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Wicklow County Council Chief Executive's Monthly Report



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This month:

€100,000 in Heritage Funding for Local Communities - Wildlife, local economies and tourism in Wicklow are set to benefit from Heritage Council funding for seven individual projects.

The Heritage Council's Community Heritage Grant Scheme will help to conserve and restore built, cultural and natural heritage throughout the county. Work on these projects can begin immediately which will see local communities enriched through initiatives, from making previously unseen works of art available to the public, to equipping local communities with skills needed to protect biodiversity, to making landmarks of national significance accessible again. The projects will all be completed by the end of the year.

The projects to receive funding in County Wicklow include the Glenree Centre for Peace and Reconciliation, the Rathnew Heritage Group, Birdwatch Ireland, the Arklow Town Team, Avoca Parish Finance Committee, Rewild Wicklow and Roundwood and District Historical Archaeological and Folklore Society

'Best Micro Start -Up' Award for Arklow-based Company - Aqualicense, who are supported by Local Enterprise Office Wicklow, were this year's 'Best Micro Start-up' winners at the recent LAMA (Local Authority Members Association) Community & Council Awards.

Aqualicense, is an Arklow based company that provides consultation, planning, legal compliance and project delivery services for firms in the aquaculture and offshore energy industries.

In 2021 Aqualicense expanded their operations into the highly regulated offshore renewable energy sector which has helped the company grow considerably and they are now looking to expand their expertise into new markets internationally.

Established in 2019 by Kate Dempsey the company has gone from strength to strength. Kate firmly believes that any business operating in the marine space can be cognisant of the resultant environmental pressures so that mitigation is built into the initial project planning. This ethos is evidenced by the focus of Aqualicense on marine restoration and sustainability while providing consulting services to the Offshore Aquaculture and Offshore Renewables industries.

Colaiste Bhríde wins Film Festival Awards - Colaiste Bhríde in Carnew has won the County Wicklow award for the "Rubbish" Film Festival 2023, the first time schools from Wicklow have entered the competition.

Participating schools received two days of training in filmmaking with Createschool who are based at the new film hub on Clermont Campus in Rathnew, with Wicklow County Council sponsored the training. Schools had the challenge to make a short film focussing on climate action, consumption, and the sustainable development goals and to deliver a message visually in just one minute.

In a close competition Colaiste Bhríde came out on top with their film called "The Last Drop" exploring water conservation. Temple Carrig School in Greystones were runners up with a film entitled "ReAct" which explored energy conservation and climate.

Schools also produced a film poster and East Glendalough School in Wicklow Town took the prize for best poster for their film "A Matter of Responsibility" which focused on waste management.

Housing & Community

	March 2023	March 2022
No. on list for Social Housing Support – (includes RAS & HAP)*	4444	4525
No. availing of Rental Assistance Scheme (RAS)	173	235
No. availing of Housing Assistance Payment	2700	2495
No. in Long Term Leasing Accommodation	23	21
No. in Short Term Leasing Accommodation	33	31

Allocation of Social Housing

	March 2023	March 2022
Wicklow County Council	17	72
Approved Housing Bodies	41	10

Social Housing Stock

	March 2023	March 2022
Tenancies occupied	4,795	4,698
Total weekly rental accrual	315,115.93	307,236.46
Arrears	2,908,062.30	2,893,800.43

Re – lets

MD -	Vacant April 2023*	Work in Progress
Arklow	20	8
Baltinglass	26	6
Bray	63	17
Greystones	12	8
Wicklow	45	8
Totals	166	47

*Includes CPO houses of which we have taken possession .
Includes 23 Hillview properties

Housing Supply – Programme of Delivery

Schemes Recently Completed	UNITS	CURRENT STATUS
Ard na Greine, Bray	31	Completed and allocated
Delany Park Arklow (Phase 2 + 3)	47	Completed and allocated
Hawkstown Park (Ashtown Lane), Wicklow Design & Build	40	Completed and allocated
Mountainview, NTMK Design & Build	22	Completed and allocated
Sheehan Court Arklow	7	Completed and allocated
Schemes on Site	Units	CURRENT STATUS
Greenhill Road Wicklow Design & Build (Changed to Affordable scheme)	36	Completion anticipated Q2 2023
Avondale Phase 2 Design & Build	20	Completion anticipated Q2 2023
Cedar Court Bray Design & Build	14	Completion anticipated Q2 2023
Cois Droichead, Greystones	41	Completion anticipated Q1 2024
Ballard Shillelagh	20	Completion anticipated Q4 2023
Pipeline Schemes	Units	Current Status
Lugduff Tinahely	20	Tender with department for approval.
Merrymeeting, Rathnew, Phase 2	21	Foundation stage
Fassaroe, Bray	15	Design team being appointed.
Liam Kavanagh Park, Ballynerrin, Wicklow	10	On site
Burgage More Blessington	106	Part of PPP bundle 3 with NDFA. Tender stage
Lott Lane, Kilcoole	75	Stage 2 received. – part 8 ongoing
Rehills, Bray	80	PPP bundle 5
Burnaby, Greystones	75	PPP Bundle 5
Ballinahinch Ashford	25	Design Stage
Tinahask, Arklow	75	Design stage.
Sheephouse Arklow	30	Design Stage

Public Private Partnership.

- A site at Tinahask in Arklow has been included in Bundle 6 of the PPP Wicklow County Council are progressing with a design on the site in parallel.

Part V

Location	No. of Units	Due for Delivery	Method
Bray	2	18 Delivered, 2 Units Scheduled Q2 2023	CALF
Rathnew	3	3 Delivered Q1 2023	WCC
Delgany	3	Scheduled Q2 2023	WCC
Rathdrum	3	Scheduled Q2 2023	WCC
Rathdrum	7	Scheduled Q2 2023	WCC
Rathdrum	6	Scheduled Q2 2023	CALF
Arklow	16	Due for delivery 2023	CALF
Blessington	5	Delivery Due Q2 2023	CALF
Bray	1	Delivery due Q4 2023	CALF
Delgany	3	Delivery Q2 2023	WCC
Greystones	1	Delivered Q1 2023	WCC
Rathnew	1	Scheduled Q4 2023	WCC
Bray	4	Scheduled Q3 2023	WCC

Potential units

Wicklow County Council currently has agreements in place for units in Delgany, Bray, Rathnew, Wicklow, Rathdrum, with delivery ranging from 2022-2024. 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

Location	No. of Units	Due for Delivery	Method
Bray	78	Delivery Due Q2 2023	CALF
Rathdum	13	Delivered Q1 2023	WCC
Rathdrum	30	Scheduled Q2 2023	CALF
Arklow	33	Due for delivery 2023	CALF
Blessington	40	Delivery Due Q2 2023	CALF
Bray	17	Delivery Date Q4 2023	CALF

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

Capital Advance Leasing Facility (CALF)

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

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

Expressions of Interest – Social Housing on Council lands

Parnell Road (Central Garage site)

Tuath have submitted the revised CAS application and it is currently being assessed. The Department had some queries which have been responded to.

Kilbride Lodge and Sutton Villas

All land registration issues have now been resolved. Respond are in the process of appointing a project manager.

Home Improvement/Adaptation

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

- › Grant funding for private house - €2,299,375 (2022 budget figures) - €306,181.77 spent to date
- › Grant funding for social house - €818,793.00 (2022 budget figures) €190,095.60 spent to date
- 146 open applications (some carried over from 2021/2022)
- 224 approvals (some carried over from 2021/2022)

Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Number of Grants Received/Processed	249	216	266	327	281	115

Co. Wicklow Strategic Plan for Housing People with a Disability

The Housing and Disability Steering Group has prepared the new draft Co. Wicklow Strategic Plan for Housing People with Disability 2022-2027. The next meeting of the HDSG is due to take place in April 2023

Housing for Older People - Age Friendly Schemes

Millbank, Mill Road – 2 x 2 bed properties	Contractor on site – expected completion in June 2023
Castle Villas - Two 2 bed properties	Contactore on site - EXPECTED COMPLETION date 2023
Carrig Eden - 14 units x 1 bed age friendly units	Part 8 complete – design team is being procured at present
Kilcoole Health Centre - 4 no 1 bed apartments	Detailed design complete – stage 3 approval received – tender advertised ion eTenders

Vacant Homes Scheme

There are now 17 CPOs underway on long term vacant houses around the county.

30 South Green, Arklow	House now Vested (registered to Wicklow Co Co). Refurbishment to start shortly.
5 Priory Way, Delgany	House now Vested (registered to Wicklow Co Co). Refurbishment to start shortly.
8 Sycamore Drive, Newtownmountkennedy	House allocated and tenant in situ.
5 Ashwood, Roundwood	Refurbishment almost complete.
108 Charnwood, Bray	Oral hearing held by An Bord Pleanála on 17 th August 2021 but no decision yet notified to parties. Still waiting March 2023.
10 Liam Mellows Avenue, Arklow	House now in possession of WCC since 8 th of November 2022. Compensation package to be agreed.
33 Connolly Street, Arklow	Refurbishment underway.
6 Ashleigh, Ashford	Refurbishment to start shortly.
114 Hillside, Greystones	Deal now agreed.
18 Delgany Glen, Greystones	Refurbishment underway.
2 Lakeview Grove, Wicklow Town	House now Vested (registered to Wicklow Co Co). Refurbishment underway.
88 Wicklow Heights, Wicklow Town	CPO confirmed. Notice to Treat and Notice of Entry served. In our possession since 28 th of June. Compensation now agreed. House to be Vested in WCC (Vesting Order No 3 of 2023) – advertised 3 rd week in April.
100 Wicklow Heights, Wicklow Town	House now acquired by agreement with Link Financial and in possession of the Council since 25 th of August 2022.
53 South Green, Arklow	Notice to Treat served 9 th January 2023. Compensation now agreed.
53A South Green, Arklow	Notice to Treat served 9 th January 2023. Compensation now agreed.
41 Kilgarron Park, Enniskerry	Vesting Order No 1 of 2023 now completed by Taillte Éireann. Title now registered to WCC. Compensation may now be paid.
2 Harbour Road (“Merdenville”), Arklow	CPO published Dec 2022. Negotiations underway with owner to agree purchase. Compensation finalised. 3 rd week in April.
36 Wheatfield Bray	CPO published March 2023. Currently engaging with owner with a view to purchase by agreement.
2 further CPOs (further house in Bray and Wicklow Town) to be published.	

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

Derelict Properties

The following four derelict properties have been approved for sale:

Property	Progress
Cronehorn	Valuation done, applicant has been requested a deposit to progress application
Killacloran	Valuation done, applicant has been requested a deposit to progress application
Rednagh Rd	Valuation done, applicant has been requested a deposit to progress application
Borkhill	No

Affordable Housing

Greenhill Road Affordable Housing Scheme was launched to the public for applications on 09/01/2023, and closed on 30/01/2023. There has been a lot of interest from the public and Wicklow County Council received over 140 applications for the 36 properties. Wicklow County Council are currently 'sale agreed' on all the 36 units, and are having an open day on site for clients on Saturday 22nd April. Breakdown of properties that were available are below.

No. of units	Beds	Type	Story	House Price	Minimum House Purchase Price
6	2 bed	Terrace	2 Storey	€280,000	€222,716
6	2 bed	End Terrace	2 Storey	€290,000	€236,702
16	3 bed	Terrace	2 Storey	€315,000	€252,295
8	3 bed	End Terrace	2 Storey	€330,000	€275,618

Wicklow County Council also received approval for future affordable housing schemes in the county in the past month – one development in Rathnew(44) and another in Baltinglass(22), These will be provided directly by the developer . Wicklow County Council also has plans for further developments throughout the county.

Croí Cónaithe (Towns, Cities and Rural)

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

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

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

The Croí Cónaithe scheme has been extended in November 2022 to include rural locations also, opening up the scheme to derelict farmhouses etc. There has been a lot of interest in this scheme to date.

Number of Applications	2023 to date	2022 (6 Months)
Applications Received	10	18
Applications being processed,	8	16
Applications refused or withdrawn	1	3

Infill Sites

- Blackhills – Two 3 bed semi-detached properties allocated February 2023
- Knockroe – Two 4 bed fully accessible homes has been tendered and a contractor appointed. Contractor commenced on site - expected completion date Q4 2023
- 5a Rednagh Rd – One 4 bed scheme – Part 8 to commence shortly

Housing Maintenance – Boiler servicing & safety checking campaign

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

Local Authority Home loans up to March 2023

Received	Approved in principle
10	0

2016 Tenant (Incremental) Purchase Scheme

	To date	March 2023
Applications Received	397	4
Completed	97	0
Declined	274	1
Ongoing	24	24

Homeless figures for March 2023

Addressing Homelessness			
	As at 31/03/2023	Year To Date	As at 31/03/2022
No of New Presentations	36	110	25
No. of Repeat Presentations	1	1	3
No. of Families (Minimum 1 Adult + One Child)	14	47	13
No. of Individuals (Single Adult, no children)	23	64	14
No. Of Couples (2 Adults, no children)	0	0	1
No. of Children	26	83	25
NTQ/Asked to Leave/Landlord selling	13	38	11
Family Circumstances	12	38	7
Leaving Prison/Hospital Care	1	3	0
Mental Health	3	8	1
Risk of Homelessness	2	6	3
Arrears/Loss of Income	1	3	3
Addiction Issues	6	13	0
DV/DA	2	8	3
Medical Issues	4	5	0
Overcrowding	4	7	1
Unsuitable/Voluntarily Left	8	21	2
ASB:	2	6	0
Rough Sleeping*	5	8	0
Sofa Surfing*	1	13	0
Staying with Family*	11	28	5
Staying with Friends*	0	2	2

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

Own Door Temporary Accommodation at 31/03/23	
Families	16
Adults	29
Children	47
Single individual	1

Bed & Breakfast Accommodation - No. of Homeless Emergency Accommodation Placements & Duration @ 31/03/2023								
	No. of Households	No. of Adults	No. of Children	< 3 mths	3-6 mths	6-9 mths	9-12 mths	>12mths
Household breakdown	21	25	24	6	3	8	2	2
Bed & Breakfast Accommodation - No. of Homeless Emergency Accommodation Placements & Duration @ 31/03/22								
	No. of Households	No. of Adults	No. of Children	< 3 mths	3-6 mths	6-9 mths	9-12 mths	>12mths
Household breakdown	18	23	22	7	6	1	2	1

The Homeless HAP Place finder provides assistance in:

- seeking out potential properties suitable for households currently identified as homeless or at risk of homelessness;
- liaising with specific households to establish their specific needs;
- establishing relationships with local property agents and landlords; and,
- supporting those homeless households to (a) prevent the necessity to enter emergency accommodation or (b) to exit emergency accommodation and secure a tenancy.
- To date, 437 households (320 families & 112 singles) have been assisted under the Homeless HAP Scheme in Wicklow County Council from the inception on 1st October, 2018 to 31st March 2023. (184 homeless cases, 242 prevention cases to date and 10 direct provision). 127 properties were sourced by WCC.

