(6,082,483)	62%	9,715,159
Recreation and Amenity	7,016,012	10,517,175	67%	(894,026)	(1,393,762)	64%	6,121,986
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	1,310,801	2,081,928	63%	(450,139)	(694,328)	65%	860,662
Miscellaneous Services	6,694,717	9,588,050	70%	(11,835,331)	(17,287,651)	68%	(5,140,614)
Central Management Charges	18,280,326	27,283,644	67%	(625,599)	(1,050,000)	60%	17,654,727
Local Government Fund	0	0	0	(14,540,054)	(21,810,080)	67%	(14,540,054)
Pension Levy	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0
Commercial Rates	0	0	0	(23,043,591)	(34,419,672)	67%	(23,043,591)
	120,309,900	184,240,175	65%	(120,009,084)	(184,240,175)	65%	300,817

Cashflow/Overdraft

Wicklow County Council manages its cashflow requirements daily and did not avail of its overdraft facility during the period 1st to 31st Aug 2026.

Capital Account

CAPITAL ACCOUNT					
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 31st Aug 2026					
	Opening Balance at 01/01/2026	Actual Expenditure	Actual Income	Transfers to/from Reserves	Closing Balance at 31/08/2026
	€	€	€	€	€
Housing and Building	12,487,427	53,812,095	(40,964,609)	(396,960)	24,937,953
Road Transport & Safety	(24,249,158)	11,639,185	(3,303,575)	(548,786)	(16,462,334)
Water Services	(6,335,116)	624,552	(435,457)	(90,000)	(6,236,021)
Development Management	(64,738,651)	593,634	(6,861,822)	1,029,972	(69,976,867)
Environmental Services	4,635,816	4,194,795	(2,711,702)	(257,464)	5,861,445
Recreation and Amenity	3,302,756	4,860,912	(1,304,588)	(1,460,860)	5,398,221
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	(2,225,465)	96,021	0	(267,500)	(2,396,943)
Miscellaneous Services	(6,311,917)	1,174,024	(506,971)	2,454,693	(3,190,170)
	(83,434,307)	76,995,220	(56,088,724)	463,095	(62,064,716)

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Commercial Rates, Rents and Loan Collections

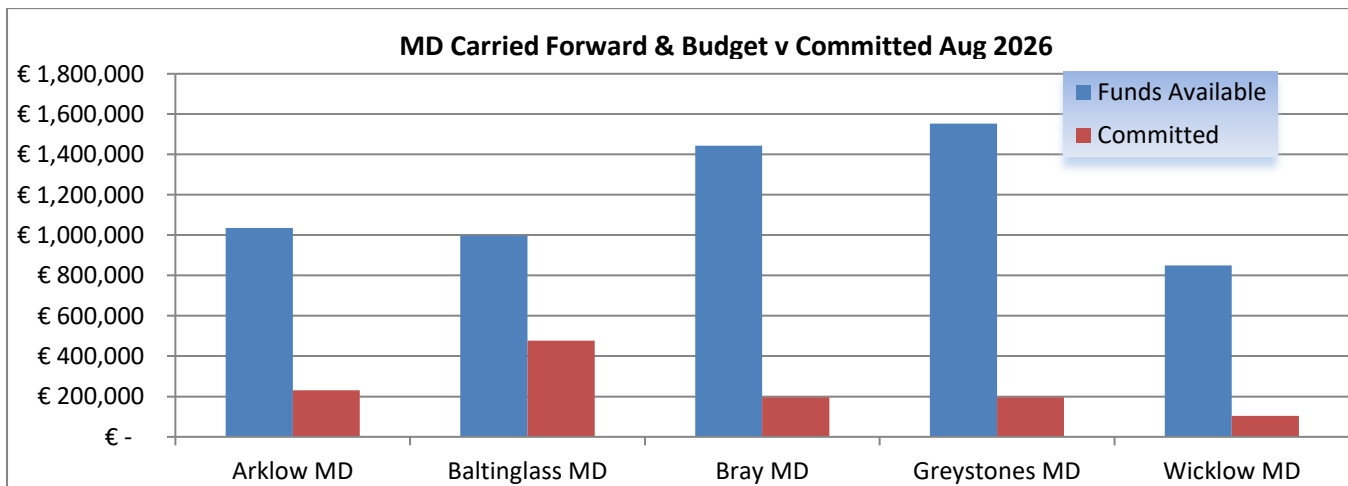
SUMMARY OF MAJOR COLLECTIONS AT 31 Aug 2026										
Income Collection Area	Opening Balance 01/01/2026	Accrued	Vacancy Property Adjustments	Write Offs	Waivers	Total for Collection	Collected	Closing Arrears 31/08/2026	Specific Doubtful Arrears	% Collection
Rates	2,830,358	34,564,138	(11,259)	(143,248)	121,396	37,188,431	(29,070,585)	8,117,846	517,766	79%
Rents & Annuities	2,760,539	13,137,925	0	0	0	15,898,464	(13,745,160)	2,153,304	0	86%
Housing Loans	447,005	1,442,535	0	0	0	1,889,540	(1,557,024)	332,516	0	82%

