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**CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
REPORT**



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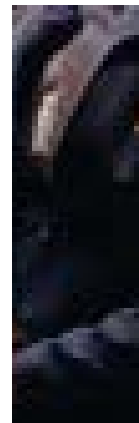
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# ANNUAL STAFF FORUM 2025



# HOUSING

## Housing Strategy & Services

Under the Housing for All Programme 2022 to 2026, Wexford County Council must build a minimum of 1,150 new housing units within the programme timeframe. The status of overall programme delivery is contained in the diagram below. (1181 below includes leasing also)

Housing For All 2022-2026							
1181 Target	- (	804 Units Delivered	+	671 Units Projected	=	1475 Delivery Pipeline	) = <b>294 Shortfall /Over</b>

It is the Councils intention to continue to deliver new housing, above the target provided under the programme, where demand exists and Department funding is available.

The tables below outline the current delivery pipelines and status on projects. For LA Direct Build information, please refer to the Capital Development section of the Chief Executives Report.

### Turnkey Delivery

The Housing Section periodically seek Expressions of Interest for the provision of social housing units via Turnkey Acquisition. A new Expression of Interest opened on the 8th January 2025. All calls are seeking targeted delivery of smaller unit types (1 & 2 beds) in areas of need identified in the Housing Delivery Action Plan (HDAP). In addition, the process also seeks proposals for purchase of land in areas of need. All proposals received by Wexford County Council under the turnkey process are assessed by an Internal Assessment Committee.

### Gorey/Kilmuckridge Municipal District

Project Address (TURNKEY)	Unit Type	Est. Delivery	Total
Tobar Muire, Creagh Demesne, Gorey	7 x 2-bed 22 x 3-bed	Q1 2025	29
Gleann an Ghairdin, Gorey	20 x 2-bed apt 20 x 3-bed apt	Phased from Q3 2024 8 X 2 bed & 8 X 3 bed Delivered	40
Mangan, Hollyfort, Gorey	2 x 3-Bed	Q1 2025	2
Churchview, Ballynaglogh, Blackwater (Ph2)	14 x 2-bed	Delivered Q4 2024	14
Spring View, Gorey Hill, Gorey	6 x 3-bed apt 6 x 2-bed apt	Q3 2025	12
Grattan Court, Gorey	10 x 3-bed 4 x 2-bed apt	Q2 2025	14
		<b>Total Turnkey Units</b>	<b>111</b>

## Gorey/Kilmuckridge MD - cont'd

Project Address (Part V)	Unit Type	Est. Delivery	Total
<b>Gleann an Ghairdin Phases 3 &amp; 4</b>	2 x 3-bed 2 x 2-bed 4 x 2-bed apt 4 x 3-bed apt	Phased from Q3 2024 – Q1 2025 4 X 2 bed & 4 X 3 bed & 2 x 3 bed Delivered	12
<b>Tobar Muire, Creagh Demesne, Gorey</b>	2 x 2-bed	Q1 2025	2
<b>Spring View, Gorey Hill, Gorey</b>	4 x 3-bed apt 4 x 2-bed apt	Q3 2025	8
<b>Deerpark (Ballowen or Ramsfort Park) Gorey</b>	3 x 3-bed 1 x 2-bed	2 delivered Q3 2024 Phased basis from Q4	4
<b>Grattan Court Gorey</b>	2 x 2 bed	Q2 2025	2
		<b>Total Part V</b>	<b>28</b>

Project Address (AHB)	Unit Type	Est. Delivery	Total
<b>Ballytegan Rd, Gorey</b>	3 x 1-bed 26 x 2-bed 52 x 3-bed 5 x 4-bed	Q2 2026	86
<b>Ramstown, Gorey - Phase 3</b>	21 x 2-bed 9 x 3 bed	30 Delivered Q4 2024	30
<b>Riverchapel Road, Gorey</b>	6 x 1-bed apt	Q1 2025	6
<b>The Close, Newbury, Clonattin, Gorey</b>	2 x 1 bed apt 4 x 2 bed apt 17 x 3 bed	17 houses delivered Q4 6 Apts. Q1 2025	23
		<b>Total ABH</b>	<b>145</b>
<b>Overall Total</b>			<b>284</b>

## Rosslare Municipal District

Project Address	Unit Type	Est. Delivery	Total
Carrig-on-Bannow ( <b>TURNKEY</b> )	5 x 1 bed 5 x 2 bed	Q3 2025 Q1 2026	10
Carrig-on-Bannow ( <b>PART V</b> )	2 x 3 bed	Q2 2025	2
Forth View, Murrintown (Phase 1) <b>AHB</b>	9 x 2-bed 14 x 3-bed	Delivered Q4 2024	23
Forth View, Murrintown (Phase 2) <b>AHB</b>	7 x 2-bed 10 x 3-bed	Delivered Q4 2024	17
<b>Overall Total</b>			<b>52</b>

## Enniscorthy Municipal District

Project Address ( <b>TURNKEY</b> )	Unit Type	Est. Delivery	Total
An Glasan, Greenville Lane, Enniscorthy	8 x 1-bed	Delivered	8
Castlelands, Ferns, Enniscorthy	6 x 2-bed 14 x 3-bed	Delivered Q4 2024	20
Holly-Way, Clonhasten, Enniscorthy	5 x 2-bed	Q1 2025	5
Cnoc na Greine, Enniscorthy	3 x 2-bed 9 x 3-bed 2 x 4-bed	Phased from Q3 2025	14
Forgelands, Old Forge Rd, Enniscorthy	11 x 3 bed 1 x 4 bed	2 X 3 bed and 1 X 4 bed delivered Q4 2024. Remaining units to deliver on a phased basis from Q4 2024	12
<b>Total Turnkey</b>			<b>59</b>

## Enniscorthy Municipal District cond't

Project Address (PART V)	Unit Type	Est. Delivery	Total
Forgelands, Old Forge Rd, Enniscorthy	6 x 2-bed	2 delivered Q3 2024 4 due by Q2 2025	6
An Glasan, Greenville Lane, Enniscorthy	8 x 1-bed apt	Delivered	8
Holly-Way, Clonhasten, Enniscorthy	5 x 3-bed	Q1 2025	5
Milehouse, Phase 1, Enniscorthy (AHB)	17 delivered Q4 2024 – Remaining units to deliver Q2 2025	Phased from Q1 2025	37
<b>Overall Total</b>			<b>115</b>

## New Ross Municipal District

Project Address	Unit Type	Est. Delivery	Total
Ard an Bhile, New Ross (TURNKEY)	8 x 2 bed 8 x 3 bed 12 x 2 bed apt 4 x 1 bed apt	Q1 2025	32
Hewittlands, New Ross (LAGS site) (AHB)	10 x 1-bed 16 x 2-bed 22 x 3-bed	Q1 2026	48
Ard an Bhile, New Ross (PART V)	4 x 2 bed 4 x 1 bed apt	Phased from Q3 2024 – Q1 2025	8
<b>Overall Total</b>			<b>88</b>

## Borough District of Wexford

Project Address	Unit Type	Est. Delivery	Total
Ard na hAbhainn, Newtown Rd <b>(PART V)</b>	2 x 3-bed	Q4 2024	2
Ard Uisce, Wexford <b>(PART V)</b>	10 x 2-bed	Phased from Q3 2024 – Q4 2025 2 delivered Q4 2024	10
Beechfield, Clonard <b>(AHB)</b>	25 x 1-bed 23 x 2-bed 1 x 3-bed 1 x 4-bed	Q3 2025	50
Pairc na Greine, Coolcotts (Ph2.2 of Pairc na Daire) <b>(AHB)</b>	22 x 3-bed 2 x 4 -bed	Delivered Q4 2024	24
Whiterock Hill, Wexford <b>(AHB)</b>	6 x 2 bed 34 x 3 bed	Q2 2025	40
<b>Overall Total</b>			<b>126</b>

## Ard an Bhile, New Ross





Support has been offered to AHB's for other proposals amounting to **483** units across all districts. These proposals are subject to Planning and Departmental approval.

District	No of Units
Enniscorthy	68
Gorey	187
Wexford	70

District	No of Units
New Ross	79
Rosslare	79
<b>Total</b>	<b>483</b>

## Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme

Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme 2025 is the fifth year of a new 10-year Energy Efficiency/Retrofit Programme to retrofit local authority housing stock. The new programme provides for a significant upscaling in the level of funding available and focuses on ensuring that the fabric of the home is upgraded, and an energy efficient heating system is provided. The table below outlines the targets set by the Department for Wexford to date.

Department Targets for County Wexford		
Year	No. of Properties	Delivered
2021	54	0
2022	68	37
2023	51	146
2024	116	144
2025	Awaiting Allocation	
<b>Total</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>327</b>

Housing Maintenance Section completed energy upgrades to 144 properties in 2024. The value of the grant funded works for 2024 was approximately €5 million.