Addressing Homelessness in partnership with Approved Housing Bodies

Homeless Supported Temporary Accommodation – Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow

Kilmantain 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, with continuing transition by the clients to suitable, alternative accommodation at the moment.

Homeless Family Service – Fitzwilliam Road, Wicklow

Dublin Simon has been engaged by Wicklow County Council to operate and manage the facility at Fitzwilliam Road, Wicklow as a Family Homeless Service. The building comprises of 3 x 1 bed units 2 x 2 bed units and 2 x 3 bed units – Four of the families have now transitioned or are in the process of transitioning to a permanent home and the resulting vacancies are in the process of being occupied with families experiencing or in danger of homelessness

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

Homeless Supported Temporary Accommodation – San Remo, Bray

San Remo is operated by Dublin Simon, incorporates a service model where 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

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

Other Homeless Supported Accommodation

Wicklow County Council owned properties in Wicklow, Bray and Arklow, leased to AHBs, provide 12 units of low to medium supported accommodation targeted to the particular support needs of the clients.

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

Housing First

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

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

Wicklow County Council has, to date, successfully accommodated 14 clients under Housing First and it is hoped that a further allocation will take place before the end of April 2023. Other clients proposed for Housing First have been assessed by the team and are availing of key support work pending finalisation of sourcing of accommodation – the main issue facing this programme is the availability of one bed units in suitable locations with easy access to services etc.

Traveller accommodation

Capital Programme

Ballinteskin – 3 houses	Contractor on site- expected completion date August 2023
Avondale Heights, Rathdrum – 3 houses	Approval received for funding from Department, – Part V111 approved detailed design and tender documents complete - due to the reduction in the number of houses required stage 3 application will have to be re -submitted to the Department.
Barndarrig Group Housing scheme for 3 houses	Due to change in the family circumstances – site selection will need to be reconsidered – consultant appointed to examine same – consultation to take place with identified families regarding house design

Fire safety annual checks on Halting sites for 2022 has been carried out and the 2023 will commence in September 2023.

Energy Efficiency

Energy Efficiency Fabric Upgrade Phase 2

All 71 properties given approval for energy efficiency fabric upgrade works in 2022 have been substantially completed. Surveying of the houses identified for 2023 programme is substantially completed.

Ukrainian Response

- As of 9th March, the numbers of Ukrainians Displaced Persons in emergency type accommodation is 1,480 (although we know that there are considerably more in the County)

This number is broken down as follows –

- Arklow MD 240 No.
- Baltinglass MD 326 No.
- Bray MD 622 No.
- Greystones MD 152 No.
- Wicklow MD 140 No.
- WCC are currently assessing all Displaced Ukrainians persons in the County in order to identify their accommodation needs as well linking them in with all the relevant services and supports within the community.
- WCC are working through a list of pledged properties within the County and matching families accordingly. As of the 9th March we will have housed 201 number displaced Ukrainian people into pledged properties Larger buildings and vacant units are also being identified and explored as potential options for medium to long term accommodation.
- A new National Vacant Home call lead by Local Authorities has been launched and is currently in place for a property to be pledged directly to Wicklow County Council with a second promotional advertising campaign now running both nationally and locally from 4th -25th March. offerahome@wicklowcoco.ie
- The Community Response Forum continues to meet on a fortnightly basis.

2. Community

Launch of Hidden Disabilities Sunflower Initiative in Wicklow



Wicklow County became the first County Council in Ireland to recognise the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower lanyard across all of its public offices and libraries.

The lanyard is intended to alert County staff that the person wearing it has a hidden disability and may need extra assistance with whatever they want to do. People with non-visible disabilities living in or visiting County Wicklow can collect a Sunflower Lanyard free of charge from any of the public offices or libraries.

The initiative was launched on 3rd April 2023 by Cllr. Tommy Annesley, Cathaoirleach of Wicklow County Council in the presence of Emer O’Gorman, Chief Executive, Wicklow County Council and Michael Nicholson, Director of Services for Community Cultural & Social Development and the elected members of Wicklow County Council. Funding for this initiative was provided by the Department of Rural and Community Development through the Community Enhancement Programme.

Wicklow County Council worked with Triple A Alliance Group and Hidden Disabilities Sunflower Ireland to get the initiative in place. The commencement of the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower initiative in Wicklow County Council is the continuation of the Council being proactive in providing making it easier for the citizens of Wicklow to engage with the Council and to access council services in both public offices and libraries.

Age Friendly Ireland

County Wicklow Age Friendly Strategy 2023-2027

The Age Friendly Programme Manager presented information on the next steps on implementation to the elected representatives at the Wicklow Council Meeting, on 6th March 2023.

The Wicklow Age Friendly County Alliance met on 15th March 2023, to progress the implementation of the **County Wicklow Age Friendly Strategy 2023-2027** and agree on work plan priorities for 2023.

Older People's Council

The County Wicklow Older People's Council Executive met on 24th March 2023, to agree work plan for 2023 and recruitment plan for new members, in advance of the Annual General Meeting of the wider OPC, scheduled for 26th May. The next meeting of the OPC Executive took place on 21st April 2023.

CLÁR

The Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD) launched the CLÁR Programmes for 2023, on 29th March 2023.

Under the initiative, **grants of up to €50,000** will be provided to support the development of community and sports facilities, youth clubs, playgrounds, sensory gardens, walking tracks and much more.

For the first time under the CLÁR Programme, funding will be provided to carry out upgrades and improvements to spectator stands at local GAA and sports clubs.

CLÁR (Ceantair Laga Árd Riachtanais) or Funding for Small-Scale Rural Projects is a targeted investment programme which provides funding for small-scale - infrastructural projects in rural areas that have suffered the greatest levels of population decline.

[Map of CLÁR areas in Wicklow](#)

The measures being funded under the 2023 CLÁR programme are:

- Measure 1: Developing Community Facilities and Amenities (via LA)
- Measure 2: Mobility, Cancer Care and Community First Responders Transport (direct to DRCD)
- Measure 3: Our Islands (direct to DRCD)

[Full details of the CLÁR scheme are available - here.](#)

<https://www.gov.ie/en/policy-information/91ba52-clar/>

Comhairle na nÓg

Wicklow Comhairle na nÓg were represented at the National Showcase event in Croke Park on 4th April.

The Showcase is a biennial event at which the young people from the 31 Comhairle na nÓg have the opportunity to:

- Strengthen the national profile of Comhairle na nÓg through a showcase of their work.
- Network with other young people and share their experiences of what works in their Comhairle na nÓg.
- Provide policy makers, service providers and local and national politicians with an opportunity to experience first-hand the success and value of Comhairle na nÓg.

Emer O'Gorman, Chief Executive of Wicklow County Council, attended the event and met with the young people representing Wicklow Comhairle na nÓg.



Arts Office

Creative Wicklow Grant Scheme

22 applications were received for the Creative Wicklow Grant Scheme. These are currently being assessed and all applicants will be contacted with the panel's decision shortly.

2023 Artist one-to-one Coaching

32 applications were received for the Artist one-to-one Coaching Sessions. 20 artists have been selected and assigned a coach. Each artist will receive three one hour sessions and these will take place between April and September 2023.

Creative Places Baltinglass: Artist Coffee Morning

Wicklow Arts Office invited West Wicklow artists, musicians and creative practitioners to attend an Artist Coffee Morning on Friday 21st April from 9:30 – 11:30am 2023 in Germaine's, Main Street, Baltinglass.

Artists, musicians and creative practitioners of all discipline and experience levels came together to connect with others and find out more about Creative Places Baltinglass.

Visual Artist Training & Lifelong Learning

In partnership with Visual Artists Ireland, Wicklow Arts Office are providing a series of training and lifelong learning sessions for visual artists to include:

1. The Visual Artist's Guide to Funding & Applications webinar led by Marianne O'Kane Boal, a well-known curator and writer on art and architecture - Thursday 27th April 2023.
2. Generating Sales webinar led by Claudia Kennaugh, founder of Art & People, a Bristol-based art advisory service offering guidance to artists and collectors - Tuesday 2nd May 2023.

3. Socially Engaged Practice webinar led by Áine Phillips, a performance artist based in Galway, exhibiting and performing in Ireland and internationally since the late 80's - Tuesday 9th May 2023

National Poetry Day

Poet Jane Clarke and historian Joan Kavanagh lead a 5 km walk along the Miners' Way from Glendasan to the Upper Lake in Glendalough for a unique outdoor event on Poetry Day Ireland, 27th April 2023.

Blessington Greenway

The Planning application was lodged to An Bord Pleanála on 14th January 2022. A total number of 293 submissions were received by the Bord by the deadline of the 4th March 2022.

The submissions raised were based on the following issues –

- No Toilets – 97
- Traffic Lights/Single Lane Traffic on bridges – 239
- Parking – 94
- Traffic – 98
- Lack of Public Consultation – 137
- Trees – 25
- Fencing – 38
- Environment – 70

The Bord's decision on the application was due on the 7th July 2022, however this was extended to 25th October 2022. To date no correspondence received from the Bord on the submission.

On 16th of March 2023, a request for further information was received from An Bord Pleanála. WCC staff, in conjunction with Aecom, the consultants, are preparing a response to this further information request received from ABP.

The first Communications Working Group meeting took place on 6th March 2023.

It is proposed to launch a Greenways website over the next few weeks.

Community Recognition Fund 2023

Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys and Minister of State Joe O'Brien, have recently set out the details of the €50 million Community Recognition Fund that has been allocated across all local authorities.

Wicklow County Council is to receive a total of €1,680,887 from this fund.

The funding is specifically targeted at projects that are located in communities, towns and villages which are hosting the Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection and/or International Protection Applicants ("new arrivals") including towns identified

for the rapid build homes programme. It aims to support the development of facilities that will be used in the future by all members of the community.

Among the projects that will be supported are:

- The refurbishment of local sports clubs and facilities
- The upgrade of community facilities such as play areas, walkways, parks and community gardens
- The purchase of equipment to benefit local clubs, festivals, music and arts organisations
- The enhancement of school or parish facilities that are open to the wider community after hours or on weekends
- Transport infrastructure such as community vehicles and bus shelters

The funding will be drawn down over 2023 and 2024 with projects being delivered by the local authorities in conjunction with community organisations.

Feedback on this fund was sought through public consultation, the MD's, the LCDC and Elected Members. By the deadline of the 15th March 2023 a proposal for seven projects (see list below) was submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development.

Town	Project
Bray	Community Centre
Baltinglass	Community Park
Bray	Parish Centre
Wicklow Town	Wicklow Town Place making Project
Arklow	Playing pitch and Associated Works
Rathdrum	Community Park
Greystones	Community Park



Healthy Ireland

Period Poverty Project 2023

The Department of Health is providing an additional €10,000 to Wicklow County Council to support the implementation of period poverty mitigation measures.

The Healthy Ireland Coordinator and Sláintecare Healthy Communities Local Development Officer will take the lead on this project using the following targeted approach:

- 1) Target vulnerable groups: Travellers, Direct Provision Centres, and Women's Refuges and victims of domestic violence.

2) Target geographical areas of deprivation across the county as per Pobal Deprivation Index.

Wicklow Sports & Recreation Partnership

Community Programmes

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>When</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Learn to Cycle including people with a disability	6 day intensive Easter Camp at Shoreline Sportspark Greystones	3 rd to 14 th April	8 children with their parents, including children with a disability
Inclusive Dance Class for HSE Day Care Services Clients	10 Week Programme in Arklow Coral Sports Hall	21 st April at 11:15am	20 participants with a disability who attend HSE Day Care services in Arklow with support.
Girls Kickboxing Programme	6 week kickboxing programme taking place in Shoreline Leisure, Bray	From 27 th April at 6pm	For girls aged 12 – 17 years old.
Womens Kickboxing Programme	6 week kickboxing programme taking place in Shoreline Leisure, Bray	From 27 th April at 7pm	For women aged 18+
Youth Kickboxing Programme	6 week youth kickboxing programme taking place in Fassaroe Community Centre, Bray	Starting 26 th April at 5pm	Closed programme for a youth group in the Bray Sports Promotion Unit.
Womens Try Tennis in Arklow	4 week programme	Starting 9 th May @11.15am for 4weeks	For women aged 17+years
Marathon kids finale event with David Gillick	Arklow Running Track	Wednesday 26 th April	Primary school children

Training & Education

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>When</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Sports Inclusion Disability Awareness	90 minute Online Workshop	22 nd March 2023 & 29 th March	18 coaches, volunteers, SNAs and parents took part

Sports Inclusion Disability Awareness	90 minute Online Workshop	26 th April @ 3pm	Targeting teachers & sna's for Active Schools Week
Safeguarding 3	3 Hours Online	7 th March @ 6.30pm	7 attendees
Safeguarding 1	3 Hours Online	28 th March @ 6.30pm	8 attendees
Safeguarding 1	3 Hours Face to Face	23 rd & 28 th March	26 attendees

Marathon kids Programme 2023

14 primary schools from Arklow, Rathdrum, Rathnew, Carnew, Tinahely and Shillelagh started the 8 week marathon kids programme in February. The students take part in four running sessions per week along with learning the benefits of physical activity health and wellbeing. The final leg of their journey will see the students run with Irish Olympian David Gillick to complete their marathon at the Arklow Running Track on Wednesday 26th April. On completion, the 750 children will be presented with their medals.

County Library Service

Sunflower Hidden Disability Initiative

Wicklow County Council Library Service is delighted to be part of the distribution and implementation of the Sunflower Hidden Disabilities Initiative with Wicklow County Council and other agencies around the county. The Hidden Disabilities Sunflower is a simple tool for individuals to voluntarily share that they have a disability or condition that may not be immediately apparent and they may need a helping hand, extra understanding or more time. Library staff will be receiving training in the coming weeks and it is hoped that the message about the sunflower will gain momentum in the coming weeks and months.



Seed Ark – Bray Library

Bray Library's Seed Ark, continues to flourish. A seed ark is a collection of open pollinated or heirloom seeds that is free for the community to use.