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

General Municipal Allocation and Discretionary Fund 2026

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

Municipal District	C/F from 2025	Adopted Budget 2026	Funds available to MD	Committed	Balance to Expend
	€	€	€	€	€
Arklow MD	517,434	518,009	1,035,443	231,449	803,994
Baltinglass MD	317,834	679,901	997,735	476,414	521,321
Bray MD	604,785	838,142	1,442,927	195,634	1,247,293
Greystones MD	1,040,878	511,584	1,552,462	196,157	1,356,305
Wicklow MD	213,125	637,288	850,413	103,693	746,720
Total	2,694,056	3,184,924	5,878,980	1,203,346	4,675,634



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Capital Investment Programme 2026-2028

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

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

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Capital Funded Projects

Project Scheme	Project Name	Project Cost	Match Funding
NRGF	Blessington Greenway	€15,000,000	€0
URDF	Arklow Historic Town Core	€3,134,684	€783,671
URDF	Wicklow Town - Library and Fitzwilliam Square	7,034,879	€2,407,470
URDF	Bray Public Transport Bridge	€8,600,000	€1,000,000
URDF	Bray Harbour Area Integrated Regeneration	€9,520,000	€2,380,000
RRDF 2019	Blueprint for Baltinglass	€3,566,968	€891,742
RRDF 2020	Placemaking Newtownmountkennedy	€477,000	€119,250
REDF	Wicklow County Campus - Content Creation Hub	€4,500,000	€2,700,000
REISS (REDF)	Wicklow Naturally Food Incubation and Innovation Centre	€249,500	€49,900
Fáilte Ireland Destination Towns	Abbey Grounds Wicklow Town	€1,000,000	€500,000
Fáilte Ireland Outdoor Dining Scheme	Market Square Wicklow Town	€119,000	€19,000
Community CCTV Scheme	Greystones CCTV	€115,000	€75,000
Community CCTV Scheme	Blessington CCTV	€115,000	€75,000
WCC	Mill Road, Greystones Masterplan	€50,000	€50,000
Sports Capital Programme	Charlesland All Weather Pitch Refurbishment	€52,500	€2,750
Sports Capital Programme	Coral Wicklow	€68,759	€20,628
Sports Capital Programme	Coral Arklow	€28,999	€8,700
Sports Capital Programme	Arklow Running Track	€62,434	€18,730
Sports Capital Programme	Dr. Ryan Park	€45,320	€13,596
LSSIS	Wicklow Swimming Pool	€2,443,654	€1,579,477
LSSIS	Charlesland Running Track	€411,674	€123,502
Dormant Accounts Action Plan 2022	Wicklow Libraries	€26,500	€2,650
T&V 2018	Blessington	€100,000	€20,000
T&V 2018	Wicklow	€150,000	€30,000
T&V 2019	Dunlavin	€26,216	€2,623
T&V 2019	Coolkenno	€30,000	€3,000
T&V 2019	Aughrim	€119,500	€17,925
T&V 2019	Redcross	€100,000	€20,000
T&V 2019	Delgany	€37,000	€3,700
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Bundled	€28,000	€2,800
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Dunlavin	€4,950	€495
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Roundwood	€40,000	€4,000
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Ballinaclesh	€44,000	€4,400
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Enniskerry	€44,000	€4,400
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Laragh	€27,000	€2,700
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Tinahely	€5,500	€550
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Baltinglass	€10,000	€1,000
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Arklow	€39,500	€3,950
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Wicklow	€44,444	€4,444
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Greystones	€44,444	€4,444
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Rathdrum	€27,000	€2,700
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Broadband Connection Points	€44,444	€4,444
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Kilcoole	20,000	2,000
T&V 2020 Main	Stratford	€200,000	€22,222
T&V 2020 Main	Avoca	€100,000	€11,111
T&V 2020 Main	Enniskerry	€100,000	€11,111
T&V 2020 Main	Annamoe	€100,000	€11,111
T&V 2021	Ballinaclesh	€70,000	€7,000
T&V 2021	Donard	€29,000	€2,900
T&V 2021	Wicklow	€245,931	€24,593
T&V 2022 PMD	Carnew	€55,555.00	€5,555
T&V 2022 PMD	Kiltegan	€55,555.00	€5,555
T&V 2022	Ashford - GAA Wall	€127,000.00	€12,700
T&V 2022	Blessington - Community Space	€20,000.00	€2,000
T&V 2022	Kilcoole - Stakepark	€277,777.00	€27,777
	Sub-Total	€58,988,686	€13,104,276