We are currently awaiting the 2025 allocation from the department, however, it is anticipated it will be similar to the 2024 allocation, 116 units.

## Homeless Services and Support Unit (HSSU)

The figures below represent the total number of calls to the HSSU - it is not reflective of the number of individuals/families as quite often the same client may make multiple calls to the HSSU.

There were **1429** calls to the HSSU up to 31st December 2024, the following is the breakdown of same:-  
1336 (93%) Provided with advice and support in relation to housing and homeless prevention

47 (3%) Supported with temporary, short, medium and long-term accommodation and tenancy sustainment support through Place Finder and Social Care Workers

37 (3%) Calls were ineligible at the time for housing/homeless services. HSSU advised and assisted the caller on regularization of their housing situation.

9 (1%) Calls received where it was not possible to complete a full assessment.

# AFFORDABLE HOUSING



**Application information events** – In advance of the official launch for the ‘Radharc na Beannoige’ scheme, a series of information events have been developed to assist interested parties through the application process.



- Wednesday 29th January - Affordable Housing Webinar, members of the Housing Team hosted a webinar to look at the Doras application portal and to answer any questions.
- An additional in person clinic is scheduled for 08th February 2025, 10.30am in Gorey library - both events are open to all members of the public
- A tutorial video has also been developed and will be available on the Local Authority Affordable Purchase Scheme section of council website.

## Radharc na Beannoige Affordable Housing Scheme – application live

Applications for the pilot Local Authority Affordable Purchase Scheme at Radharc na Beannoige, Ramsfort, Gorey will be live at **10.00 am Wednesday 12th February 2025**.

Applications will be only accepted via the approved online application portal which will be available on the council website. The application allows the input of all relevant data and uploading of all supporting documentation.

In line with the scheme requirements the scheme was advertised 2 weeks in advance of the launch date. The portal will be open for 3 weeks, completed application's will be evaluated after this date. Income limits apply and applicants are strongly advised to familiarise themselves with the qualification criteria and the documentation required, details of which are available at - [Local Authority Affordable Purchase Scheme | Wexford County Council](#)

Wexford County Council are hosting an in person clinic to outline your Affordable Housing application.

**CLINIC** **20 AFFORDABLE HOMES FOR SALE**

**RADHARC NA BEANNOIGE**

Please email [rsvp@wexfordcoco.ie](mailto:rsvp@wexfordcoco.ie) to register your place

**CLINIC DETAILS**  
Gorey Library Y25 V1W5  
Saturday 8th February  
10:30am till 12:00pm

[www.wexfordcoco.ie/housing/affordable-housing/radharc-na-beannoige](http://www.wexfordcoco.ie/housing/affordable-housing/radharc-na-beannoige)

**RADHARC NA BEANNOIGE**

'RADHARC NA BEANNOIGE', 20 NEW AFFORDABLE HOMES AT RAMSFORT PARK GOREY, CO. WEXFORD

**Residential development of A Rated Homes - Local Authority Purchase Scheme**

- Providing new homes to purchase at a reduced price for first-time buyers.
- Residential development of just 20 Semi-detached homes.

**ONLINE APPLICATION ONLY**

**FEBRUARY 12TH 2025**

**10.00AM**

Scheme details available  
<https://www.wexfordcoco.ie/housing/affordable-housing>

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Details on the scheme development are available – [www.radharcnabeannoige.ie](http://www.radharcnabeannoige.ie)

If you require further information, please contact [affordablehousing@wexfordcoco.ie](mailto:affordablehousing@wexfordcoco.ie)

## CHOICE BASED LETTING

140 properties were advertised on the Choice Based Letting website from 01/01/2025 to 31/01/25. As multiple properties were available in some cases, a total of 20 properties were available for allocation.

Municipal District	Properties Available for Allocation	No. of Properties Advertised
Enniscorthy	3	3
Gorey/Kilmuckridge	1	1
New Ross	11	4
Rosslare	2	2
Wexford	3	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>13</b>

## HOUSING ALLOCATIONS

From the 1st January to 31st January, 2025 Wexford County Council allocated 22 properties. There were also a further 3 Approved Housing Body tenancies

Area	Re-Lets (Incl. Bays)	Transfers	New Lets	AHBs	MTR	Total
Gorey/Kilmuckridge	2	1	0	0	0	3
New Ross	1	0	2	0	0	3
Enniscorthy	2	0	11	2	0	4
Wexford	2	0	11	2	0	15
Rosslare	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>25</b>

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE

### Wexford LEO Strong Performance in Job Creation

Wexford LEO is delighted to report a 11th consecutive year of positive job creation, with 329 total jobs created in 2024 and a net employment gain of 163 jobs. A total of 2,314 jobs have been created in Wexford supported by the Local Enterprise Office since 2014 and there are currently 225 small businesses across the county employing a total of 1,945 staff which are supported by LEO Wexford.

Nationally, a total of 7,104 new jobs were created by Local Enterprise Office supported businesses in 2024, which saw a 7% employment increase compared to 2023. There was a net employment gain of 2,459 jobs, which was also up on the 2023 figure of 2,131. The figures highlighted that 81% of all new jobs created by LEO supported companies were outside of the Dublin region and Wexford continues to maintain its position in the top 5 nationally for job creation.

## Business Energy Seminar

### How to reduce your costs

*Save Money Go Green in your business*

- Join New Ross Energy Community
- Advice from Industry Experts & Service Providers.
- How to access funding for energy efficiency measures in your business.

**Dunbrody Famine Ship,  
New Ross, Co. Wexford**

**4:30pm to 6pm**  
**Thursday 30th January 2025**

Scan the QR Code to register  
or email [climateaction@wexfordcoco.ie](mailto:climateaction@wexfordcoco.ie)





**NEW ROSS BOAT CLUB**  
Est. 1876



**Difig Fiontair Áitiúil**  
Local Enterprise Office



**Comhairle Contae Loch Garman**  
Wexford County Council



**CLIMATE ACTION WEXFORD**  
OUR COUNTY. OUR OPPORTUNITY. OUR FUTURE.



**SOUTH EAST ENERGY AGENCY**



**seai** SUSTAINABLE ENERGY AUTHORITY OF IRELAND

LEO Wexford participated in the Business Energy Seminar in New Ross on Thursday 30th January, informing the businesses present about the sustainability supports on offer from the LEO including the Free Green for Business Consultancy to help businesses to identify the actions needed to improve their “green” credentials. The audience were also very receptive to hearing about the Energy Efficiency Grant, which provides grant aid of up to €10,000 to help businesses implement the recommended actions in the Green for Business report.

## SHOWCASE 2025

The 50th year of the Showcase exhibition took place in the RDS Dublin from 19-21st January, with recording excellent interest in their products from buyers both national and international.

Representing Wexford at the Local Enterprise Office Stand were Debroah Cogley Art, Eoin O'Connor Art, Weird Watercolours and Holos skincare.



## Operational Efficiency Tender

Operational efficiency, digitalisation and sustainability of SMEs are key priorities in the White Paper on Enterprise 2022 and reiterated in LEO Policy Statement 2024 -2030.

As part of the SLA with Enterprise Ireland, LEO Wexford are tasked with delivering consultant led support services under the Lean for Business, Green for Business and Digital for business programmes.

A total of 47 submissions were received in response to a Request for Tender to establish a framework of consultants to deliver the LEAN, Green and Digital for business programmes.