Gardeners who are members of Wicklow Library Service 'borrow' seeds from the library at planting time, and then at the end of the growing season, they save seeds from the plants to share with the library. Individuals can borrow four packets at a time, community and school groups can borrow more. With a good stock of seeds from organic basil to cherry tomatoes, there is something for everyone.

To arrange to borrow seeds, send an email to bralib@wicklowcoco.ie. Individuals can borrow four packets at a time. Community groups can have more, depending on their size.



So...Seeds at Arklow Library

This initiative at Arklow library is a suitable complementary activity to the Seed Ark Initiative mentioned above and suitable for all the family. Every week different seeds will be introduced and participants will be shown how to make a recyclable container for planting their seeds. This is a wonderful introduction to the seed planting process. All ages are welcome, and everything will be supplied.



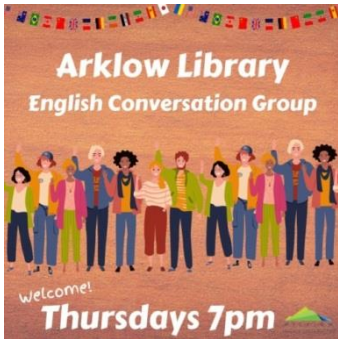
Baby Yoga at Blessington Library

For mothers looking for an opportunity to engage in some yoga stretches while meeting other mothers, Blessington Library is hosted a Baby Yoga session with Elaine from Yoga Mamas in the Library on Tuesday 18th April.



Arklow Library English Conversation Group

Arklow Library now has a weekly conversation session in English; all adults are welcome. It is a mixed international group, where you can improve your English speaking skills every Thursday at 7 pm.



Story Trail Burnaby Park, Greystones

The latest Beast Story Trail has been installed at Burnaby Park, Greystones. This brings the total trails to three, with one in Baltinglass and in Roundwood. Each Story trail features a story from 'The Beast' series by Chris Judge. The Beast himself has made an appearance in Burnaby Park and will make it to the other locations in the coming weeks. The idea behind the trails is to bring a picture book to the great outdoors where children and adults of all ages can walk while enjoying the numbered pages of a picture book placed at intervals along a walkway.



LEGO BRICK Dino Days at the Library

Wicklow, Arklow, Ballywaltrim and Blessington Libraries were awash with LEGO enthusiasts of all ages as they welcome Dino Days to their libraries this April. These events introduced Lego and Dinosaur fans of all ages amazing displays of dinosaurs, each in their own habitats and created entirely from Lego bricks

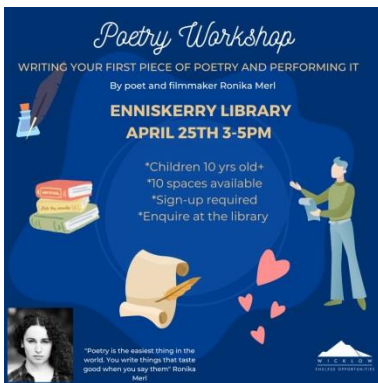
Facilitated by Lego artist and co-author of *How to Build Lego Dinosaurs*, Jessica Farrell – these shared family sessions were attended by hundreds of adults and children of all ages. While waiting to get involved in Dinosaur activities, participants had access to free play with thousands of Lego Bricks in the Pit.



Enniskerry Library – Writing and Performing Your First Piece of Poetry

Enniskerry Library held a workshop facilitated by local artist Ronika Merl is for children ten years old and up, where children were given an insight into what it's like to write an original piece of poetry and find the courage to perform it out loud.

In a fun and carefree way, participants explored rhythm, flow, and wording while focusing on voice and delivery.



Mobile Library in the News

Wicklow County Library Service's Mobile Library staff were delighted to be interviewed by broadcaster and writer, Vincent Woods for a piece that featured on RTE Radio 1 programme, *The County Measure* on Easter Monday. Karen Downes, Senior Library assistant and Andrew Curley, Mobile Library Driver described the coming and goings on the busy mobile library service.

At the time Karen was busily checking out books to a playgroup in Kiltegan in West Wicklow but found the time to chat about the titles adults and children enjoy, laughingly mentioning that adults seem to really enjoy fiction containing murder and mayhem. She acknowledged the friendships that she has built up over the years, the importance of the social element for patrons living in remote parts of the county and in particular for people who don't drive.

The *Spring Into Storytime* event was held in the Mobile Library on Tuesday 11th of April while on the Kilcoole visit.



Poetry for Beginners at Ballywaltrim Library

Poetry for Beginners: A re-introduction to Reading Poetry is a six-week course that will provide a nurturing space for those who wish to reacquaint themselves with poetry but who may be unsure where to begin.

Through the exploration of carefully selected poems, participants will learn to identify and understand the basic elements of poetry in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere.

Each week the group will read and discuss at least two poems, covering both contemporary and past poets.

By the completion of the course, participants will have acquired a basic knowledge of the art form and built sufficient confidence to open any book of poetry and dive right in.

Spring Into Storytime at Wicklow County Council Library Service

Spring into Storytime is part of the national Right to Read programme which aims to promote literacy and reading development for people of all ages. Wicklow Library Services have a number of additional storytimes organised at all libraries in the county for the month of April. Arklow Library recently had a fantastic Storytime Special with a visit from our local Community Garda Therese who read a story, answered questions and gave everyone the chance to try out the uniform.

Then, everyone made their own Garda badges! There was a great turnout, all keen to learn all about the work of the Garda.



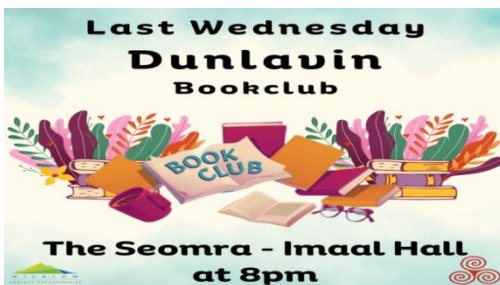
Healthy Ireland at Your Library - Dementia Talk at Wicklow Library

Continuing on with our series of talks on Dementia – there was a talk held in Wicklow library on Wednesday 12th April with Kate Cowell, Dementia Adviser with The Alzheimer Society of Ireland. Kate provided an information morning which will cover signs & symptoms, brain health and gave a talk on the very important service they provide to family and carers nationwide.



New Library Book Club at Seomra Dunlavin

The Last Wednesday Book Club is the apt title for the latest Reading Club in West Wicklow. This Book club will meet on the last Wednesday of each month in the Seomra at the Imaal Hall, Dunlavin. The books will be selected and supplied by Dunlavin library staff and the lively discussion will take place in the Seomra. The first title is the emotional courtroom drama and thriller “*Breaking Point*” by Edel Coffey – bound to engage and prompt plenty of conversation.



The Past is My Place Exhibition, Wicklow Town Library

Wicklow Library Service is delighted to team up with local secondary school Coláiste Chill Mhantáin to curate ‘The Past in My Place’, an exhibition of 2nd year history students CBA displays. The aim of the exhibition is to showcase the rich history of the county while, at the same time, highlight the diverse heritage of the students involved. The exhibition contains over 40 displays from around the Wicklow district and from as far afield as Lithuania and South Africa.

The Exhibition was open for viewing on the 3rd floor of Wicklow Town Library from March 29th until April 17th.



Pictured above – 2nd year students from Coláiste Chill Mhantáin

Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP):

The SICAP programme continues in its work of supporting disadvantaged individuals and local community groups throughout the county, including with new communities and Ukrainian refugees.

Q2 funding has just been released to both Programme Implementers as follows: Bray Area Partnership €239,839. Co. Wicklow Partnership €214,820.

Co. Wicklow Public Participation Network (PPN):

Consultations: Law Reform Commission Consultation Paper on Liability of Clubs, Societies and Unincorporated Associations; Global Campaign Survey to Combat Ageism; Open Government Partnership National Action Plan 2023-2025; Arklow Windpark Phase 2; Local Authority Baseline Funding Review; Zero Emission Vehicles Ireland EVCI Accessibility Guidance.

Training Opportunities: Sustainable Development Goals Advocate Training; Learning and Capacity Building for Volunteer Organisations; Suicide Prevention and Intervention Training; KWETB Environmental Sustainability Training; Bray Area Partnership Foundation Facilitation Skills Course.

Funding Opportunities/Competitions: Community Centres Investment Fund; Community Enhancement/Support Fund; .IE Digital Town Awards; Artist in the Community Scheme; Disability Participation & Awareness Fund; Accenture Sustainable Community Challenge; Community Services Programme; Creative Wicklow Grant Scheme; ALL Strategy Collaboration & Innovation Fund.

See www.countywicklowppn.ie for further information on above and more.

Economic Development, Planning, and Infrastructure

1. Economic Development

Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) (Economic)

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

The LECP will be developed in two sections to allow for flexibility and adaptability:

- 1) Strategy, with the high level goals and objectives for a period of six years
- 2) Implementation Plan, with actions, for a period of two years (renewed every two years)

The Economic and Enterprise Development SPC has the remit for the development of the economic element of the LECP and has held a number of meetings and workshops to achieve this. The LECP is developed from three main elements (i) data and evidence from the socio-economic profile of the county (ii) consultation (iii) national and local strategies, policies and plans. There are five main themes. The objectives and actions are being finalised under these integrated themes:

- Health, Resilience and Well-being
- Enterprise, Innovation and Creativity
- Climate Action
- A Connected County
- Equality, Diversity and Just Transition

Town Teams

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

Town Teams in Wicklow have been operating since 2016. At present there are four active Town Teams in Arklow, Wicklow, Greystones and Blessington. With the appointment of the Town Regeneration Officer, more Town Teams will be developed in line with regeneration priorities in the county. The future development of Town Teams will reflect the Town Centre First Policy and the review of Town Teams conducted by MCA Consulting. The Town Centre First approach is based on:

- Delivering a vision plan for each town

- Building capacity and sharing experience
- Data informed development
- National and Regional funding and structures

Meanwhile the existing Town Teams are involved in projects aimed at the economic, social and cultural development of their towns.

Blessington Town Centre First Masterplan

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

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

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

Arklow Town Team

The March meeting for members of the Arklow Town Team was held on the 29th March 2023

International Woman’s Day March 2023 – International Woman’s Day provides an important opportunity to showcase commitment to woman’s equality and also to raise awareness. A well-attended lunch was held in the Arklow Bay Hotel to celebrate and the theme “Embrace Equity” #EmbraceEquity. Rachel Tyrrell, The Colour Club based in Arklow was the Key note speaker. Rachel is a recent winner of the Innovation Award in the LIFT Leadership Awards. The Town Team were delighted to welcome Emer O’Gorman, New Chief Executive of Wicklow County Council to speak after lunch. Arklow Town Team wish Emer the very best in her new role. Zehila Redmond, a volunteer with the Turkish Relief effort gave an update on the ongoing rescue operations in Turkey and Syria. A raffle was held on the day with proceeds going to the Turkey and Syrian Earthquake relief fund.

The Town Team would like to sincerely thank all who attended the lunch, to local businesses who supported the raffle and to the Arklow Chamber of Commerce who sponsored a table for transition year students to attend.

The Harbour to Headwaters Project – There was a very successful launch of the River Tourism project on the 22nd March 2023. The exciting Biodiversity Trail includes 14 locations across the region from the Harbour in Arklow right up

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along the river catchment to the Headwaters of Glenmalure; you can find information panels specific to each of those points on the River network.

An application was made to the Heritage Council Community Scheme for funding to enable enhancements to the Arklow Pottery Website which will include audio recordings of past workers, improved accessibility for visually impaired persons as well as data entry of new patterns. Decision on the application will be due by early April.

Painted Playground Project, Seaview Avenue – A Special launch date will be announced shortly.

Flower Basket Scheme – The Town Team look forward to continuing the scheme for 2023. The Flower Baskets provide beautiful colour and are a welcome addition.

Greystones Town Team

Greystones Town Team CLG last meeting was held on Tuesday 21st March, 2023. Updates were provided from all existing sub groups of the Town Team and a new sub group - Community Well Being and Engagement, is being formed under the leadership of Mags Crean.

There is planning underway to promote the work of the Town Team and to launch a recruitment drive to get a cross section of volunteers participating. Additionally, there will be discussion about a new meetings format and content.

Wicklow Town Team

With the theme “Priming Wicklow Town and Surrounding Areas for Tourism Growth in 2023” Fáilte Ireland in partnership with Wicklow Town Team will provide a training workshop 2pm to 5p.m on the 19th April in the Bridge Tavern to support local businesses to drive tourism demand and increased dwell time in the area. The workshop will provide an opportunity to come together and explore the delivery of visitor focused collaboration and experiences in line with key motivators identified by the latest consumer research and insights.

With a focus on improving participant knowledge of tourism, the workshop will discuss the benefits a town can reap by working together to complement and cross-sell one another, along with practical marketing tips to support the greater destination sell.

Sparking creative and innovative thinking, businesses will be encouraged to brainstorm a series of collaborative experiences that showcase an enhanced overall visitor experience in Wicklow town, leading to longer stays.

Tourism

Tourism Strategy and Marketing Plan 2018-2022

The current strategy sets out a number of challenging but achievable priorities along with a series of detailed actions to be implemented over the lifetime of the strategy.

The Key Priorities are:

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

Tender documents are being prepared seeking consultants to develop a new Tourism Strategy to replace the current strategy taking into account the changes in tourism post Covid 19 and the focus on sustainable tourism.