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CLAR 2019	Rathcoyle NS	€55,556	€2,778
CLAR 2019	Knockananna	€46,000	€3,000
CLAR 2021	Knockananna community allotment	€10,830	€1,083
CLAR 2021	Askanagap	€55,557	€5,557
CLAR 2021	Knockananna	€27,514	€2,501
CLAR 2022	Kilpipe	€18,000	€1,800
CLAR 2022	Askinagap - Boundary Wall	€50,000	€5,000
CLAR 2022	Askinagap - Carpark	€50,000	€5,000
CLAR 2022	Knockanna - Pitch	€20,000	€2,000
ORIS 2018	Avonmore Way Link Bridge	€460,000	€91,000
ORIS 2018	Vartry Reservoir Walks & Car Park	€165,157	€33,031
ORIS 2018	St. Kevin's Way	€200,000	€40,000
ORIS 2018	The Spinc	€160,000	€30,000
ORIS 2019	Wicklow Way Infrastructure Enhancement	€25,000	€5,000
ORIS 2019	Baltinglass Road Cycle Trails	€11,000	€2,200
ORIS 2019	North Wicklow Trails Network Development	€240,700	€108,140
ORIS Measure 1 2020	Avondale Avonmore	€20,330	€2,033
ORIS Measure 1 2020	Trail Digitising	€19,600	€1,960
ORIS Measure 1 2020	Tinahely	€20,000	€2,000
ORIS Measure 1 2020	Stratford	€20,000	€2,000
ORIS Measure 1 2020	Long Distance Video	€21,400	€2,140
ORIS Measure 1 2020	Brockagh Mountain Access	€11,100	€1,110
ORIS Measure 1 2020	People Counters	€22,000	€2,200
ORIS Measure 1 2020	Sean Lenihan	€21,200	€2,120
ORIS Measure 1 2020	Glenmalure Bridge	€12,500	€1,250
ORIS Measure 3 2020	Bright light Blueway	€754,820	€205,482
ORIS 2021 Measure 1	Kilmacanogue Nature Trail	€20,000	€2,000
ORIS 2021 Measure 1	Lacken Mass Path	€18,000	€1,800
ORIS 2021 Measure 1	Kilcoole Mass Path	€13,000	€1,300
ORIS 2021 Measure 1	Avonmore Kayak Project	€16,500	€1,650
ORIS 2021 Measure 1	Age Friendly Triobikes for older people	€23,160	€3,160
ORIS 2021 Measure 1	Keadeen Access	€13,500	€1,350
ORIS 2021 Project Development	Three Trout Route	€27,000	€3,000
ORIS 2021 Measure 3	The Sugarloaf Repair	€500,000	€50,000
ORIS 2021 Measure 2	Jubilee Loop and Avonmore Way link	€180,000	€18,000
ORIS 2021 Measure 2	Cliff Walk Protection Scheme	€220,000	€22,000
ORIS 2022 M1	Avonmore Way Clara Vale	€33,000	€3,300
ORIS 2022 M1	Ballyboy Equestrian Trail	€33,000	€3,300
ORIS 2022 M1	Glen Turn Cliff Walk Airlift	€33,300	€3,600
ORIS 2022 M1	Miners Way Ballinafunshogue	€28,000	€2,800
ORIS 2022 M1	Red Kite Loop Play Area	€33,000	€3,300
ORIS 2022 M1	West Wicklow Access Points	€33,000	€3,300
ORIS 2022 M1	Wicklow Uplands Airlift	€33,000	€3,300
ORIS 2022 M1	Aughrim Heritage Access to Stoneworks	€30,000	€3,000
ORIS 2022 M1	Devil's Glen river Walk Extension	€30,000	€3,000
ORIS 2022 M1	Oakwood Ballinagee Trail Upgrade	€30,000	€3,000
ORIS 2022 M2	Blessington Greenway Link to Russborough	€198,200	€19,820
ORIS 2022 M2	Glenmalure Riverside Walk & Recreation Area	€133,100	€13,310
ORIS 2022 M2	Coolkenno Equestrian Trail	€220,000	€22,000
ORIS 2022 M3	Roundwood Recreation Area	€550,000	€55,000
	Total to date	€63,955,710	€13,910,951

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Information Systems

Operations

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

GIS & Systems Analysis

- **Planning Exemptions Mapping**

Developed and updated GIS mapping to support the Planning Exemptions process, improving access to location-based information for staff assessing planning enquiries and applications.

- **Property Portfolio Register**

Continued GIS support for the Property Portfolio Register, including liaison with the Property Team to improve the availability and use of property-related information.

- **Digital Inspections**

Supported the continued development of digital inspection processes using mobile mapping and online forms, helping to streamline the collection and management of information from the field.

- **Beach Safety Mapping**

Worked with the Water Safety Officer on mapping for new beach signage, with Greystones Cove used as the first location. The mapping will assist in providing clear and consistent location information for beach users and staff.

- **Public Information & Open Data**

Maintained and improved access to Council GIS information through the public-facing Open Data and mapping services, including restoration of links to published datasets.

- **Public Consultation Mapping**

Supported the Council's public consultation processes through the development and testing of online GIS tools, helping to make consultation information more accessible and easier for the public to view and understand.

Infrastructure

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