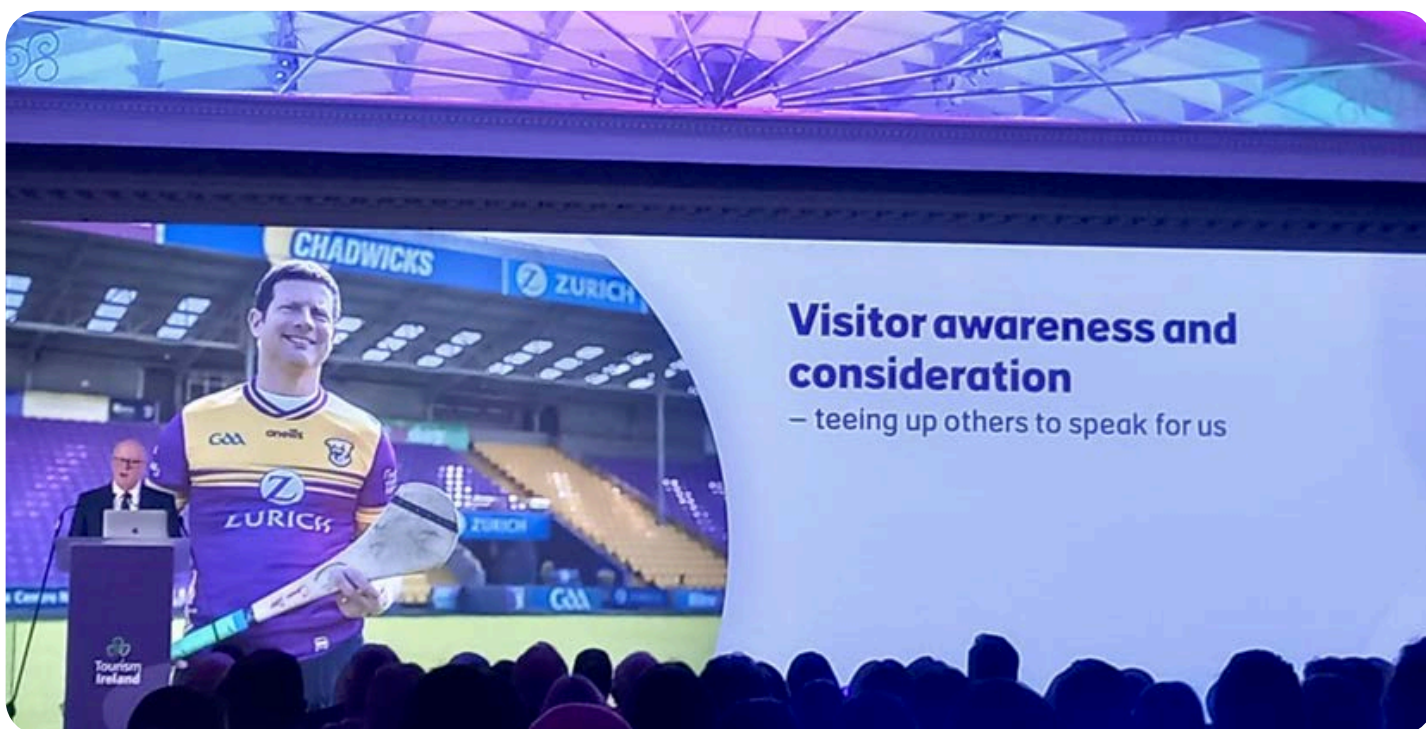
These programmes are available to both new and existing businesses and are designed to match small business owners/ managers with experienced, insightful business consultants that can provide them with practical and strategic advice and guidance in relation to specific challenges their business needs to overcome. The consultant will contribute independent, informed observation and advice to aid decision making.

# TOURISM

## Tourism Ireland 2025 Marketing Plans Launch

Tourism Ireland launched their 2025 Marketing Plans at an event in Dublin on 14th January, attended by over 500 tourism industry representatives from around the country.

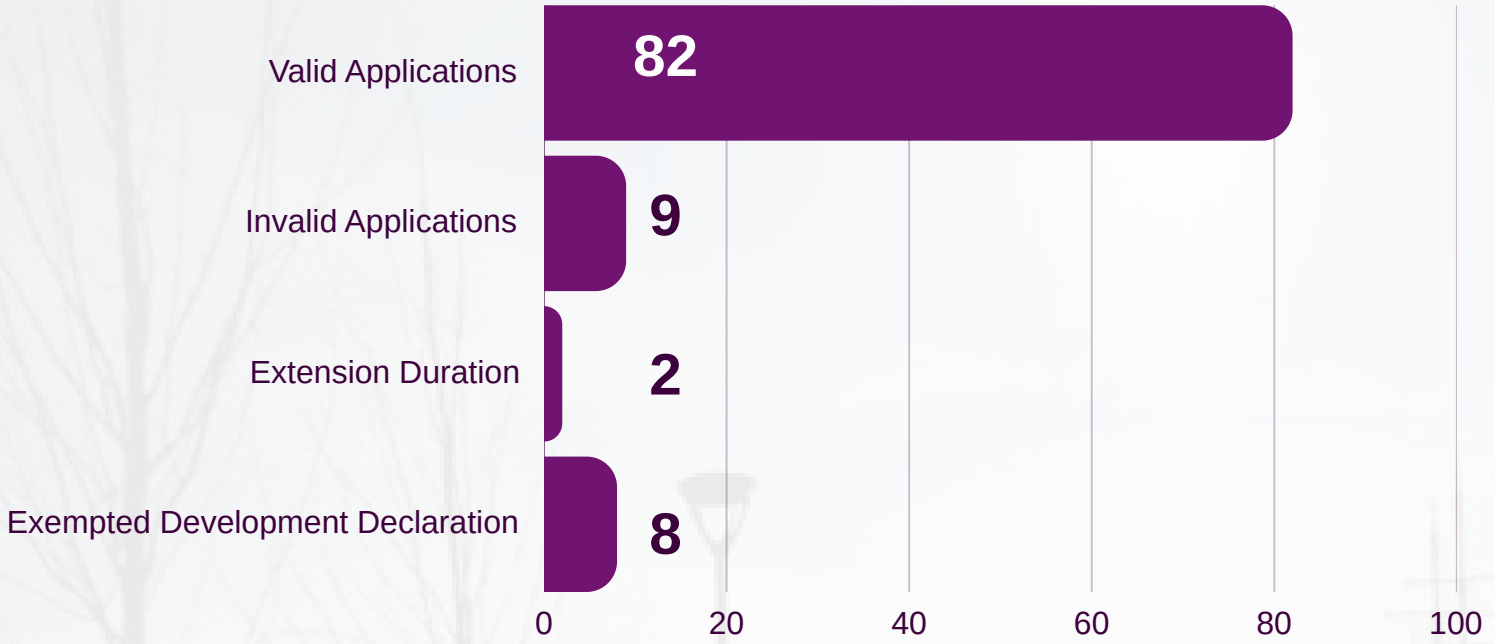
Speaking at the launch, Alice Mansergh, Chief Executive of Tourism Ireland, noted that overseas tourism to the island of Ireland delivered an estimated €7 billion in revenue in 2024 which is up over +10% on 2023 – and, importantly, helped to sustain around 300,000 jobs. Fáilte Ireland’s target is to grow overseas visitor spend to €9 billion by 2030.



Wexford County Council in conjunction with Failte Ireland and Visit Wexford are developing a 5 yr international sales and marketing plan to harness and maximise the potential of destinations throughout the county in attracting international visitors and increasing their dwell time. Key priorities for Wexford include:

- Increasing awareness of Wexford in selected international markets - UK, Germany, France, Spain and USA.
- Build capacity across accommodation/visitor attractions in international sales and marketing.
- Increase overseas B to B partnerships
- Work closely with Tourism Ireland and Failte Ireland to ensure adoption of international sales and marketing initiatives.

**Planning Applications received year to date - 1st January 2025 to the 26th January 2025**



**Total number of applications: 101**

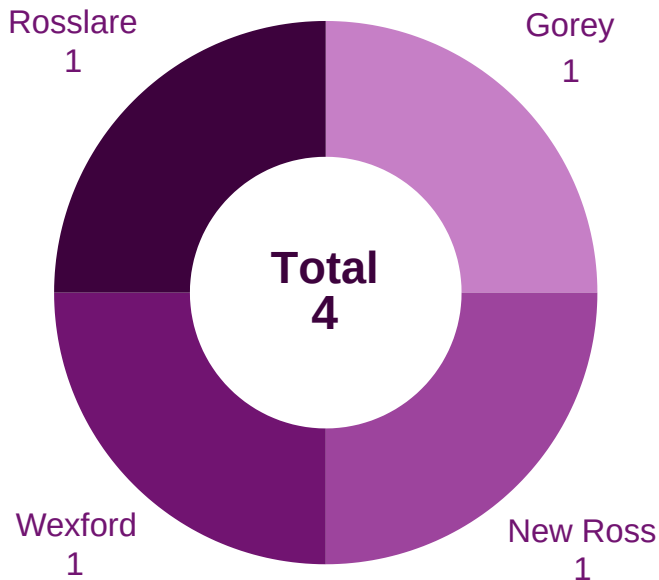
**Pre-Planning - applications year to date up to the 26th January 2025**

Pre-planning by District	Applications Received	Applications Closed	Open Pre-planning Applications
Enniscorthy MD	3	0	7
Gorey/Kilmuckridge MD	9	2	23
New Ross MD	5	2	12
Rosslare MD	4	3	5
Wexford BD	7	6	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>67</b>

Average days to pre-planning meeting is **53**

## Major Pre-Planning

Year to date up to the 26th January 2025  
Number of meetings held by district:



Total No. of Housing Units

**101**

## Forward Planning

### County Development Plan Monitoring



Work is ongoing on the Chief Executive's Report on the achievement of the objectives of the Plan. The Plan contains over 1,200 objectives covering the Council's key programmes, activities and projects, and monitoring ensures that these objectives are being met as set out.