Below are some of the many projects Wicklow Tourism has been working on recently:

Press Releases and Articles:

See below the various articles we have been working on and are promoting over the month of April:

- **One Week, a Bike and 23 Wicklow Passport Stamps Collected!**
Over the Summer of 2022, Andrey took his bike and cycled around 300 km to collect all the 23 stamps on the Wicklow Passport. A few months later, we've caught up with him to get his feedback <https://visitwicklow.ie/one-week-a-bike-23-wicklow-passport-stamps-collected/>
- **Wicklow Passport Itinerary:**
Enniskerry, Roundwood, Newtown, Kilcoole, Greystones, Delgany
<https://visitwicklow.ie/wicklow-passport-itinerary-enniskerry-roundwood-newtownmonunkennedy-kilcoole-greystones-delgany/>
- **EcoTrail Wicklow 2023 Launched in Paris**
EcoTrail Wicklow was launched in Paris on St Patrick's Day during the EcoTrail Paris event. The popular international trail running festival is back in Wicklow at the end of September with race day scheduled for Saturday, 30th September 2023. Attracting more than 1500 participants, EcoTrail Wicklow is Ireland's premier trail running event with participants coming from all over the world <https://visitwicklow.ie/ecotrail-wicklow-2023-launched-in-paris/>
- **Wicklow Trails on Spanish National Radio:**
Three of Wicklow's top trails were featured on Spanish national radio RNE5, Spain's 24h news radio station. The weekly radio program 'Caminantes' introducing walks around Spain and beyond, dedicated three shows to the following Wicklow Trails: The Wicklow Way, The Spinc in Glendalough and the Sugarloaf Way from Bray to the Great Sugarloaf.
<https://visitwicklow.ie/wicklow-trails-on-spanish-national-radio/>

Social Media:

We have created various short videos to 'feed the social media beast'. The videos feature local destinations as well as Wicklow passport itineraries. The videos are performing extremely well with tremendous reach and engagement. Each video can be viewed on TikTok, Facebook and Instagram. See links below for each video:

- Stroll around Wicklow:
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- Stroll around Bray:
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- Stroll around Arklow:
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- North Wicklow Passport Itinerary:
https://www.tiktok.com/@visit_wicklow/video/7208979150034472197?is_from_webapp=1&sender_device=pc&web_id=7214207133305685509

Social Media Reporting from 16th March – 12th April:

- **Reach:** Facebook 75,552 (+107%) - Instagram 16,246 (+89%) - all organic reach
- **Followers:** Facebook 33,531 - Instagram 11,479
- **Newsletter:** Send to 3000 emails - Open rate 40% - <https://conta.cc/40unYX5>

Tourism Ireland Support:

Resulting from the various meetings with the Tourism Ireland representatives in January and attending the St. Patrick reception at the Irish Embassy in Paris, Tourism Ireland has been engaging a lot with Tourism Wicklow regarding various promotional activities and Press trip scheduled.

Below are some of the activities Wicklow Tourism is partnering with Tourism Ireland on:

- Tourism Ireland Spain:
 - Trip influencer Maria Jose Cayuela (127k Instagram) day trip 5th April
- Tourism Ireland France:
 - Femme Actuelle Journalist visit (Distribution 450,000 / 15.5m monthly views online). 1st and 2nd April
 - Grands Reportages / Trek Mag (Chief Editor) - Walking the Wicklow Way 22nd to 27th April
- Tourism Ireland Austria:
 - Journalist from Austria local paper (358,000 reach) - Tour of South West Wicklow

Wicklow County Campus Masterplan

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

The project team consists of MOLA Architects as project leader, supported by a team consisting of a Transport Engineer, Landscape Architect, Ecologist, and a Quantity Surveyor.

Stage 1 – Data Collection and Analysis has completed, and the project is now in Stage 2. The project is expected to be complete early in Q3 of 2023.

Abbey Grounds, Wicklow

The purchase of the Abbey Grounds, Wicklow was completed in August 2022 and it is intended that the space will be enhanced and redeveloped into the Abbey Gardens and Event Space, through Destination Towns funding provided by Fáilte Ireland. The Parochial House has been retained by St. Laurence O'Toole Diocesan Trust and a separate entrance way will be provided as part of the redevelopment.

The friary contained within the Abbey Grounds is a Recorded Monument afforded statutory protection under the National Monuments Acts and it is also listed as a Recorded Protected Structure WTC-RPS24 in the County Development Plan 2021-2027.

Following Archaeological investigations in the grounds and the discovery of medieval remains an Archaeological report and archaeological impact statement have been recently submitted to The National Monuments Services.

It is now determined that it will be necessary to consider alternative design proposal for the overall project to ensure the preservation of the burial ground and archaeological remains associated with the Abbey, therefore redesign and procurement of separate items are continuing with the Architect.

Glendalough Masterplan and Wicklow Visitor Orientation Study

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

The Consultants have presented the Draft Plan to the Councillors and the consultation period ran from 11th November, 2022 until 18th January, 2023. Following the completion of the consultation period, the final plan will be produced taking account of the feedback received.

Outdoor Performance Space

The letter of Contract Award for design Consultants issued to the successful tenderer on the 30th March. The successful tenderer is Vincent Hannon Architects. Meetings have taken place with Strand Road residents, Royal Marine Terrace and Martello Terrace. Site meetings have taken place with the Design Team, Council officials and representatives from the Mermaid Theatre where the different canopy options were discussed. The project team continue to consult with experts in this industry on the different styles of canopy options available. When the final design is agreed drawings will be prepared and presented to the Members prior to commencing the Part 8 process.

Rural and Urban Regeneration Development Fund Grant Applications

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

The costings for Baltinglass Gateway to Southwest Wicklow have come in over budget on both the public realm and the Courthouse refurbishment. The proposals have been revised and an application for additional funding has been submitted to the DRCD.

URDF: Urban Regeneration Development Fund

Arklow and Wicklow URDF projects completed. Bray Harbour and Bray Public Transport Bridge in progress (design/planning stage). A non-statutory public consultation in respect of Bray Harbour was held in December.

A 3rd round URDF scheme has just been announced. The purpose of the scheme is to address long term vacancy and dereliction. It is intended that the scheme will fund local authorities to acquire long term vacant/derelict properties for refurbishment/repurposing and to bring them back into use primarily for housing. From the proceeds of the sale of the first round of refurbished properties local authorities will build up a revolving fund for the development of a rolling programme to address long term vacancy in the county

A briefing for the scheme has been held and the initial application for Wicklow has been submitted, including potential sites/buildings and a staffing submission. Some of the URDF team are due to visit Wicklow to review existing projects and details of our application.

It is likely that later in the year there will be a further call for URDF projects along the more traditional lines.

Bray Harbour Improvements

URDF Funding of €7,140,00 approved (75% match funding for total spend of €9,520,000) Consultants RPS appointed July, 2021 to undertake analysis of the terrestrial harbour environment with a view to presenting an options appraisal to complement ongoing marine work.

The requirement for additional environmental assessments was identified in the draft Feasibility Report. RPS was requested to carry out an EIA Scoping Exercise as an add-on to their current engagement. A draft EIA has been received which has been reviewed. A public information day and presentation to the elected members was held on 6th of December, 2022. In line with the EIA Regulations the report was submitted to An Board Pleanala requesting a formal scoping opinion in accordance with Article 95 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), in respect of this project. The District Engineer is working on the preparation of tender documents to engage Consultants to prepare detailed design and produce contract documents.

Land Management

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

A tender was published on eTenders to find a property consultant to take approx. 4.7 acres on the Mill Road, Greystones to market and seek proposals to include a hotel, some residential, and possibly some retail/office space. The tender has been awarded to Savills Commercial (Ireland) Ltd. and contracts have been signed and sealed.

Offshore Renewable Energy

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

Key milestones have been:

1. The Offshore Renewable Energy Support Scheme Consultation. Wicklow County Council made a submission strongly supporting the case for the funds created as a result of the offshore renewable energy projects to be managed and distributed locally rather than centrally.

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

The Offshore Renewable Energy Support Scheme (ORESS) Auction opened on 11th January 2023. The Community Benefit Fund (CBF) associated with the ORESS Auction will be significant. The Draft Terms and Conditions of the ORESS and the Rulebook for the CBF scheme have been published. The outcome of the auction will be known in Q2 2023.

In addition, the OREDP II (the Government's Draft Offshore Renewable Energy Development Plan is currently at public consultation stage.

Food and Beverage Strategy

Wicklow County Council appointed James Burke Associates (JBA) to carry out a review of The Wicklow Food and Beverage Strategy 2019-2021 and to develop an Action Plan going forward. The new Plan will build on the original Plan but will also focus on Climate Action and development of the Food Incubation Hub and on Food Poverty. A meeting has been held with James Burke to discuss and review outputs from the stakeholder meeting, to review progress on original goals and actions and to agree steps to final action plan.

An RIDF application has been successful for funding for two days of activities around October Feast to support Agri-Food Tourism in County Wicklow.

Skills Taskforce for County Wicklow

The Skills Taskforce has members from Wicklow County Council, the Training and Development sectors, as well as members representing the Film, Food and Renewables sectors.

A Request for Tender for a Skills Audit and Strategy was published in January. The contract was awarded to KPMG Ireland and contracts will be signed in mid-April. An initial meeting is being arranged in early May with the contractor to agree a methodology, timescales, and outputs.

Broadband Connection Points (BCP) and Remote Working Hubs

A tender will be published in Q2 of 2023 for the development of a marketing plan for all present and future Broadband Connection Points (BCPs) and Remote Working Hubs in County Wicklow, following a grant of €50,000.00 under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme from the Department of Rural and Community Development for this purpose.

Regional Enterprise Innovation Scoping Scheme (REISS)

A Priming Grant of €199,600 has been awarded to Clermont Enterprise Hub CLG from Enterprise Ireland's Regional Enterprise Innovation Scoping Scheme (REISS) for the provision of Architectural Design Services & Project Design Preparation (including Part VIII) for a Food Incubation Development Hub at Wicklow County Campus comprising regional infrastructure of scale for agri-food and drinks SMEs including specialist food production units, co-working innovation kitchens, and scaling and growth support services.

This funding will allow for plans to be primed for the full implementation of the Wicklow Naturally Food Incubation Centre. It will enable the recruitment of a project manager to advance plans for the centre, retention of an architect led design and multi-disciplinary team to prepare plans, appointment of a financial team to complete a business model and a financial analysis review, and the launch of a promotional awareness campaign.

The Wicklow Naturally Food Hub is expected to realise the following benefits within 3 years:

- Build sectoral improvement and smart specialisation with clear and achievable targets:
 - 4 food and drinks production tenants embedded in 4 independent food production units, creating 40 new jobs;
 - Development kitchen for product development, training, and small-scale production enabling 40 new food and drink start-ups to create 80 new jobs;
 - 1500 industry professionals participating in training/networking events;
 - 70 food and drink professionals attending regular networking events;
 - 30 businesses receiving business growth mentoring support;
 - 20% reduction in costs of new concept development for early stage start-ups;
- Facilitate food businesses to grow and develop their business by engaging with students academics and specialist mentors, through SETU and the Local Enterprise Office which are co-located on the Campus, to work on innovation led projects and avail of management capability training.
- Unlock real growth and scale in such a dense area of population as the mid-east region;

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- Leverage the benefits of affordable food infrastructure close to Dublin to attract new, innovative food businesses to relocate.

Wicklow County Campus is working towards a zero carbon status in the near future through the use of solar energy and biomass heating systems and this will carry forward to the Wicklow Naturally Food Incubation Hub, helping to deliver on the Government's Climate Action Plan 2019 and the European Green Deal plan to build a fairer economy while protecting our planet.

The Food Hub will facilitate the development of scalable, sustainable, and profitable food businesses across the mid-east by providing the physical environment to choreograph opportunities for food entrepreneurs to interact with each other and will support Wicklow food and drink companies to adjust, pivot, or reposition themselves to respond to new market realities arising from Covid-19, Brexit, and other market changes, including climate change/sustainability, innovation, and digital transition.

Local Enterprise Office

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

METRICS: Grants	HISTORICAL	TARGETS	YEAR TO DATE
	2022	2023	2023
Grants Approved (number/ value) - Measure 1 - Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters	-28/ €748,180 -8/ €12,829.95	- Meet Demand - Meet Demand	3/€114,750.00 1/€ 2,500.00
NB: Ability to meet demand is influenced by the amount of funding allocated to the LEO			

METRICS: Training/ Capacity Building	HISTORICAL	TARGETS	YEAR TO DATE
	2022	2023	2023
Total number of participants at Management Development type programmes.	44	60	13
Start Your Own Business Participant numbers (included in total training programmes)	84 / 7 programmes	120	29
Total No. of all Participants participating in training Programmes (all programmes except SYOB and MDP)	653	1200	139
Women in Business Network Number of Meetings	8	20	10

METRICS: Business Advice & Mentoring	HISTORICAL	TARGETS	YEAR TO DATE
	2022	2023	2023
Number of new clients added to database *Criteria have been amended for this metric	498	500	140
Number of One-to-One Business Advice meetings including Businesses assigned a mentor	426	390	93

METRICS: Student Enterprise Programmes	HISTORICAL	TARGETS	
Academic Year	2021/2022	2022/2023	Year to Date 22-23
No. of Secondary Student Participants	900	1100	1138

METRICS: Irelands Best Young Entrepreneur	HISTORICAL	TARGETS	
Academic Year	2022	2023	Year to Date 2023
Number of Applications	Programme review	Programme review	Programme review

Trading Online Voucher	HISTORICAL	TARGETS	
No of Trading Online Vouchers approved	2022	2023	Year to Date 2023
Trading Online Vouchers	67 Total value: € 138,464	38 (meet demand)	20

Lean, Green & Digital Start for Micro Projects	HISTORICAL	TARGETS	YEAR TO DATE
	2022	2023	2023
No. of Companies who have undertaken a Lean for Micro Assessment by a Lean Expert	11	15	5
No. of Companies who have undertaken a Green for Micro Assessment by a Green Expert	9	17	0
No. of Companies who have undertaken a DigitalStart Assessment by a Digital Expert	-	6	4

Microfinance Ireland	HISTORICAL	TARGETS	YEAR TO DATE
	2022	2023	2023
No. of Companies who have submitted a MFI loan application through the LEO	15	11	5

March 2023 Activities

- Minister Neale Richmond, Minister of State at the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment with special responsibility for Employment Affairs and Retail Business, visited LEO Wicklow client O'Brother Brewing alongside Leas-Cathaoirleach of Wicklow County Council Aoife Flynn-Kennedy, Chief Executive of Wicklow County Council Emer O'Gorman, LEO Wicklow Business Advisor Martin Cullen and Cllr Derek Mitchell. Barry O'Neill spoke about their journey from start up to now looking forward to employing 23 staff in the next 3 years, and all of the different supports received from start-up stage from LEO Wicklow

Upcoming APRIL 2023 Activities

- Social media and LEO website updates are carried out several times a week to raise awareness and promote the LEO supports.
- Business Advice Clinics continue to run 3 days per week to provide advice to those individuals hoping to start a business and to assist existing businesses grow and develop.

Business Skills and IT skills Training Programme

The Spring/Summer Business and IT Skills training programme has been published on the LEO website and is now underway. A wide range of core business skills training courses are on offer from February through to June. Courses are open for bookings through our online portal on www.localenterprise.ie/wicklow. Interest in training has increased up since last year with booking registrations looking strong.

Recently held courses include:

- Start Your Own Business Course, (Ongoing) started 7th March, Fully Booked
- Content Creation & Copywriting, 15th March, Fully Booked
- Maximising Sales from your Website & Social Media, 22nd March

Training events coming up include:

- How to Sell Food and Craft Products at Markets, 19 April
- Start Your Own Business Course, starts 20 April
- Effective Marketing for SMEs, starts 26 April

2. Planning

Wicklow County Development Plan 2022-2028

The Wicklow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 as altered 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>

Local Area Plans

Work has commenced on the preparation on three new LAPs for Greystones – Delgany & Kilcoole, Wicklow Town & Rathnew and Blessington. The team are at the data gathering and surveying stage, and are currently consulting with all internal departments and state agencies. It is intended to start pre-draft plan public consultation in Q3 2023.

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

Residential Zoned Land Tax

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

While residential zonings which include existing dwellings are to be included on the map(s), where connected or able to be connected to services, permanently occupied residential premises which are liable for Local Property Tax will not be liable for the tax. The Minister has issued guidelines under Section 28 of the PDA to provide guidance to planning authorities in the preparation and publication of maps to identify lands in the scope for this new RZLT.

The 'in scope' maps went on display from 01 November 2022 to 01 January 2023, with submissions invited.

Advertisements were placed in local papers and on the local radio station as well as Wicklow County Council social media. 75 submissions were received and all submissions have been published on the Wicklow County Council website. All 75 submissions have been assessed and responded to, before 01 April 2023, with a determination letter as to whether the lands in question are to remain in scope or be removed from the final map.

More information can be found online at the following link <https://www.wicklow.ie/Living/Services/Planning/Residential-Zoned-Land-Tax>

Wicklow Heritage & Biodiversity Office

County Heritage Plan (CHP)

Funding allocation of €57,000 confirmed from The Heritage Council for the following actions in 2023:

- Glendalough Community Excavation and outreach;
- Continuation of Barn Owl Project;
- East Coast Nature Reserve seasonal nature events;
- Support for Heritage and Biodiversity Plan reviews
- Outreach and communications.
- Community Archaeologist Part Time post.

Built Heritage Capital Funds (Architecture)

34 applications were received to Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) . Following an assessment process 19 projects were shortlisted for the total County Wicklow budget of €101,000 (includes €5,000 for Thatch), and funding has subsequently been confirmed for all projects by the Department. There were 7 applications under the Historic Structure Fund (HSF) grant scheme. Following assessment 5 projects were submitted to the Department and funding allocations have been confirmed for the following 2 projects; Crusher House, Barravore (stream1) €35,000 and Cronroe Gardeners cottage (vernacular) €10,000.

National Biodiversity Action Plan Fund

€100,000 has been made available to each Local Authority from NPWS, Department of Housing, Heritage and Local Government. Funding applications have been submitted. Proposals include the consolidation of existing projects and the development of new theme areas.

Archaeology

The Community Monuments Fund- CMF 2023 is co-ordinated on behalf of Wicklow County Council by the Heritage Office with applications invited by deadline of 27th Jan 2023. Applications received from private landowners, community groups, public authorities and other custodians of archaeological heritage. 11 project applications were prepared and submitted, awaiting outcome of applications.

A public event to highlight results from the CMF 2022 funded LiDAR survey of the Baltinglass Hills has been organised for 13th April @ 7.00pm in association with Coastal Uplands and Heritage Tourism (CUPHAT).

Development Management

Planning Applications

Total valid applications received	To 31st March 2023
Received (Valid)	267

A total of 111 valid applications were received during March as follows:

Type of Development	31 st March 2023 Number Received
Individual Houses	24 (21 refer to a rural house)
Housing Developments*	03
Agricultural Structures	01
Commercial	05
Other Developments**	78
Total	111

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

Decisions issued in respect of applications in March,

Type of Development	Number of Decisions
Housing Developments	03
Individual Houses	12 (6 refer to a rural house)
Other Developments	69
Other Developments Requiring EIA	00
Total	84

Decisions issued between January to March 2023, in comparison to the same period for 2022:

	31/03/2022	31/03/2023
Total Number of decisions issued	250	239
Total Number of decisions to grant	212	199
% Grant Rate	85%%	83%
No of applications withdrawn		09 (5 refer to rural house)

Applications Lodged with An Bord Pleanala

Strategic Housing Development

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

ABP-313314-22 – Lands at Fassaroe and Monastery, Bray (650 Units) Members Meeting 10/5, CE forwarded 07/06 – ABP unable to determine within the 16 weeks statutory timeframe.

ABP-313442-22 – Lands at the former Heiton Buckley site on Castle Street, Bray, (139 Units) Members Meeting 10/05, CE report forwarded 22/06

ABP-314686-22 Lands at former Bray Golf Club Lands, Off Ravenswell Road and Dublin Road, Bray, Co. Dublin and Co. Wicklow, (586 Units), Members meeting 4th October, CE report submitted 21/11

Strategic Infrastructure Development

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

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

An Bord Pleanála has received an application for proposed development primarily comprising of the provision of a new 110 KV substation with Gas Insulator Switchgear (GIS) technology and two 110kV underground transmission cables (connecting to existing 220kV overhead lines to the northwest of the proposed substation) along with associated and ancillary works at Bogland, Kish, Cooladangan, Ballintombay, Ballyroonaun and Ballynattin, Co. Wicklow – ABP determined application without an oral hearing.

Substitute Consent

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

An Bord Pleanála has received an application for substitute consent for development that consists of a sand/gravel extraction pit including extraction areas, processing areas, stockpiling areas and ancillary works (circa 23.7 hectares). The development also includes a sand/gravel washing/screening plant & buildings comprising workshop/machinery shed, tools storage container, pump – house, 2 no. portable office buildings, 1 no. portable office/canteen/WC, Sand processing plant electrical control room, 3 no. storage containers, sand processing plant electrical control room, 3 no. storage containers, sand processing plant control cabin, bunded oil storage tanks, diesel generator container &

electrical substation (all totalling circa 376sqm) The application is accompanied by a remedial EIAR and remedial NIS. Lands at Ballinabarney North & Bolagh Lower, Redcorss, Co. Wicklow.

E-Planning Project

Work continued on the roll out of the ePlanning system which will go live on 17th April 2023.

The project will include the following elements:

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

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

Planning Enforcement

New Files	5
Advisory Letters	27
Warning Letters	10
Enforcement Notices	2
Legal Files	0
Closed	11

Short-Term Letting

Applications received for Registration in March 2023	14
Complaints received in March 2023	0
Warning Letters issued in March 2023	0
Enforcement Notices issued in March 2023	0
Legal proceedings in March 2023	0
Files under investigation as of 31/3/23	54

Vacant Sites

Municipal District	No. of Sites on Register
Arklow	7
Baltinglass	1
Bray	4
Greystones	4
Wicklow	6

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

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

Derelict Sites

Municipal District	No sites on Register
Wicklow	1
Baltinglass	1

3. Environment

Waste Management

No. of Complaints Created	105
No. of Cases Closed, Resolved or Completed	89
No of Litter Fines Issued	13
No. of Waste Management Files Opened	2
No. of Warning Letters Issued	1
No of Abandoned Car Notices Issued	3
No. of Burning Applications Granted	0
No. of Temporary Signs Granted	1
No. of Notices Issued under Section 14 of the Waste Management Act	5
No. of Notices Issued under Section 18 of the Waste Management Act	0
No. of Notices Issued under Section 55 of the Waste Management Act	0
No. of Fixed Penalty Notices issued	0
No. of files prepared for Court and included in Court Lists	27
No. of Cases listed for Court during the month under the Litter Pollution Act	8
No. of Cases in Court during the month under the Waste Management Act	6
Income - Litter	€1,000.00
Income- Waste Management	€2,100.00

Whitestown Remediation

The draft remediation plan has been presented to the court.

Climate Action

Climate Action Plan

Ministerial Instruction, to enter the statutory plan making phase, was received on 24th February 2023. Wicklow County Council must have the LA CAP complete and adopted on or before the 23rd February 2024.

KPMG has delivered the draft Baseline Emissions Inventory and Climate Change Risk Assessment and will now develop the Summary Report on the Evidence Base. The Summary Report is a key output in these early stages of the process and is produced from the collation and analysis of the evidence base taking policy context into account. The Summary Report will for basis for the stakeholder engagement.

The Climate and Biodiversity Action SPC will meet with KPMG on 5th April for a Question and Answer session on the baseline evidence.

A tender was published to appoint a consultant to carry out SEA/AA through all steps of the process. Closing date for submissions is 12th April.

New posts for the Climate Action Team

The following posts have been advertised and the recruitment process is ongoing:

- Community Climate Action Officer (commencing April 2023)
- Climate Action Coordinator
- Regional Energy Manager – appointed.
- Energy Officer

The Climate Action Officer, Biodiversity Officer and the Assistant Environmental Awareness Officer have been appointed.

Mid-East Energy Unit

The inaugural meeting of the Mid East Energy Unit Steering Group was held on 22nd February.

Wicklow County Council has signed up to the SEAI ISO 50001 Accelerator Programme, a year-long programme which will allow the Council to apply for ISO 50001 accreditation.

Wicklow will host the next meeting of the SEAI ISO 50001 Accelerator Programme in April.

Bicycle Parking

Work is underway to identify suitable locations to install bicycle parking at public buildings, car parks and amenities.

EV Charge Point (EVCP) Infrastructure

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

The Green Team is working on a number of initiatives:

- Promoting the SEAI Reduce your Use for energy saving measures.
- Looking into the use of Eco friendly cleaning products for our buildings.
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Conservation Management Plans

The Bray Head and Clermont conservation plans are in draft format. A walk over tour of Bray Head to discuss management recommendations with key stakeholders is scheduled for 18th April.

Environmental Awareness

- National Tree Week was celebrated from the 20th to the 27th of March. 800 trees were distributed to communities and schools throughout the county.
- Thirteen schools are undertaking composting training funded by Wicklow County Council. The training provides five online sessions with two site visits to each school and will include provision of some tools.

- The 2023 National Spring Clean campaign has been launched with clean up kit provided to groups planning events in their communities.
- A dog fouling campaign was delivered in Greystones, Wicklow and Arklow. Sensor activate audio devices were used alongside a social media campaign and enforcement officer visiting popular walking routes to talk to dog owners.
- A series of three webinars to explore waste segregation, waste prevention and food waste called Green Hubs commenced, with funding from the Eastern Midlands regional waste management office. We partnered with Sustainable Travel Ireland based in Kilcoole for delivery of the webinars. One initiative incorporated into the second webinar is the promotion of a deposit return scheme for coffee shops. Training was provided on waste segregation and waste prevention.
- An event on Greener Gardening and Ponds for Biodiversity is planned with West Wicklow Environmental Network in Tearmann Garden, Baltinglass. The event was publicized through network contacts and social media.
- The county final was held for the Rubbish Film festival in Clermont with Createschools. The schools participation is funded by Wicklow County Council. Six schools have received training on making a short film from Createschool based in Clermont. Each school submitted their short films on the themes of waste and climate action and a poster. Colaiste Bhríde in Carnew won best film with Templecarrig School, runner up and East Glendalough taking the award for best poster.
- The final for the Relove Fashion Competition was held at the Rediscovery Centre with a student from Loreto College picking up the prize for Sustainability, one of five prizes awarded.
- Green Flag assessments are underway in schools with 20 application submitted by the March deadline for applications.

Sustainable Energy Committees

A series of energy awareness days is being planned with Wicklow SECs. Events will show case local suppliers of energy efficiency, renewables and electric vehicles. Wicklow and Arklow are planning event and other towns are considering hosting one also.

Wicklow County Council is working with the Energy Team, Dunleer and several Wicklow SECs to identify householders looking to retrofit their homes and work with them guiding them through the process from start to finish. Six households have undertaken to have a energy audit undertaken of their home with a view to identifying works to be carried out.

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

Work is near completion on the Energy Map Plans, EMPs for High Park. In Arklow survey work is being undertaken.

Pollution Control

Pollution Response & Investigation

- 5 Water pollution complaints received and investigated.
- 5 Water pollution complaints closed.
- 3 Noise pollution complaints received and investigated.
- 6 Noise pollution complaints closed.
- 0 Air pollution complaints received and investigated.
- 1 Air pollution complaints closed.

Private Water Supplies

- 1 Do Not Consume Notice placed on a Private Water Supply with non-compliant nitrate in their water supply.
- 10 Private water supplies monitored deemed compliant with drinking water limits
- 3 Private water supplies deemed non-compliant and requested in writing to address microbiological/chemical non-compliances.

Water Framework Directive National Monitoring Programme

- 7 Lakes monitored for checking compliance with environmental quality standards
- 67 Rivers monitored for compliance with environmental quality standards.

Water Framework Directive River Management Engagement and Investigations

- 2 Catchment engagement activities were undertaken.
- Bathing Waters
- 6 Bathing Waters were nominated as Identified bathing waters for the coming season: Bray South, Greystones South, Silverstrand, Brittas Bay North, Brittas Bay South and Clogga.
- Monitoring calendars prepared for each of the 6 identified bathing waters and each of 7 other bathing waters.
- The other bathing waters are: South of Bray Harbour, Greystones Cove, Kilcoole, Murrough, Wicklow Harbour, Arklow South and Arklow Cove.
- Bathing Water Profile for Clogga reviewed.

Septic Tank Inspections - National Inspection Plan 2022-2026

- 1 Inspection Plan prepared
- 12 Inspections of domestic waste water treatment systems carried out.
- 7 Domestic waste water treatment systems found complaint.
- 5 Advisory notices were issued in respect of Domestic waste water treatment systems found non-complaint.
- 4 Verification inspections to confirm compliance with Advisory notices were carried out.
- 12 Public engagement activities were undertaken to promote awareness and improve compliance.

Well Grants

- 21 New Water Grant application received
- 0 New Well granted
- 7 New Pumps granted
- 11 Water Treatment/Disinfection Equipment Units granted
- 25 inspections in advance/completion of works

Petrol Vapour Recovery

- 1 Installation issued with certificate of installation certificate.

Deco Paint Solvent Regulations

- 3 Vehicle refinisher installations issued with certificate of compliance.
- 1 Vehicle refinisher installation issued with reminder letter.
- 2 Vehicle refinisher installations inspected.

Smokeless Coal Regulations

- 10 Wholesalers/distributors/retailers inspected.

Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plants – Ambient Monitoring

- 8 River samples taken upstream and downstream of wastewater discharges of municipal wastewater treatment plants.