### Wexford Town Local Area Plan

The Local Area Plan team are working with their consultants to progress the various strategies including the Rainwater Management Plan, the Green Blue Infrastructure Strategy and the Urban Design Strategy. With regard to the latter, a Town Centre First Strategy is being prepared in conjunction with the Town Team and the Urban Regeneration Unit. Public consultation is an integral part of the Town Centre First approach.



**Wexford Town Local Area Plan Cont'd**

To this end, a public consultation day, led by the Town Team and assisted by Loci consultants, will be held on Saturday, 15th February 2025. It will comprise of a two-hour walk around the town centre in the morning (11am to 1pm) and a two-hour facilitated workshop in the afternoon in White's Hotel (2pm to 4pm). Further details of the public consultation day will be communicated across all the usual media platforms in order to garner interest and encourage the public and interested groups to attend. Following the completion of this public consultation, a draft Town Centre First Strategy will be formulated by the Town Team and it will be included in the pre-draft Local Area Plan.

**Planning CSO Returns**

2024 Permissions granted for New Dwellings as of 27th October 2024 (2025 figures pending)

Housing Developments (total no. units)	Apartments incl. self contained dwelling units (total no. units)	One off Houses	LACs Local Authority Development	Total no. permissions granted 27th October 2024
<b>238</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>629</b>

**Building Control** - From 1st January 2025 to the 26th January 2025

**44 Building Control Inspections**

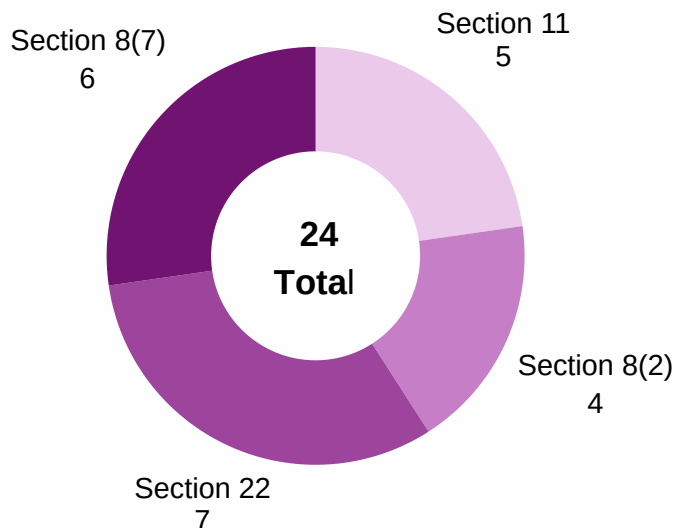


**Planning Enforcement** - Year to date up to the 26th January 2025

Live Cases <b>436</b>	Cases Opened (YTD) <b>29</b>	Cases Closed (YTD) <b>8</b>
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**Derelict Sites, Dangerous Structures and Dangerous Places**

**Derelict Site Notices issued under the Derelict Sites Act 1990. Year to date up to 26th January 2025:**



**128**  
sites on the Derelict Site Register

**33**  
site inspection/visits carried out

**1**  
new case file

**4**  
files closed

\*Year to date figures

**Dangerous Structures & Places**

Notices issued under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act 1964

**1 Section 3.1 Notice**

**1 New File Opened**

Year to date up to the 26th January 2025

**URDF - Urban Regeneration Development Fund Call 3**

**173 sites approved on the acquisition programme as of the 26th January 2025**

- **39** Awaiting initial engagement with property owner
- **33** Engagement with Property Owner Commenced
- **1** Process to Purchase Commenced by Agreement
- **9** Process to Purchase Commenced by CPO
- **1** Property Acquired by LA
- **2** Enabling works underway by LA
- **7** Advertised for sale - property owned by LA
- **48** Brought back into use by Original Owner (closed case)
- **28** Property no longer vacant/derelict following review (closed case)
- **6** Being Dealt with Under Different Programme

## Access - Disability Access Certificates (DACs):

**18** valid DAC applications for the year to date up to 26th January 2025

Applications for Districts	Total for Districts	Awaiting Assessment	Further Information
Enniscorthy	2	0	2
Gorey	2	0	2
New Ross	2	0	2
Wexford	11	0	11
Rosslare	1	0	1
<b>2025 Totals</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18</b>

## Disability proofing carried out as part of WCC Access activity

Referrals:

**2**

LAC/PLAC/LRD and  
General Planning Applications

**1**

Major  
Pre-Planning

## REGENERATION UNIT

### Town Centre First

Town Centre First Teams are active in 7 Towns in County Wexford with each Town at different stages of the Town Centre First journey and funded through the 2024 TCF Suite of Supports.

**Measure 1** - Under this measure town teams have been established in Taghmon, Bunclody and Castlebridge and completed health checks for all towns.

TCF will host a Capacity building seminar on 24th February on the theme of regeneration bringing all 7 town teams together. This will also provide a networking opportunity for town team members.

The 3 town teams will also conduct site visits to Clonakilty and Castlecomer as part of the capacity building exercise.

**Measure 2** - We are working closely with the Courtown/Riverchapel TCF Team to develop a TCF Plan for Courtown/Riverchapel.

Unfortunately, due to Storm Éowyn we had to cancel the consultation events planned for the 23rd and 25th January but we will reschedule these over the coming weeks.

**Measure 3** - Work is ongoing with the Projects development measures for these 2 €50k projects with consultants due to be appointed this month. The successful groups are 1. Feachtas Ealaian- T/A St Michaels Theatre 2. Kilmore Scope.

### Vacant Homes

Work is continuing on vacant homes with the administration of the Croí Conaithe Grant. The Regeneration Unit are continuing to promote the scheme and work with applicants in getting projects approved and paid out.

There has been significant uptake in County Wexford, and it is having a very positive impact on improving vacancy and dereliction.



**Croi Conaithe Applications Wexford County Council as at 27-01-25**

Applications Received	397
Inspections Required (First)	4
Inspections Required (Final)	11
Applications Info Requested	132
Applications Approved	254
Awaiting Approval	0
Applications Rejected	3
Application on Hold	0
Withdrawn By Applicant	8

<b>Funding Issued</b>	<b>52</b>
Total Funding Paid to Date	€3,048,224.93

**REGENERATION PROJECT ST JOSEPH'S NEW ROSS**

The Sisters of Mercy and Wexford County Council, with the approval of the Department of Education, have agreed in principle a proposal to acquire the former St. Joseph's Primary School at Michael Street, for use as a Shared Community Services Hub in conjunction with Cumas New Ross as the lead agency. The building has been vacant for a number of years and the project will contribute to the overall development of New Ross. The CUMAS organisation has a long track record of providing services in the town and align with the ethos of the Sisters of Charity and the Department of Education as a community organisation and training provider.

Cumas has been seeking a town centre accessible premises to cater for its current and future needs with a focus on integration. St Joseph's former school is an ideal property within proximity to the town centre, suitable size, and accessibility of space to cater for the organisation's current and future requirements. The proposal envisages improved social wellbeing, education, and training and enterprise growth within the community of New Ross and surrounding area through innovation, partnership, and community development. Cumas have a long history of partnership and collaboration in New Ross with existing wide connections to a range of statutory and voluntary groups with the experience and capability to create opportunities for meaningful interactions, collaborations, mentorship, and knowledge sharing among community members.

Wexford County Council Property section will continue working with the other partners to carry out the necessary due diligence regarding the proposal and to agree terms over the coming months which will be subject to a section 183 by the elected members. Overall the project will bring a vacant property in the heart of the town into community use supporting regeneration and the overall development of the community infrastructure of the town.