Planning & Development

- 18 environmental reports on referred planning applications/consultations were completed concerning agricultural, commercial and forestry development.
- 3 environmental reports on compliance with planning permission conditions were completed.

Control of Dogs

Lambing Season

Wicklow County Council continued its collaborative partnership with the ISPCA, the IFA and Wicklow Uplands Council to ensure a proactive approach to Control of Dogs during lambing season. The Council launched its media campaign in February, sending out a clear message to all dog owners to keep their dogs under effectual control at all times and to remind dog owners of their responsibilities and the vulnerability of sheep to dog attacks during lambing season.

Dog licences

263 reminders were sent to owners for renewal of their dog licence.

973 people renewed their licences during this month, with 578 (59.4%) applicants renewing on-line. This is a marked increase on March 2022, partly due to the dog warden planned and advertised visits to locations within the county.

Caravan Parks

All caravan parks are now entitled to be open. The season runs from approximately 17th March to 31st October 2023. There are 28 sites currently registered with Wicklow County Council to have a Caravan Park Licence.

Harbours and Ports

Wicklow Harbour – Cargo Movements

Month / Year	Ships	Single (Import or Export)	Double (Import & Export)	Transactions	Imports	Exports
Jan-23	7	4	3	10	7	3
Feb-23	9	6	3	12	7	5
Mar-23	7	5	2	9	6	3

Transportation, Water & Emergency Services

Public Lighting

Public lighting

For your information below is a comparison on the number of outstanding faults. Please find attached the latest update on the outstanding public faults. The total number of faults currently outstanding stands at **349 – 2.29%** Please note that some of these faults are dependent on ESB attendance and co-operation.

Status	ARKLOW MD	BALTINGLASS MD	BRAY MD	GREYSTONES MD	WICKLOW MD	Grand Total
Access Issues (Attend)	1	2	10	1	3	17
Cable Fault (Attend)	1	1	3		2	7
ESB Interface reqd	2	2	6	12	6	28
ESB Required (Attended)	6	5	5	6	7	29
Knock Down (Attended)						0
Materials required	2	1				3
No Supply	1	1	1	3	2	8
On Hold	1	3	7		3	14
Submitted	27	52	66	66	30	241
TMR			1			1
Tree cutting required		1				1
Grand Total	41	68	99	88	53	349
Percentage Not Working	1.39%	2.83%	2.97%	3.16%	1.45%	2.29%

Date	20/03/2023	27/03/2023	03/04/2023	11/04/2023	17/04/2023
Access Issues (Atten)	23	18	19	20	17
Cable Fault (Attend)	5	6	6	7	7
ESB Interface reqd	0	20	20	24	28
ESB Requ (Attended)	32	25	25	26	29
Knock Down (Attended)	0	0	0	0	0
Materials required	2	2	2	3	3
No Supply	8	8	8	8	8
On Hold	13	13	14	14	14
Submitted	293	279	287	262	241
TMR	18	4	1	1	1
Tree Cutting Req	4	4	1	1	1

TOTAL	398	379	383	366	349
PERCENTAGE NOT WORKING	2.63%	2.50%	2.53%	2.42%	2.31%

Speed Limits

The special speed limit bye-laws were adopted at the February Council meeting with effective dates of 1st June for standard limits and 1st August for periodic limits. Signage requirements has been assessed and a tender process for the procurement of both regular signs and periodic signs will be undertaken with installation to be undertaken by each MD.

Transportation Statistics

	Total 2021	Total 2022	Total 2023	February 2023	March 2023
Solicitors Queries	923	838	220	53	91
Road closure applications	53	78	12	4	5
Road Opening licences	1575	1414	625	161	337
Abnormal Load applications	54	60	15	5	7

TRANSPORTATION

M11N11 Junction 4 to 14 Improvement Scheme

The Option Selection report was published along with Bulletin #11 on the project website www.n11m11.ie on 14 December 2021. The publication followed the review of submissions received during public display in 2021. Phase 3 Design and Environmental Evaluation was due to commence in Q1 2022. The scheme is currently suspended as no funding was provided to continue during 2022 or 2023. The Wicklow County Council project team are continuing to meet with the public and any interested parties.

M11N11 Bus Priority Interim Scheme

The BPIS seeks to achieve the early delivery of bus priority measures in advance of the main scheme between Loughlinstown Roundabout and Junction 9 (Glenview). The scheme is currently at the Options Selection phase (Phase 2 of TII’s Project Management Guidelines).

A non-statutory public display on the emerging preferred option took place in November 2022.

The Option Assessment and appraisal process has identified that bus priority measures are preferred within the following sections of the corridor:

- Sub-Scheme A northbound and southbound – Loughlinstown Roundabout to Junction 6 (Bray / Fassaroe)
- Sub-Scheme C northbound only – Junction 8 (Kilmacanogue) to Junction 8 (Glenview)

The viability of delivering bus priority within Sub-Scheme B needs further examination to identify the optimum solution to meet the project objectives. This work is expected to build upon the analysis undertaken to date on the N11/M11 BPIS and J4 to J14 Schemes.

The Options Selection Report is being finalised following the completion of the public consultation and consideration of the submissions received. The final Options Selection Report is expected to be published in 2023

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

N11 Parallel Service Road at Kilmacanogue

A noise assessment for the 7 no residential properties to the east of the new Parallel Service Road Scheme was carried out during April and May 2022. The options review and design commenced in March 2023 following confirmation of funding from TII

N81 Knockroe Bend Realignment

Tenders for a Per-Cent Art Feature are being procured by the Arts Office. The preferred feature has been selected pending the completion of the final assessment stage.

N81 Irishtown West, Whitestown Lower, Hangman’s Bend and Tuckmill Lower “N81 Four Studies”

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

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

Technical Consultants have been appointed to undertake planning and design services under TII Project Management Guideline Phases 2 to 4 (inclusive).

N81 Pavement Capital Works

Resurfacing works of 1km of the N81 between Tuckmill and Saundersgrove is expected to be carried out in 2023.

N81 Rural Traffic Calming & Bus Stop at Hollywood

Option selection and design work is currently ongoing. TII have provided funding for this study.

N11 Pavement Resurfacing Works

N11 surfacing works between junctions 7 and 16 will be carried out by the N11 maintenance contractor over the period from May to September 2023. A traffic management plan will be in place and works will be carried out at night to minimise traffic disruption.

Arklow Public Realm

Parade Ground Public Realm works has substantially been completed and snagging of the project has also been completed. The project is now in the 12month defects period.

Arklow to Shillelagh Greenway

The route options continue to be revisited for a few sections of the proposed greenway route with updated ecological surveys just having been completed on those sections. Work continues in preparing documents and report to identify the emerging preferred route for the Greenway. It is currently planned to hold a public consultation on the emerging preferred routes in Q2 of 2023.

Baltinglass Town Centre Plan

Additional funding is required over and above the original allocation and reports have been prepared and submitted to aid those discussions. Consultants to proceed with preparation of documents for the delivery of a revised tender package for reduced scope town centre works, and undertake a value engineering exercise on this element of the project to bring the scheme within the current budget limit.

Blessington Inner Relief Road

Currently detailed design along with the preparation of associated documents including the preparation of the CPO documentation is ongoing to allow the scheme to proceed to statutory approval. As the project may impact on the Poulaphuca SPA, a Natura Impact Statement (NIS) is required to be prepared. Statutory approval will be sought from An Bord Pleanála.

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

Consultants continue to proceed with the detailed design with the preparation of the tender documents.

Redford Junction

Work has commenced in the preparation of detailed design and the preparation of tender documents to allow the project to proceed to construction.

Winter Maintenance

The winter maintenance season commenced on the 15th October 2022 and will continue until the end of April 2023. It was cold on the first half of the month of March turning milder for the latter half of the month. Consequently salting of routes occurred on 10 nights in the last period with 98 individual routes salted. Salt stocks are being continuously replenished by our own WCC fleet.

No issues to report as season draws to a close.

SUMMARY OF SEASON TO DATE (Up to and including 02/04/2023)	
No. of Weeks Completed to date (out of 28 weeks)	24
No. of Days Completed	168
Total number of salting nights	54
Percentage no. of Nights when salting occurred	32.14%
Total number of routes salted over the season	571
Total estimate tonnage used over the season	2434.5

Wicklow Greystones Greenway

Wicklow County Council has just recently appointed consultants to this project. The consultants have commenced work on the project which includes data gathering and are arranging for detailed environmental surveys to be done which will feed into the development of the routes options study. Meeting with Irish Rail took place regarding the East Coast Railway Infrastructure Protection Programme (ECRIPP), data sharing between both projects agreed. Meeting with NPWS to be scheduled.

Blessington eGreenway

Planning documents under Section 177AE of the Planning and Development Act were lodged with An Bord Pleanála with the end date - 4th March 2022. On the 16th March 2023, An Bord Pleanála made a request for further information, response to be with ABP by the 8th June 2023. Work has commenced on the preparation of the response to the further information request.

Bridge Rehab Works:

The Bridge crew is currently completing parapet repairs to a section of damaged parapet at Kippure Bridge. New foundations on some sections of parapets were also required. Rubbing strips to be installed as last phase of works at ground level. Further works on scour repairs to take place later in the summer

A VRS was installed at this St Kevin’s Poole Bridge, Wicklow Gap to bring it up to standard.

Remedial works finished at Sally Gap Bridge to remove dangerous cladding.

Removal of vegetation to be carried out on a number of bridges around the County to ascertain their condition. Bat surveys continuing as required

Repairs to the parapet have been carried out to the Balamise and Kilbride Bridge. Re-building of part of the parapet and installation of rubbing strips were completed at Ballyderry Bridge. Some small scour works were completed as well

DDTAS approval for Bridge Rehab works were finalised by Feb 2023.

Machinery Yard :

Working with the WCC Climate team in relation to installing EV chargers across the County alongside a commercial operator. Proposed locations have been agreed with MD staff, but are subject to change depending on ESB Network supply at the proposed location.

A review of contract details to take place as soon as possible with all involved.

These additional EV chargers, alongside the EV chargers installed in 6 WCC depots across the County would leave the EV infrastructure in Wicklow in a really good place.

From this, WCC would hope to replace some of its existing fleet with Electric Vehicles in 2023. We have seen from EV trials that WCC daily operations would be affected if the EV charging infrastructure is not in place.

We will be looking at replacing some of the larger pick up fleet also in 2023 as part of a replacement plan. 2 large trucks have been added to the fleet to replace older vehicles. These trucks are ex Fingal County Council trucks will form an important part of the Winter Maintenance fleet.

These trucks are currently getting fitted with Romaquip gritters, which have been up graded to be brine capable machines which forms part of the plan to switch to a pre wet process in some Municipal Districts.

Working with TII and DTTAS on seeking funding for Brine station installations. Hopefully approval to be given very soon to proceed.

We are currently looking to trial HVO (Hydrated Vegetable Oil) in some vehicles, as a substitute to diesel. HVO has a much lower CO2 footprint than diesel but it is currently more expensive to buy. Trial to commence late April/ early May

Working with Pro-Works and a number of other LA's on a Fleet Maintenance system for the Machinery Yard, as part of compliance with RSA regulations. Progressing with the Pro Works system in order to reduce number of systems being used.

Surface Dressing-

Preparation for season ongoing. Season to start early June.

Tenders completed for Traffic management and Supply of Chippings for the County. Surface Dressing team being put in place at present.

Health and Safety Plans currently being signed off by each MD.

Calibration of sprayer to take place in late April in Colfix, with remainder of plant to be services as soon as possible.

Active Travel Updates – April

Recently Completed Projects

Footpath Improvements Valley Heights, Carnew (Baltinglass MD)

This scheme provides 161m of upgraded footpaths (including public lighting) along the L-72274 between Valley Heights Housing Estate and Carnew National School.

Projects Under Construction

Glenart pedestrian link (Arklow MD)

Pedestrian accessibility link improvements at the rear of the Woodlands housing development located between Lamberton and Glenart. The works will involve the construction of a pedestrian access ramp and the installation of public lighting along the scheme. Works are progressing with the lighting completed. Updated design required due to on site issue. Works should be completed by the end of May.

Arklow North Cycle and Pedestrian Scheme (Arklow MD)

The design of cycle and pedestrian facilities on the R-772 Dublin Road. The scheme involves construction of a footpath and segregated cycle facilities on the R-772 between the M11 Junction 11. Works are progressing well on site, with cycle track on southern side completed as far as Park & Ride entrance. Project is due to be completed by May.

Ashford to New Developments footpath (Wicklow MD)

Improve pedestrian facilities along the R-764 by widening the footpath and upgrading the public lighting. Progressing well, with retaining wall and stone facing complete. Accommodation works and footpath to be completed. The project will be completed by May.

Arklow South Cycle and Pedestrian Scheme (Arklow MD)

Provision of 2.8km of segregated cycle track along the R-772 Wexford Road, Arklow between Knockmore Roundabout and M11 Junction 21. The scheme will also construct 1.4km approx. of pedestrian footpath. Initial works began in

January 2023, with clearing of the verge. Lighting and drainage nearing completion on eastern side. Accommodation works to commence.

Bellevue Junction Improvement works in Delgany (Greystones MD)

Upgrading of the junction of the R-762 and Bellevue Hill. The project will improve pedestrian accessibility and safety and enhance village centre aesthetics by widening and landscaping the paved pedestrian areas, upgrading public transport facilities, undergrounding services, and upgrading public lighting. Works are ongoing.

Kilcoole Road Pedestrian and Cycle Improvements (Greystones MD)

Provision of 500m of new footpath and 500m of cycle track along the R-761. Works commenced on site this week by the in-NTA deliverables team will be completed in three sections/phases. Works are nearing completion in phase one, with footpath construction ongoing.

Consultations

Killincarrig Village Enhancement Scheme (Greystones MD)

Public consultations closed on Monday 30th January. Nine submissions were received, and a report is being prepared, with a meeting to be scheduled with the resident's association.

Arklow Transport Study (Arklow MD)

Public consultations on the transport study for the Arklow area closed on Monday 30th January. In total, 452 submissions were received. Reports are currently being prepared by consultants.

Greystones Local Transport Plan (Greystones MD)

Completion of a Transport Study for the Greystones area. Baseline assessment carried out, with options assessment ongoing. Presentation made to councillors on options being considered.

Project Updates

Bray Dart Interchange (Bray MD)

New plaza and public transport interchange in front of Bray DART station, with revised car parking, set down and taxi rank arrangements. Tender advertised for contractors on Friday 7th April, with a return date of 15th May.

Safe Routes to Schools: SS Michael and Peter Junior School and St. John's Senior National School, Arklow (Arklow MD)

Provide infrastructure for schools to increase walking and cycling as the preferred travel mode where possible and improve safety at front of schools. Preliminary designs which were presented to Elected Members at the April municipal district meeting were met with positive feedback. Next steps will involve proceeding to detailed design, with a view to move to construction in July.

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

Provide infrastructure for schools to increase walking and cycling as the preferred travel mode where possible and improve safety at front of schools. Preliminary designs will be presented to Elected Members at the April district meeting.

LAMA All Ireland Community and Council Awards 2023

The Saville's Cross Junction Scheme in Rathdrum – which involved the construction of a mini roundabout, traffic calming on entry, upgrading of the pedestrian facilities on all arms of the junction, 250m of footpath improvement with

public lighting along the R-752 and R-755 – was one of five projects shortlisted for the Best Community Transport Initiative award. While it didn't win, the nomination was testament to the benefits of the scheme.

Fire Service

	Total stations	Bray	Greystones	Wicklow	Rathdrum	Arklow	Blessington	Dunlavin	Baitinglass	Carnew	Tinahely
Call sign		1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.9	2.1
Two Stations Mobilised											
Fire Domestic Persons Reported	2						1	1			
Fire Domestic	8	3	3	1	1						
Fire Caravan	0										
Road Traffic Collision (RTC)	18	2	3	5	2	3	1	2			
Fire Vehicle (HGV /motorway)	4			2		2					
Hazardous Materials Incident	0										
Fire Industrial / Commercial	0										
Fire Barn / Shed / Prefab	3						1		1		1
One Station Mobilised											
Fire Alarm or CO ₂ Activation	18	2	5	2	2	4	1		1		1
Fire Outdoor Rural: Gorse / bushes	2		2								
Fire Chimney	2		1						1		
Fire Small Urban / bin / skip / bonfire	14	3	4	5				2			
Fire Vehicle	3			2	1						
Flooding	0										
Trees Down, Make Scene Safe	2	1	1								
Ambulance Assist / Medical Assist	9	4		2					3		
Garda Assist	3	1	1			1					
Electrical Incident	3	2	1								
Gas Leak	2	1	1								
River / Water Rescue	0										
Fire Oil / Petrol	0										
Explosion	0										
Entrapment / Rescue / Lift	4				1	1	1		1		
Oil Spill / Road Hazard	1	1									
Animal Rescue	0										
Lock In / Lock Out	1		1								

False Alarm – Good Intent	6	4	1	1							
Malicious False Alarm	0										
Mobilised into other County	6					2	1	2		1	
Times Stations mobilised	111	24	24	20	7	13	6	7	7	1	2

There were **94 incidents** attended during the month of March 2023. Due to laid down procedures to mobilise two stations to potentially serious incident types, individual Fire Stations were mobilised on a total of **111 occasions** including 6 mobilisations in other counties. On no occasion did an incident commander request additional resources over what was prescribed in the Pre-Determined Attendance.

Operational activity for the month of March 2023 **decreased by 15% (19 mobilisations) on the preceding month** (February 2023: 130 mobilisations). While there was an increase in mobilisations to certain incident types: domestic fires (+5), RTCs (+4), Garda assists (+3) and alarm activations (+3); there were reductions in malicious urban fires (-14), mobilisations to other counties (-10), gorse fires (-5), vehicle fires (-5), commercial fires (-4), chimney fires (-4).

Operational activity for the month of March 2023 **was the same as the equivalent month in 2022** (March 2022: 111 mobilisations). While there was an increased number of mobilisations to RTCs (+4), entrapments (+4) and false alarms (+3); there was a decrease in gorse fires (-12), commercial fires (-5) and domestic fires (-4). For the first 3 months of the year activity is up 5% on the average for the same period in the preceding 4 years.

Sample Incidents (March 2023)

- 01/03/2023 Greystones and Bray crews attended a 2-car RTC in the Glen of the Downs. One patient trapped.
- 06/03/2023 Wicklow town and Rathdrum crews attended a fire at a domestic house at Seaview Heights where a home heating oil tank exploded affecting a number of properties.
- 09/03/2023 Arklow and Wicklow town crews attended a serious RTC on the Wexford Road involving a car and a pedestrian.
- 19/03/2023 Arklow and Rathdrum crews attended a difficult entrapment at an industrial unit at Kilbride where a worker had fallen and become trapped between a steel container and a building.
- 25/03/2023 Baltinglass and Dunlavin crews attended a domestic fire in Lathaleer.
- 29/03/2023 Greystones and Bray crews attended an incident involving an overturned car at Calary. One patient had to be extracted from the vehicle.
- 30/03/2023 Blessington and Dunlavin crews attended single car rollover at Humphrystown.

Incidents in County Kildare (3-incidents total):

- 02/03/2023 Blessington crew supported Naas crews at a 3-car RTC with one patient in Ballymore Eustace.
- 08/03/2023 Dunlavin crew attended a chimney fire in Brannockstown, Kilcullen.
- 20/03/2023 Dunlavin crew attended a fire involving a teleprinter on fire inside a barn / shed in Kennycourt.

Incidents in County Wexford (3-incidents):

- 03/03/2023 Arklow crew attended a large rural fire near Kilmichael Point, Castletown.
- 08/03/2023 Arklow crew attended an ambulance assist call Ballyfadd, Coolgreaney.
- 08/03/2023 Carnew crew assisted Bunclody crew at a single vehicle RTC at Kiltillahan, Askamore.

General

- A campaign to highlight the dangers and numbers of maliciously started fires close to urban areas on radio, newspapers and social media contributed to a 50% reduction in this type of incident month on month, down from 28 to 14 across the county.
- A 3 Week QQI Firefighting Skills (recruit) course delivered in Bray Fire Training Centre finished on 10th March. The course included 4 students from Wicklow Fire Service. Bray (1), Blessington (2), Dunlavin (1).

- One Senior Officer attended MEM training during the month in conjunction with the two other Principle Response Agencies.
- One instructor from Wicklow instructed on a NDFEM Pump Instructors course (1-week) in March and Wicklow County Fire Service also had one Station Officer participate on the course and is now qualified as an instructor.
- Meetings took place with organisers of a number of large outdoor events scheduled during the summer including the Kaleidoscope festival Russborough, Beyond the Pale Glendalough House.
- Preparation for forecast severe weather took place from 8th March which saw an increased response to RTCs due to poor road conditions.

Fire Prevention Statistics March 2023

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

Application type	Received	Deemed Invalid or withdrawn	Requested additional information	Inspections	Recommended for Grant
FSCs	6	0	5	0	19
Revised FSCs	1	0	0	0	3
FSC 7-Day Notice	4	1	1	0	0
Regularisation FSCs	2	0	0	0	0
DACs	19	0	4	0	14
Revised DACs	2	0	0	0	1
Dispensations/Relaxations	3	1	1	0	0

The Chief Fire Officer was forwarded correspondence in relation to 26 planning files during the month of March 2023.

The Chief Fire Officer made recommendations in relation to 24 of these files.

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

Building Control

Commencement Notices for March 2023:

Commencement Notices Submitted: 38

- 16 Commencement Notices with Compliance Documents
- 17 Opt Out Declarations
- 3 Commencement Notices without Compliance Documents
- 2 Seven day Notice
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Submission Statistics

- 45 % of Commencement Notices - Opt Out
- 74 % of Commencement Notices Revised Information required & requested = 28 No. Commencement Notices (CN) of which
 - 14 are Compliance Documentation (50%)
 - 19 are Opt Out (39%)
 - 1 Without Compliance Documentation (4%)
 - 3 Seven Day Notice (7%)
- 34 Valid Commencement Notices
- 107 new build residential Units
- Invalidated CNs for March = 3

- **Certificates of Completion processed in March 2023**

- 31 New No. of CCC submitted
- 17 Required Revised Information
- 30 No. Validated
- 0 No. Invalid
- 104 new residential units plus 112 new apartment units.

Submission Statistics

30 No. Validated CCCs related to;

2 No CCCs submitted in February 2023

28 No CCCs submitted in March 2023

**BCA not notified on completion of opt out developments

Building Control continues to experience high construction activity & in particular completion of units since the beginning of 2023. 107 new residential units in were notified to LA for Commencement & 104 newly completed residential units plus 112 new completed apartment units were submitted, assessed and validated in March.

Building Control continued with site inspections in March to identify non-compliances with Building Regs onsite and 7 No. Section 11 Compliance Requests were issued.

Revised Information requests were high in March for both Commencement Notices and Certificates of Compliance on Completion, 74% of Commencement Notice submissions & 57% of Certificate of Compliance on Completion submissions required revised information. It should be further noted that some Opt Out Submissions are requiring 2 to 3 Revised information requests which results in submissions being assessed 2 to 3 times to ensure compliance prior to commencement.

Opt Out submissions are both extensions and single unit dwellings, generally from BCMS users who are unfamiliar with both BCMS and Building Regulations which leads to Building Control resources being directed to resolving both administration and technical issues with Opt-Out Submissions. NBC&MSO Quarterly Newsletter dated September 2022 has requested LA's to focus resources on compliance with Building Regulations in Opt Out Submissions, Wicklow

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

Building Control staff attended the Annual IBCI Conference on the 29th & 30th March in Athlone. This conference included lectures from representatives from NBCO, Senior Building Standards Advisors from Dept. of Housing and industry professionals. Building Control staff also attended the 1st quarter Eastern Regional Building Control meeting in March.

Civil Defence

Callout & Assists

- Assisting Wicklow Gardaí with a Missing Person Search at Clogga Beach, Wicklow.
- Assisted Wexford Civil Defence with the evacuation of Wexford General Hospital following a fire
- With the closure of the vaccination centre in Shoreline Leisure Greystones, the supply of a backup generator for vaccine refrigerators have been returned to Civil Defence.
- Greystones scouts visited the Civil Defence Training Centre and took part in CPR demonstrations and water safety talks.
- Civil Defence took part in the St Patricks Day Parade in Greystones and Baltinglass.

Gardaí	Local Authority	Fire Service	HSE	Charity	Other
1	1	-	1	-	2

Parking Income

Parking Income by Municipal District	EURO
Bray Municipal District	240,538
Greystones Municipal District	68,792
Wicklow Municipal District	88,667
Arklow Municipal District	52,399
Parking Permits	24,435
Parking Fines	117,349
Wicklow County Council	592,180

Organisational Development & Financial Matters

1. HR & Corporate Services

Recruitment

The following interviews were held in March 2023:

- Part Time Branch Librarian
- Climate Action Co-Ordinator
- Climate Action Officer
- Clerical Officer
- Regional Energy Services Manager
- Energy Officer
- Assistant Staff Officer
- Staff Officer
- Senior Staff Officer
- Beach Lifeguard

Employee Numbers

Employee Numbers	Q2 2022	Q3 2022	Q4 2022	Q1 2023
Managerial/Administrative	303	298	301	304
Professional/Technical	117	116	126	131
Outdoor	273	264	262	260
Temporary/Seasonal	44	69 (Increase due to Lifeguards)	37	35
Non DOHPLG	6	6	5	5
Total	743	753	731	735

Access to Information

Freedom of Information Requests

March 2023: 14	March 2022: 7
Jan – March 2023: 31	Jan – March 2022: 26

Ombudsman Requests

March 2023: 1	March 2022: 4
January – March 2023: 7	January – March 2022: 10

Press Releases

March 2023 – 17

Register of Electors

Online applications via www.checktheregister.ie are being made daily with an average of 15-20 requests. We are working through an approximate backlog of 150 applications unprocessed since 30th March.

Application forms being received by post are now becoming very infrequent with the exception of Nursing Homes where disabled special voter applications must be signed and stamped by a medical practitioner.

We are discussing registration drives at secondary schools in person (schools with large student population) as well as public libraries. We found this very beneficial when we did this pre-covid. Registration will be much easier with laptops and access to iReg remotely.

Customer Service Innovation Hub

Communication	No.	Public Counters	Transactions
No. of Phone Calls	10,497	Motor Taxation	1679
No. of Emails	1030	Revenue Transactions (includes phone payments)	1,801
No. of Elected Members Emails	50	Social Housing Applications •To be processed: •To be checked and validated: •Awaiting further info:	10 4 76 <hr/> 90
CRM Cases	80		

Total in person visits for March 2023 – 1,638



2. I.C.T.

IT Helpdesk

- 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.
- A new Helpdesk Management Portal is currently being configured which should improve the workflow process of tickets.
- Examination of system upgrades potential is continuing.

GIS & Systems Analysis

- **Local Area Plans** – Continue supporting the Forward Planning section with the preparation of LAPs in particular environmental assessments for various plans.
- **Heritage Projects** – Ongoing projects with Wicklow County Council's archaeologist on digital mapping of cemeteries and with the NPWS on the mapping and group analysis of Barn Owl nesting boxes and sightings.
- **ePlanning** – GIS viewer and editing tool is now available on Planning staffs' ePlanning tablets. ePlanning Portal is now live for Wicklow County Council.
- Draft Version of the **Online Consultation Hub** has been developed and is in testing phase. The Hub will be used to engage with the public on several topics from up-and-coming Local Area Plans.
- Migration of the primary County Development Plan datasets to Ireland's **Open Data Portal** is ongoing.

3. Finance

Revenue Account

DRAFT REVENUE ACCOUNT							
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 31st March 2023							
	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	12,667,054	42,194,421	30%	(13,953,446)	(46,575,078)	30%	(1,286,392)
Road Transport & Safety	3,482,319	24,371,150	14%	(1,110,175)	(16,722,878)	7%	2,372,144
Water Services	1,377,895	5,649,853	24%	(1,622,889)	(6,606,528)	25%	(244,994)
Development Management	4,468,323	14,288,049	31%	(2,743,281)	(8,574,520)	32%	1,725,043
Environmental Services	3,031,190	13,559,916	22%	(354,175)	(2,628,049)	13%	2,677,014
Recreation and Amenity	2,100,766	8,984,450	23%	(246,341)	(1,085,428)	23%	1,854,425
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	301,385	2,106,287	14%	(173,211)	(1,049,228)	17%	128,174
Miscellaneous Services	2,720,322	9,728,355	28%	(3,684,203)	(13,260,436)	28%	(963,882)
Central Management Charges	5,325,599	21,746,281	24%	(251,886)	(1,050,000)	24%	5,073,712
Local Government Fund				(3,455,392)	(13,821,571)	25%	(3,455,392)
Pension Levy				0	0		0
Commercial Rates				(7,851,261)	(31,405,046)	25%	(7,851,261)
	35,474,853	142,628,762	25%	(35,446,261)	(142,778,762)	25%	28,592

Cashflow/Overdraft

Wicklow County Council manages its cashflow requirements on a daily basis and did not avail of its overdraft facility during the period 1st March 2022 to 31st March 2023.