## WATER SERVICES

Multi Annual Rural Water Programme	
<b>Measure 2 - Public Health Compliance</b>	<b>Kilanerin GWS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nitrate removal and monitor included in MARWP submissions.</li> <li>• Awaiting announcement from Department on approved projects under the MARWP 2024-2026.</li> </ul>
<b>Measure 3 – Enhancement of Existing Schemes including Water Conservation</b>	<b>Blackstairs GWS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CaimTank</b> – Works complete. Road Reinstatement to take place in Spring 2025.</li> <li>• <b>Reservoir Bypass</b> - Drawdown complete for stage 1 payment Recouped from Dept.</li> <li>• Majority of funding expected to be claimed and recouped by Q1 2025.</li> </ul>
<b>Measure 5 – Transition of Existing Group Water Schemes and Group Sewerage Schemes</b>	<b>Bing GSS – Community Wastewater Connection (CWwC)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Departmental agreement to progress the scheme to tender stage.</li> <li>• Returned tender price from contractors for main contract works shall be subject to final Departmental assessment and approval.</li> <li>• Publication to etenders Friday 15th November.</li> <li>• Tender assessment ongoing. Tender Assessment Report currently being drafted.</li> </ul>
<b>MARWP 2024-2026</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submission made to Dept. by closing date 12th April</li> <li>• Submissions made across a range of measures totaling €3.26 million.</li> <li>• All submitted projects have progressed to Phase 2 assessment</li> <li>• Awaiting announcement from the Department</li> </ul>
<b>Measure 8 – Individual wells (private or household wells)</b>	<b>Individual Well Grants</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A total of <b>17</b> new well grant applications were registered to date in <b>January 2025</b>.</li> <li>• <b>18</b> Well Grants have been paid in this period, totaling <b>€36,358.56</b>.</li> <li>• <b>50</b> inspections to date carried out to date in January 2025.</li> <li>• Workflow prototype meeting held in May, due to constraints in IT programme won't be resumed until a later date.</li> </ul>

## WATER SERVICES cont'd

Multi Annual Rural Water Programme	
<p><b>Measure A8 – Wastewater Collection &amp; Treatment Needs for Villages &amp; Settlements without access to Public Wastewater Service</b></p>	<p><b>New Advance Phase of MARWP 2022-2024</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minister announced Ramsgrange is one of the successful projects under the €50 million Rural Water scheme.</li> <li>Detailed programme for the delivery of project was submitted to Dept. on 10th May 24.</li> <li>Meeting held with Dept. 28th June to discuss next steps for advancing project.</li> <li>Project now with Uisce Eireann to progress to next stage.</li> <li>Workshop -5 held with UE on 3rd October.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Lead Remediation Grant</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9 applications received to date on revised grant, 6 paid, 3 approved.</li> </ul>

DPI Resolution Project					
	Name	Towland	Expecting Costings	75% Funding Provided	Project Completion/ Programme
<p><b>DPI Resolution Programme 2019-2021</b></p>	Cois Cuan	Arthurstown	€152,475	€114,356	Q4 2025
	Kyles Close	Oulart	€107,153	€80,365	Q4 2025
	Mountain View	Ballindaggin	€208,016	€156,012	Q4 2025
	Gleann na gCaor	Monageer	€302,878	€227,159	Q4 2026
<p><b>DPI Resolution Programme 2023</b></p>	Beach View	Duncannon	€72,300	€54,225	Q4 2025
	Farrin Carraig	Duncannon	€202,986	€152,240	Q4 2025
	Beechfields	Ballaghkeen	€353,968	€265,476	Q4 2026

## **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION**

### **MAJOR NATIONAL ROADS PROJECTS**

#### **N11/N25 Oilgate to Rosslare Harbour**

The Project is in Phase 3 – Design and Environmental Evaluation.

Letter of Acceptance has been issued to successful Real Estate Consultancy Service tender. Introductory meeting will be scheduled shortly. Project design is advancing, with additional tasks addressing Service Area requirements and Active Travel provisions.

Consultations with Iarnród Éireann regarding the railway protection structure at the River Slaney Bridge crossing are ongoing. Consultation with directly affected landowners is ongoing. Preparation of Environmental, Planning, Design and other reports are ongoing.

#### **N25 Rosslare Europort Access Road**

The project is currently in Phase 5 – Enabling and Procurement. Road Safety Audit Stage 2 has been completed by the auditors, and their comments are under review by the project team and to inform final procurement specifications and documents.

Coordination with OPW and Irish Rail regarding temporary works and the N25 Rosslare Europort Access Road is ongoing.

### **NATIONAL ROAD PAVEMENT SCHEMES**

#### **Safety Schemes**

##### **N25 Tagoat**

The detailed design of the traffic calming scheme will commence in Q1 2025

##### **N80 Clohamon**

A traffic video survey at the junction is complete and under review and analysis to determine possible engineering solutions. A report with recommendations will issue in Q2 2025.

##### **N30 Leeches Bend – West of Clonroche**

The preliminary design is pending TII approval and the construction works will be tendered in Q1 2025.

##### **N25 Larkins Cross**

The Feasibility and Options report is pending TII approval. The preliminary design is being developed in preparation for a Part 8 planning consent application in Q1/2 2025.

#### **2025 Pavement Schemes**

##### **N25 Ballygillane to Ashfield Cross Roundabout Phase 2 Pavement Scheme**

The preparatory drainage works have commenced in advance of the pavement resurfacing.



## **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION**

### **REGIONAL AND LOCAL ROADS**

The Regional and Local Road Grant 2025 allocations are expected to be announced in February. Wexford's allocation for 2024 was €24,534,550.

#### **Restoration Improvement Programme**

The 2025 programme of works will be advised on the receipt of grant notification.

#### **Surface Dressing Programme**

The 2025 programme of works will be advised on the receipt of grant notification.

#### **Severe Weather Repairs**

Replacement works have commenced on the Aughnaglaur (Chapel) Bridge, Adamstown with Little Cullenstown to follow in February. The works will be substantially complete before Easter.

Grange Cliff Stabilisation will be completed within the next month as recent storms have delayed the works.

#### **Winter Maintenance**

Winter Maintenance commenced on the 21st October 2024 and will continue till the 27th April 2025. There have been 24 treatments to the end of January.

#### **General Maintenance**

Drainage, patching and road surface repair works are ongoing in all Districts.

## **ACTIVE TRAVEL UPDATE**

**Newtown Road – Phase 1** - Now completed.

#### **Newtown Road Phases Two and Three (Part of the Pathfinder Project)**

Newtown Road Phases 2 & 3 designs are ongoing and will be request for RPS to complete drawing package and undertake duties of PSDP. Such works are scheduled to progress to construction in March 2025.

**Hospital Junction, Newtown Road** - will proceed to Part 8 in Q1/2 2025.

**Beechlawn/Clonard Cycle Scheme (Part of the Pathfinder Project)** - to progress to Part 8 in Q1/2 2025.

**Roxborough Cycle Scheme (Part of the Pathfinder Project)** - This Scheme design is being finalised to proceed to Part 8 in Q2 2025.

**Oaklands to Kents Cross Cycle Scheme (New Ross)** - to progress to Part 8 in 2025.

**Wexford Town Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA)** - Completion of this study is expected in Q1 2025.

**Enniscorthy Town Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA)** - The options development report (Part 2b of 6 steps) is in draft. This study will continue following further consultations during the year and draft final report is planned for late 2025.

# ACTIVE TRAVEL UPDATE

## Ramsgrange Safe Routes to School Scheme

Traffic calming and footpath works are nearing completion as part of the Ramsgrange SRTS Scheme. A new bus shelter is installed in the village centre.



## Safe Routes to School 2025

The following sites are approved for works in 2025:

1. Ballaghkeene NS
2. Kiltaly NS
3. Enniscorthy Vocational College

Schemes are under design, in consultation with the schools and An Táisce, and will be subject to a Section 38 consultation process under the Roads Act 1993.

## Public e-bike and e-Scooter Sharing Scheme

An open invitation for Expressions of Interest is published for the provision of a sharing e-bike and e-scooter scheme in Wexford Town. The current scheme will continue to operate until the award of a supply and operations contract is in place following the procurement process.

## Gorey to Courtown Footpath

- Phase 1 Planting & Fencing completed recently.



- Phase 2 Ballinatrail Bridge (consultants completing a modelling assessment of a potential signalised shuttle system at the Ballinatrail Bridge).
- Phase 3 works Courtown side of Ballinatrail Bridge. (currently looking at design and costings).



## **Old Dublin Road, Enniscorthy**

A feasibility report on phase 1 (Urban) and phase 2 (Rural) with detailed costing was submitted to the NTA for consideration.

## **SPEED LIMIT REVIEW**

Implementation of the new 60km/h Default Speed Limits

The effective date for the implementation of Phase 1 of the 60km/hr default speed is 7th February 2025. Preparatory works are in place for this implementation date. Some signs may be covered until the effective date.

A local and national multi-platform media information and education campaign is active to publicise the new default speed. There will be an information point in County Hall and information posters will be posted in all Council offices/buildings.

## **ROAD SAFETY**

### **Just 1 Life**

Our joint Road Safety event in association with Wexford Rotary Club, Just 1 Life (J1L) is continuing with approximately 500 attendees from 5 Secondary Schools attending on the 21st January.

3 further J1L events are planned in February, March and April and all Elected Members are welcome to attend any of these event dates. Presentations include An Garda Siochana Roads Policing Unit, Wexford Fire Service, National Ambulance Service, HSE Accident and Emergency Staff and Wexford Mental Health Association.

The Just 1 Life programme is shortlisted for a LAMA award in the Best Community Category, and the winners will be announced in February.

## **PUBLIC LIGHTING**

### **LED Upgrade (Non-National Roads)**

Plans are in place to have public lighting fully upgraded to LED by the end of 2025.