Capital Account

CAPITAL ACCOUNT					
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 31ST MARCH 2023					
	Opening Balance at 01/01/2023	Actual Expenditure	Actual Income	Transfers to/from Reserves	Closing Balance at 31/03/2023
	€	€	€	€	€
Housing and Building	22,399,521	24,545,763	(25,479,747)	0	21,465,537
Road Transport & Safety	(30,373,638)	1,962,615	(507,230)	0	(28,918,252)
Water Services	(11,160,715)	58,848	(23,813)	0	(11,125,680)
Development Management	(31,886,007)	127,988	(1,096,097)	0	(32,854,117)
Environmental Services	790,946	904,894	(657,264)	0	1,038,576
Recreation and Amenity	1,512,241	227,258	(86,955)	(50,000)	1,602,544
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	(1,751,068)	96,922	(251)	30,913	(1,623,483)
Miscellaneous Services	(24,282,574)	35,674	(373)	1,554,806	(22,692,468)
	(74,751,294)	27,959,962	(27,851,730)	1,535,719	(73,107,343)

Commercial Rates, Rents and Loan Collections

SUMMARY OF MAJOR COLLECTIONS AT 31ST MARCH 2023										
Income Collection Area	Opening Balance 01/01/2023	Accrued	Vacancy Property Adjustments	Write Offs	Waivers	Total for Collection	Collected	Closing Arrears 31/03/2023	Specific Doubtful Arrears	% Collection
Rates	4,598,635	31,339,711	0	0	0	35,938,346	(5,772,547)	30,165,799	654,079	16%
Rents & Annuities	3,281,084	4,366,961	0	(4,842)	0	7,643,204	(4,299,604)	3,343,600	0	56%
Housing Loans	440,112	594,168	0	0	0	1,034,280	(688,441)	345,839	0	67%

NB Rates accrual represents full year accruals while rents and loans are accruals year to date. The rates collection, rent collection and housing loan 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.

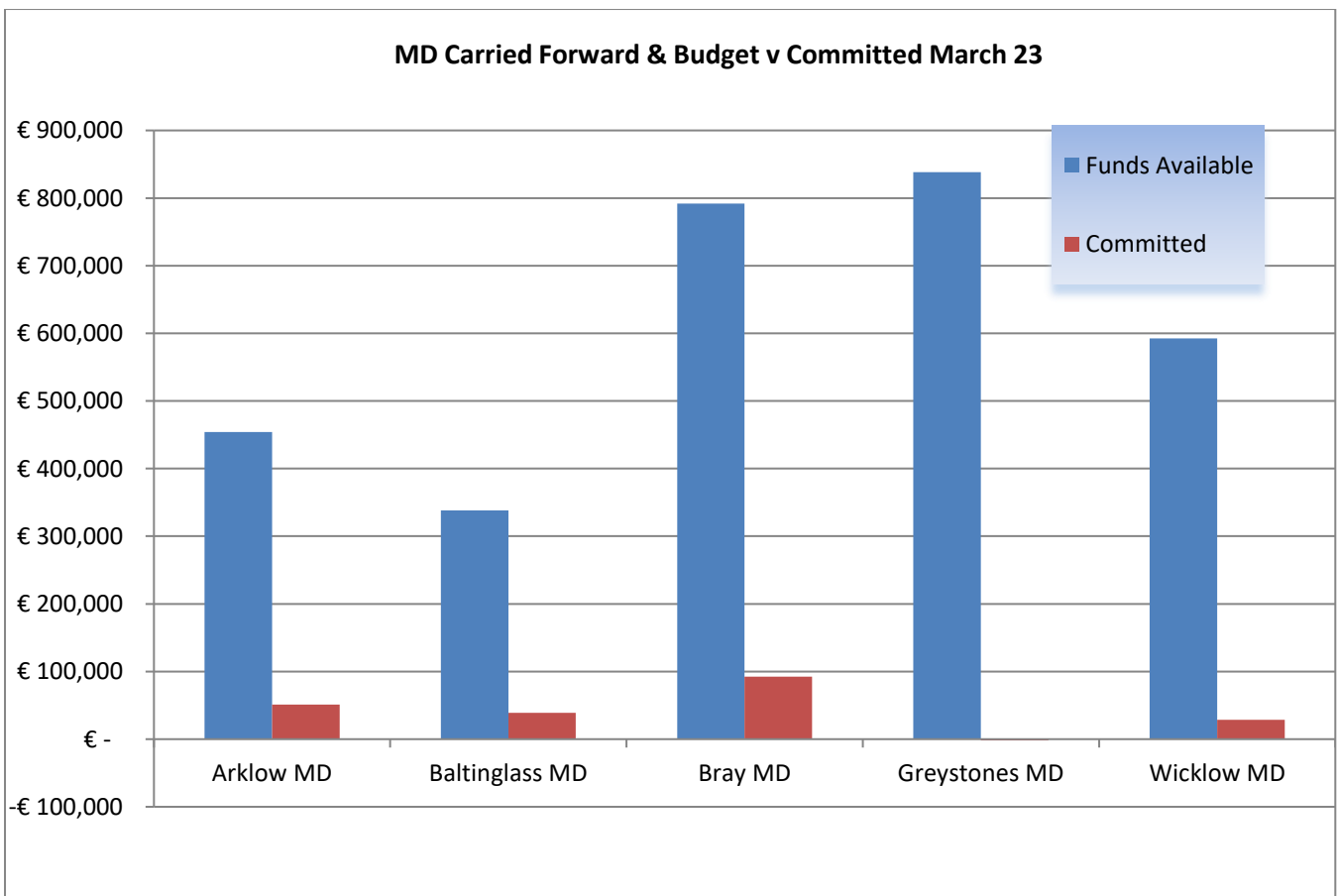
General Municipal Allocation and Discretionary Fund 2023

The decision taken by Members at the LPT meeting on October 10th 2022 to maintain the LPT basic rate increase at 6% resulted in an additional €1,110,384 in the Revenue Budget for 2023. This money was ring-fenced for Discretionary Funding in the Municipal Districts. The total Municipal District’s General Municipal Allocation funding for 2023 is set out below:

Description	Arklow	Baltinglass	Bray	Greystones	Wicklow	Total
Town Twinning	6,000	6,000	10,000	6,000	6,000	34,000
Economic Development and Promotion	28,000	10,000	9,500	10,000	9,000	66,500
Christmas Festival	20,000	10,000	20,000	10,000	20,000	80,000
Festivals / Other	5,000	10,000	32,000	10,000	5,000	62,000
Civic Receptions	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	10,000
Discretionary Funding	208,197	208,197	353,278	208,197	208,197	1,186,066
Total	269,197	246,197	426,778	246,197	250,197	1,438,566

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

Municipal District	C/F from 2022	Adopted Budget 2023	Funds available to MD	Committed	Balance to Expend
	€	€	€	€	€
Arklow MD	184,779	269,197	453,976	51,316	402,660
Baltinglass MD	92,215	246,197	338,412	38,750	299,662
Bray MD	365,206	426,778	791,984	92,242	699,742
Greystones MD	592,012	246,197	838,209	- 2,061	840,270
Wicklow MD	342,471	250,197	592,668	28,842	563,826
Total	1,576,683	1,438,566	3,015,249	209,089	2,806,160



Capital Investment Programme 2022-2024

The Capital Investment Programme 2022-2024 for Wicklow County Council details proposed capital expenditure projects over the next 3 year period, subject to available funding, was noted by the Members at the Council meeting of March 21st 2022. The table below outlines the proposed capital expenditure by programme group.

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

Capital Funded Projects

Project Scheme	Project Name	Project Cost	Match Funding
NRGF	Blessington Greenway	€15,000,000	€0
URDF	Arklow Historic Town Core	€3,134,684	€783,671
URDF	Wicklow Town - Library and Fitzwilliam Square	7,034,879	€2,407,470
URDF	Bray Public Transport Bridge	€8,600,000	€1,000,000
URDF	Bray Harbour Area Integrated Regeneration	€9,520,000	€2,380,000
RRDF 2019	Blueprint for Baltinglass	€3,566,968	€891,742
RRDF 2020	Placemaking Newtownmountkennedy	€477,000	€119,250
REDF	Wicklow County Campus - Content Creation Hub	€3,500,000	€2,000,000
Fáilte Ireland Destination Towns	Abbey Grounds Wicklow Town	€1,000,000	€500,000
Fáilte Ireland Outdoor Dining Scheme	Market Square Wicklow Town	€119,000	€19,000
Community CCTV Scheme	Greystones CCTV	€115,000	€75,000
Community CCTV Scheme	Blessington CCTV	€115,000	€75,000
WCC	Mill Road, Greystones Masterplan	€50,000	€50,000
ORIS 2018	Avonmore Way Link Bridge	€460,000	€91,000
ORIS 2018	Vartry Reservoir Walks & Car Park	€165,157	€33,031
ORIS 2018	St. Kevin's Way	€200,000	€40,000
ORIS 2018	The Spinc	€160,000	€30,000
ORIS 2019	Wicklow Way Infrastructure Enhancement	€25,000	€5,000
ORIS 2019	Baltinglass Road Cycle Trails	€11,000	€2,200
ORIS 2019	North Wicklow Trails Network Development	€190,700	€38,140
ORIS Measure 1 2020	Avondale Avonmore	€20,330	€2,033
ORIS Measure 1 2020	Trail Digitising	€19,600	€1,960
ORIS Measure 1 2020	Tinahely	€20,000	€2,000
ORIS Measure 1 2020	Stratford	€20,000	€2,000
ORIS Measure 1 2020	Long Distance Video	€21,400	€2,140
ORIS Measure 1 2020	Brockagh Mountain Access	€11,100	€1,110
ORIS Measure 1 2020	People Counters	€22,000	€2,200
ORIS Measure 1 2020	Sean Lenihan	€21,200	€2,120
ORIS Measure 1 2020	Glenmalure Bridge	€12,500	€1,250
ORIS Measure 3 2020	Bright light Blueway	€554,820	€55,482
Sports Capital Programme	Charlesland All Weather Pitch Refurbishment -	€52,500	€2,750
Sports Capital Programme	Coral Wicklow	€68,759	€20,628
Sports Capital Programme	Coral Arklow	€28,999	€8,700
Sports Capital Programme	Arklow Running Track	€62,434	€18,730
Sports Capital Programme	Dr. Ryan Park	€45,320	€13,596
LSSIS	Wicklow Swimming Pool	€1,646,052	€493,816
LSSIS	Charlesland Running Track	€411,674	€123,502
CLAR 2019	Rathcoyle NS	€55,556	€2,778
CLAR 2019	Knockananna	€46,000	€3,000
CLAR 2021	Knockananna community allotment	€10,830	€1,083
CLAR 2021	Askanagap	€55,557	€5,557
CLAR 2021	Knockananna	€27,514	€2,501
Dormant Accounts Action Plan 2022	Wicklow Libraries	€26,500	€2,650
	Sub-Total	€56,705,032	€11,312,089

Project Scheme	Project Name	Project Cost	Match Funding
T&V 2018	Blessington	€100,000	€20,000
T&V 2018	Wicklow	€150,000	€30,000
T&V 2019	Dunlavin	€26,216	€2,623
T&V 2019	Coolkenno	€30,000	€3,000
T&V 2019	Aughrim	€119,500	€17,925
T&V 2019	Redcross	€100,000	€20,000
T&V 2019	Delgany	€37,000	€3,700
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Bundled	€28,000	€2,800
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Dunlavin	€4,950	€495
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Roundwood	€40,000	€4,000
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Ballinaclash	€44,000	€4,400
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Enniskerry	€44,000	€4,400
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Laragh	€27,000	€2,700
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Tinahely	€5,500	€550
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Baltinglass	€10,000	€1,000
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Arklow	€39,500	€3,950
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Wicklow	€44,444	€4,444
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Greystones	€44,444	€4,444
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Rathdrum	€27,000	€2,700
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Broadband Connection Points	€44,444	€4,444
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Kilcoole	20,000	2,000
T&V 2020 Main	Stratford	€200,000	€22,222
T&V 2020 Main	Avoca	€100,000	€11,111
T&V 2020 Main	Enniskerry	€100,000	€11,111
T&V 2020 Main	Annamoe	€100,000	€11,111
T&V 2021	Ballinaclash	€70,000	€7,000
T&V 2021	Donard	€29,000	€2,900
T&V 2021	Wicklow	€245,931	€24,593
ORIS 2021 Measure 1	Kilmacanogue Nature Trail	€20,000	€2,000
ORIS 2021 Measure 1	Lacken Mass Path	€18,000	€1,800
ORIS 2021 Measure 1	Kilcoole Mass Path	€13,000	€1,300
ORIS 2021 Measure 1	Avonmore Kayak Project	€16,500	€1,650
ORIS 2021 Measure 1	Age Friendly Triobikes for older people	€23,160	€3,160
ORIS 2021 Measure 1	Keadeen Access	€13,500	€1,350
ORIS 2021 Project Development	Three Trout Route	€50,000	€5,000
ORIS 2021 Measure 3	The Sugarloaf Repair	€500,000	€50,000
ORIS 2021 Measure 2	Jubilee Loop and Avonmore Way link	€180,000	€18,000
ORIS 2021 Measure 2	Cliff Walk Protection Scheme	€220,000	€22,000
ORIS 2022 M1	Avonmore Way	€33,000	€3,300
ORIS 2022 M1	Ballyboy Equestrian Trail	€33,000	€3,300
ORIS 2022 M1	Glen Turn Cliff Walk	€33,300	€3,600
ORIS 2022 M1	Miners Way	€28,000	€2,800
ORIS 2022 M1	Red Kite Loop	€33,000	€3,300
ORIS 2022 M1	West Wicklow Access Points	€33,000	€3,300
ORIS 2022 M1	Wicklow Uplands	€33,000	€3,300
REISS (REDF)	Wicklow Naturally Food Incubation and Innovation Centre	€249,500	€49,900
	Total to date	€59,816,421	€11,670,872