### **Public Lighting Development Fund**

Due to energy savings from the LED upgrade programme, we are continuing to complete “infill” lighting programmes across all municipal districts.

Projects to be delivered in 2025 are in Kilmuckridge and Castlebridge Phase 2.

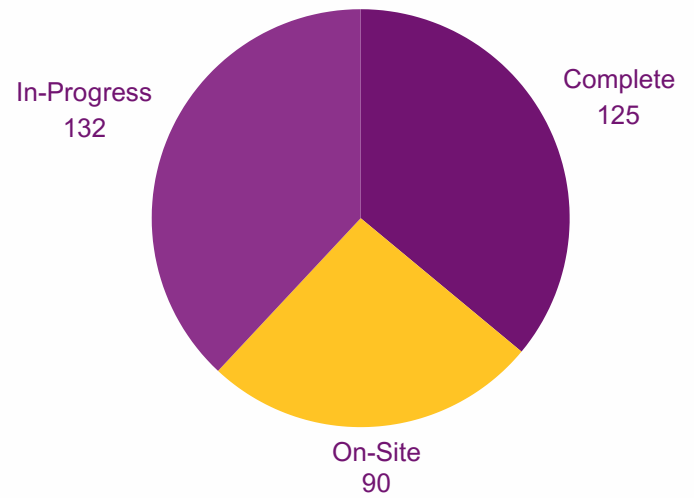
We have completed works on 2 streets in Castlebridge.

Smaller infill projects will continue in each district using our maintenance contractor.

# HOUSING CAPITAL - CAPITAL BUILD PROJECTS

Housing for All 2022 - 2026 SUMMARY	
Dwellings Complete 2022	48
Dwellings Complete 2023	23
Dwellings Complete 2024	54
Dwellings to Complete 2025	90
Dwellings to Complete 2026	132
Social & Affordable Housing Pipeline	434

**Construction Status**



## Dwellings Under Construction to complete in 2025 - Total 90

Creagh, Gorey	22 Units
Wexford Street, Gorey	30 Units
Tagoat, Rosslare	18 Units
Ramsfort Park, Gorey	20 Houses



## Funded Projects for delivery 2025 – 2026

Monomolin, Gorey	5	Ballygillane, Rosslare	5
Bullawn, New Ross	3	Grogans Road, Wexford	4
Rosbercon, New Ross	50	Killeens, Wexford	60
Adamstown, New Ross	3	Francis Street, Wexford	2
<b>Total 132</b>			

## HOUSING CAPITAL - CAPITAL BUILD PROJECTS CONT'D....

Projects in Design / Pipeline Social and Affordable Subject to Funding Approval			
Clonard, Wexford	57	Creagh, Gorey	24
Group TAP Housing	5	Castlemoyle, New Ross	75
Cluain Fada, New Ross	22	The Lyre, Enniscorthy	50
Bride Street, Wexford	3	St Walerans, Gorey	100
Lacken TAP	1	Park, Wexford	12
Kilmore Quay, Rosslare	12	Belvedere, Wexford	8
		Bunclody, Enniscorthy	65
<b>Total 434</b>			

## CAPITAL PROJECTS - Projects at Planning Stages

**Enniscorthy Town Centre & Tourism Project** - Preliminary design work on the Enniscorthy Castle Quarter project is ongoing. An initial concept design was presented at the December EMD meeting for review. Design enhancement is ongoing to incorporate feedback received from district members. It is planned to commence the Part 8 process in April 2025.

### **Forth Mountain Activity Park – Phase 2 - Activity Centre Building**

Tenders have been invited for the groundworks and civil works package. It is expected that works will commence in March 2025.

**Esmonde Street, Gorey** - A tender competition for a works contractor was published to Etenders in December 2024. Tenders are due in on February 5th. It is anticipated that construction will commence on-site in late March 2025.

**Enniscorthy Sports Hub** - A tender competition to procure a works contractor for the Sports Hub has been concluded. It is expected to make an appointment for a works contractor in February 2025.

**Adoration Convent Wexford** - A tender competition to appoint a works contractor was advertised in November 2024 with tenders received before Christmas. Tender assessment is ongoing, and it is intended to commence works on site in Q2 2025.

### **Gorey Relief Road, Ballytegan Avenue (St Waleran's Link Road)**

The Technical Consultancy Services Contract has been awarded to Fehily Timoney and Company for Stage (i) design services including development consent. A formal contract signing was held in Gorey on January 21st and preliminary design has commenced.

**Ballynagee Link Road** - A tender for the procurement of a consultant to undertake preliminary design and preparation of a Part 8 submission (subject to screening) was published in July 2024. Tenders have been assessed and contract award is imminent.

## CAPITAL PROJECTS - Projects at Planning Stages

**Gorey Market House** - A tender for the procurement of an architect led design team for detailed design, procurement and construction supervision services was published in December 2024. It is anticipated appointment will be made in Q1 2025.

**Enniscorthy Technology Park Phase 2** - The Technical Consultancy Services Contract has been awarded to Tobins for Stage (i) to (v) design services. Design work and site investigation will commence in Q1 2025.

**Enniscorthy Technology Park – IDA Advance Factory Building** - Tenders have been received for an architect-led design team to prepare a planning application for a proposed advance factory building in Enniscorthy Technology Park. Tender assessment is complete and Henry J Lyons has been awarded the contract.

**Dunbrody Centre Extension** - A tender for the procurement of a consultant to undertake Stage (i) to (v) design services for the extension of the Dunbrody Centre is being prepared. Tenders will be invited using an existing framework in early February 2025.

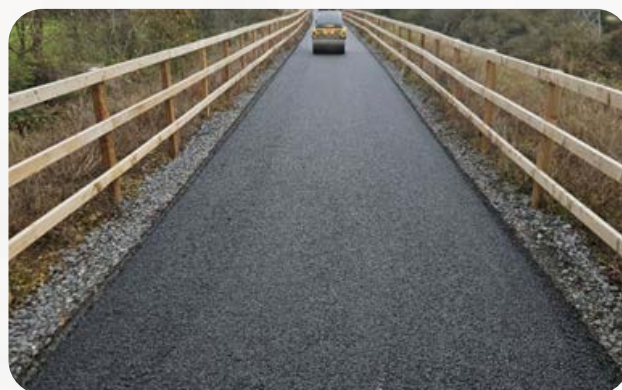
### **Mechanics Institute, Wexford**

Design and scoping is ongoing to invite tenders for internal renovation works, to bring the building back into use for community groups by Q4 2025.

## PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

**South East Greenway** - The works are nearing completion for Lot 5a, a 5.5 km section from Ferrybank to Curraghmore. A Stage 3 Road Safety Audit and some subsequent works will be required in advance of opening of that section. Opening of Lot 5A is also dependent on completion of an access ramp to the south of Abbey Road, which is part of the north Quays project. We understand that this ramp may not be completed until April 2025.

### **Construction Works at Kilmurray Ramp**



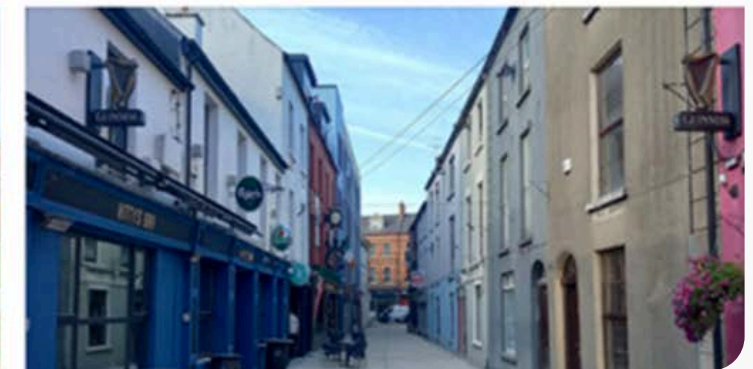
**Trinity Wharf** - We have placed the order with Irish Rail to construct the new level crossing, which will be required in advance of the next phase of development works commencing.

**Ferndale Gymnasium, Wexford** - Works are progressing on site with a target completion date of October 2025.

**Curracloe Water Sports Activity Facility** - The main contract works are progressing on site, with completion expected for Summer 2025

# Projects Delivered under the Economic & Community Development Programme

PROJECTS - DELIVERED		
2021	Forth Mountain Activity Park–Phase 1: Trails & Carpark	Enniscorthy Technological Park, Phase 1
2022	Old Dublin Road, Enniscorthy Active Travel, Phase 1	Gorey District Park
	Min Ryan Park	Wexford Arts Centre Extension
	Monck Street Enhancement Scheme	New Ross Fire Station
	High Hill Norman Gardens, New Ross	
2023	Southeast Greenway Rosbercon to Glenmore	Emigrants Park, New Ross
2024	Trinity Wharf Access Road	Oyster Lane Public Realm
	Dunbrody Famine Ship Experience Upgrade	Ferndale MUGA
	Murphy Floods Enabling Works	Mechanics Institute Essential Repairs



## Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS)

The new DRCD unit within Special Projects has taken over the administration of the ORIS scheme from the Environment Section. Environment will continue to provide support on the delivery of existing projects.

## COMMUNITY RECOGNITION FUND

COMMUNITY RECOGNITION FUND 2023 - Progress to date	
Total Fund	€1,509, 869.00
Total fund expenditure to date	€1,082,224.98 (incl. WCC Admin)
Works complete (20 projects)	74%
Works in progress (3 projects)	11%
To be started (4 projects – extension to 2025)	15%
Total fund claimed to Q3 2024 from Dept.	67%

COMMUNITY RECOGNITION FUND 2024 - Progress to date	
Total Fund	€1,703,377.0 (incl. WCC Admin.€85K)
Total of fund allocated to date Window 1	€798,291.00
Total fund expenditure to date	€166,096.22 (incl. WCC Admin)
Shortlisted Window 2 – September 2024	€241,996.00
Available Window 3 – January 2025	€577,921.15

### The following milestones have been achieved this period:

- Awaiting confirmation of 3 shortlisted projects from Window 2 from DRCD. Due by February.
- Final CRF24 Window 3 (Nov / Dec 2024) completed Deadline Friday 13th December. 52 new applications received. Previous applications are also still LIVE and will be reconsidered.
- DRCD have extended the deadline for national shortlist applications by Councils until end of February 2025. Final approval by DRCD projected to be March 2025.



**Enniscorthy Community Inter Agency Team** met on 8th January and had updates from the members, working groups (as below) and a presentation from Enniscorthy Community Alliance. Enniscorthy Community Inter Agency Team has a number of working groups who met on 7th January to discuss the delivery of specific priorities identified as below with progress being reported on all:

- Moving Around / Transport
- Communication
- Care and Maintenance (of estates & surrounding areas)
- Family Resource Centre – preliminary work on a FRC for Templeshannon

An informal ‘Coffee Morning’ has been arranged on 28th January for members of the Inter Agency Team to get to know each other in person.



Free **Teenage Gym Training classes** commenced in FDYS in Enniscorthy on 15th January in a newly set up gym. These classes will run over an 8 week period with students from local secondary schools and FDYS taking part. This project is funded by the Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme and is a collaboration with FDYS with training provided by fitness instructor Elaine Chapman. The project is targeted at young people who would not normally go to a gym and the aim is to give them the skills and confidence to do so in future and begin a new fitness regime.

A review of the **Taghmon Camross Community Car** for 2024 was carried out recently and found the project has grown from strength to strength. Almost 500 trips took place in 2024 with an average of 22 booking per week at present. Volunteers had a get together at Christmas to celebrate the success of the project which is completely volunteer run with drivers and administrators all from the local area.



**Maths and English grinds continue in Taghmon FRC** for Junior Cert and Leaving Cert students from Colaiste Abhain. The grinds will continue up to the end of the school year with additional revision classes planned for pre-exams. This initiative is a joint project between Taghmon FRC, Colaiste Abhain and Wexford County Council’s Slaintecare Healthy Communities Programme.



On 15th January the Slaintecare Healthy Communities Local Development Officer attended the FDYS Coolcotts **Green Beans Reusable bottles launch**, a youth lead climate justice project funded through the Youth Climate Justice Fund. Well done to all young people who took part in the project.

## HEALTHY WEXFORD

Much of the work of Healthy Wexford in January focused on progress and financial reporting request and compilation from funded partners in order to prepare the funding and progress reports required by Pobal in February.



This review process also involved planning for 2025, with requirements from Pobal to provide Activities Workplans and updated budgets for Healthy Ireland Funded Activity. Reporting preparation and funding applications for the Period Dignity project were also required in January, as were submissions to Climate Action plan activities and Wexford County Council Annual Reports.



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Our Healthy County Coordinator also presented on the remit and work of the Healthy County Committee and specifically the Mental Wellbeing Activity at the January Meeting of Wexford County Council.

## AGE FRIENDLY WEXFORD



**A walkability audit** was organised from the ARC Cinema Wexford Quay and the path parallel to it on 14th January 2025 by Age Friendly Wexford.

16 people were in attendance including a wheelchair user, a lady with a Visual Impairment and a Community Resource Worker from the Wexford Branch of Vision Ireland.

A number of observations were made on the day which will be collated into a report with the findings of the Walkability Audit on the Main Street and Selskar carried out in November 2024

Below is an example of the hazards faced by people daily.



Street furniture – including bins and sandwich boards all present as hazards for general pedestrian users and in particular anyone with a disability, visual or mobility issue.

## Funding Allocation of €434,507.00 from Sport Ireland 2025

Staffing	Eoin Farrell commenced as the New Ross Community Activity Hub Coordinator on 20th January.
Adapted Physical Activity Module	Sports Active Wexford delivered a 4-week adapted physical activity module to 20 transition year students from Gorey Educate Together Secondary School. 12 females and 8 males.
Safeguarding	1 x Safeguarding 1 Course took place in January with 19 participants, 13 female and 6 female.



**Eoin Farrell, New Ross Sports Hub Co Ordinator**

## ENVIRONMENT

### COASTAL MATTERS

**Fethard Harbour New Slipway and Beach Access** - The final public notice for foreshore consent was published in national and local newspapers on 4th December 2024. The period for comments and observations closed on 11th January 2025. The Department of Environment, Climate and Communications will now make their decision on the application.

**Beaches** - Grange Beach Cliff Stabilisation works started in Oct 2024. The beach access is temporarily closed until the works are completed in Q1 2025.

**Coast** - Seaview Coastal Protection and Beach Access, Kilmore: Total funding of €1.6m is now approved by the OPW. The contract was awarded to Stephen Byrne Plant Hire and Civil Engineering Contractors in October 2024 with works started in Jan 2025.

#### Septic Tank Inspections:

<b>NIP Grants 2025</b>	1 application Received	0 Grants Paid/Sent for payment	9 outstanding for review/documents due from 2025
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#### Court cases

- 3 Currently in the court system for failing to comply with Advisory Notices
- 9 cases closed prior to court hearing as works were already carried out.
- 11 cases over 4 years old closed. 54 other cases closed. 122 new inspections carried out.

#### Open Cases

Year	Number of inspections	Pass	Fail	Outstanding	Closed in 2025
2017	154	62	92	5	0
2018	150	51	99	1	0
2019	156	48	108	5	0
2020	111	38	12	3	0
2021	91	24	67	9	2
2022	139	50	89	8	0
2023	123	54	69	24	1
2024	122	36	86	60	2

#### No of Verification Inspections

2024 - Verification Inspection = 58

2025 - Verification Inspections = 5

**Agriculture** - Wexford County Council continues to undertake a significant number of farm inspections in accordance with the WFD. Wexford County Council engage with landowners to undertake the necessary rectifications works through encouragement of improvement of farming infrastructure and farming practices.

Section 12 & 23 notices under the Local Government Water Pollution Act 1977-1990 were served upon farms where major non compliance are observed and cross reported to DAFM.

Under the National Agricultural Inspection Programme, Wexford County Council carried out a total of 169 farm inspections throughout the county concentrating in areas where water quality was most at risk of not meeting its objectives under the WFD.

In 2025, Wexford County Council will be required, under the NAIP, to carry out 270 GAP inspections where a team of 4 Assistant Scientists take on this role lead by the Agricultural Scientist in the Environment Section.

A total of 108 Agricultural related Planning Permission Applications were received in 2024 highlighting the continued investment in Wexford Agriculture and maintaining compliance with Good Agricultural Practice Regulations.

## Court Overview

Month	No. of cases heard	Outcome	LITTER	WASTE	Water	Air	Noise
January	5	Total fines	€350	€1325	NA	NA	NA
		Total costs	€250	€1225	NA	NA	NA

## Waste Management

YEAR	Dumping Incidents Reported	% Increase/Decrease	Community Clean Ups	% Increase/Decrease
2023	2461	up 11%	1054	Up 3%
Jan-Dec 2024	2389	Down 7%	1021	Down 3%

All environmental complaints are logged by the Customer Service Unit on the DASH CRM system. **The total figures for complaints received are as follows:**

	Jan to Dec 2020	Jan to Dec 2021	Jan to Dec 2022	Jan to Dec 2023	Jan – Dec 2024	Jan 2025
<b>Incidents</b>	4998	5136	3896	4235	4196	376
<b>Closed</b>	4997	5133	3702	3890	3552	185
<b>Closure Rate</b>	99%	99%	95%	92%	85%	49%

**Control of Dogs & Horses** - The Council employs one full-time Dog Warden and one part-time Dog Warden. The main pound is Pets First Kennels, Ballycarney, Co Wexford.

Control of dogs	2021 (to 31-12-21)	2022	2023	Jan – Dec 2024
Dogs collected	429	546	575	564
Dogs reclaimed	133	117	128	147
Dogs re-homed/transferred	267	370	404	442
Dogs put to sleep	29	51	38	31
Dog Fines	18	21	14	11

There are now 27 registered Dog Breeding Establishments with several applications on hand awaiting inspection.

- To date 12 Certs of Exemption for XL Bullies have been approved out of 44 applications.
- No XL Bullies were PTS humanely in 2024 in Co. Wexford and none so far in 2025. Two Pitbulls were PTS humanely in 2024 out 31 dogs PTS (607 dogs in Pound 2024 – 5.5% PTS). Wexford has the busiest Pound Kennels in the country for over 10 years (most dogs in the Pound are Collie crosses/Labrador crosses/ Terrier crosses young dogs abandoned by their owners).
- The exact number of XL Bullies in Co. Wexford is not known. We will only know the number of XL Bullies who receive exemptions. Most people license their dogs as Bull Terriers, Mastiff Cross, Pit Bull Cross or by some other description not usually as XL Bullies. The Regulations were only enacted in September 2024.

#### **Environment Education and Awareness:**

Our aim is to promote awareness and active participation in a range of environmental initiatives.

**Green Schools:** All schools due to renew their green flag will receive a renewal assessment visit. Communication with renewal schools is ongoing. Visits must be completed by 28th March.

**Trees for Wexford:** All 127 approved voluntary groups have been notified of collection dates for trees / hedging. They will be available for collection by groups from Holmestown on Friday 7th and Saturday 8th February. In total 9,745 trees / hedging will be distributed under the scheme.

**Picker Pals Programme:** Engagement continues for the 10 primary schools funded for the academic year 2024/2025.

**Composting in Schools Programme:** We will continue to support secondary schools who are participating in the Composting in Schools Programme for 2025.

**National Spring Clean:** Registrations with An Taisce have opened for National Spring Clean which takes place during the month of April.

**Community Clean Ups:** Registrations and support for community clean ups continue.

Date	No. of Community Clean Ups
01/01/25 – 30/01/25	89
01/01/24 – 31/12/24	1021

## RECYCLING SERVICES:

Bring Bank Network WASTE CATEGORY	No. of Sites December 2024	Recycling out (End December) 2023 (t)	Recycling out (End December) 2024 (t)
Glass bottles		3576	3624
Aluminium Cans		91	54
Total	108	3667	3678

Household Recycling Centres - Summary of Activities								
WASTE CATEGORY	Enniscorthy		New Ross		Holmestown		Gorey	
	Recycling out Jan-dec 2023 (t)	Recycling out Jan-dec 2024 (t)	Recycling out Jan-Dec 2023 (t)	Recycling out Jan-Dec 2024(t)	Recycling out Jan- DEC2023(t)	Recycling out Jan- DEC 2024(t)	Recycling out Jan- dec 2023(t)	Recycling out Jan- dec 2024(t)
<b>Total Recycling out</b>	609	<b>633</b>	657	<b>667</b>	793	<b>935</b>	496	524
Total Domestic Waste in	N/A	<b>N/A</b>	N/A	<b>N/A</b>	3235	<b>3512</b>	N/A	<b>N/A</b>
Daily Average Customers Jan-Dec	2023	<b>2024</b>	2023	<b>2024</b>	2023	<b>2024</b>	2023	<b>2024</b>
	81	<b>88</b>	117	<b>114</b>	122	<b>124</b>	159	<b>85</b>

**Rapid Response Crew** - Our Rapid Response Crew operates out of Holmestown, with a four-man crew servicing Enniscorthy and Gorey MD's and a second six-man crew servicing Wexford and New Ross and Rosslare MD's.

Their headline activities for year to date are summarised below:

Activity	To end December 2023	December 2024	To end December 2024	% +/-
<b>Total Illegal Dumping/ Clean Ups</b>	<b>2,359</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>2,794</b>	<b>+18.4%</b>
<i>Gorey *</i>		41		
<i>Enniscorthy *</i>		53		
<i>Wexford *</i>		21		
<i>New Ross*</i>		34		
<i>Rosslare</i>		17		
<b>Total Bring Site Inspections</b>	<b>9,851</b>	<b>815</b>	<b>9,433</b>	<b>-4.2%</b>

## ENVIRONMENT cont'd

### CLIMATE ACTION

All Local Authorities were given notice from the Climate Action regional Office that the period for collection of data for the Climate Action Plan was from the date of adoption of the plan up to the end of 2024. All staff responsible for actions in the plan were requested to update the progress on that action up to 31st December 2024. Ten KPIs in relation to resourcing and Severe Weather events are collected directly on behalf of the CCMA in conjunction with CARO. The progress on the 133 actions in the Wexford County Council Plan was collated. The status, start and completion dates for each action was reported on. It was also reported whether the action was recurring during the lifetime of the Plan. A report will be provided on the progress for 2024.



An information event for The “House on the Beach” project at Rosslare was held on Saturday 25th January. The Artists, academics from Trinity College Dublin and members of the Climate Action team were in attendance to provide an insight into the proposal and answer questions on the project.

Discussions are underway with Energy Cloud on running a pilot project in the Enniscorthy DZ which will see surplus renewable energy used to help tackle fuel poverty. The goal of the project is to reduce renewable energy wastage and instead divert it for social good to heat hot water in fuel poor homes.

### COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION PROGRAMME

The 16 successful projects have commenced works, with six groups having completed significant elements of their projects. The second round of the Programme is expected in 2025.

#### **Sustainable Energy Communities (SEC)**

New Ross SEC held their first event on 30<sup>th</sup> January, focusing on energy upgrade grants for businesses. The “Business Energy Seminar” was held in the Dunbrody Famine Ship Centre with over 40 attendees from the business community. Various grant schemes were explained by the Local Enterprise Office and the South East Energy Agency. The New Ross SEC are planning further events in the coming months to promote grant awareness with homeowners and community groups.



#### **Biodiversity**

The Biodiversity Officer is bringing together a Biodiversity Working Group, made up of stakeholders representing organisations from across the county, to develop a new Local Biodiversity Action Plan for County Wexford. This plan will provide a structured approach to biodiversity conservation at a local authority level. It will outline the objectives and actions needed to protect and enhance biodiversity within County Wexford.



# LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & ARTS

## LIBRARY VISITS SHOW LARGE INCREASE IN 2024

Twenty twenty four was a very busy year for Wexford Library Service. Visits to libraries in County Wexford visits **increased by 64,000** from 2023 to 2024.

Ebook Eaudio-books and e-newspapers issues very strong with 169,544 downloads in 2024.

### Local Studies

Wexford library had 8 local studies enquiries and 10 genealogy enquiries in January.

## COMMUNITY AND CULTURE

### Wexford Library and Archive Service joins Digital Repository of Ireland

Wexford Library and Archive Service has joined the Digital Repository of Ireland. The Digital Repository of Ireland (DRI) is a certified trustworthy digital repository that provides long-term preservation and access to Ireland's social and cultural digital data. The repository is funded by the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science (DFHERIS) via the Higher Education Authority (HEA).

Digitised material from the Wexford Library and Archive collections will be uploaded and archived to the DRI website so that it will be accessible to all. This will enable the preservation of Wexford materials for years to come and ensure that these materials are available to researchers and the public in Ireland and around the world.



### Nollaig na mBan Monday 6th January

Wexford Branch marked Nollaig na mBan with a Cool Hand Ukes music session. Gorey Library celebrated with a special Nollaig na mBan coffee and craft session.

### Grúpa Comhrá Gaeilge / Irish Conversation Group Relaunch Event – New Ross

The group is open to everyone regardless of their language proficiency, highlighting the opportunity to learn the language, help others, and share ideas on strengthening the Irish Language Group. There was a great response with many participants expressing interest in attending regularly. 21 attended.

### Vision Ireland Group (formerly NCBI) Visit

Vision Ireland Group, with facilitator Regina Champion, visited Wexford Library for library information on technology and eResources in order to assist with a book club set up. 22 attended.

## HERITAGE

### **St Brigid's Day**

This craft session along with a talk with artist and ecologist Monica Fleming on the old traditions associated with St Brigid's Day took place in the New Ross Branch. 21 attended.

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## INTEGRATION

### **Drop-in Information Service**

Wexford Branch continued to host the Drop-in Information Service for new residents of Wexford. This is provided by the Local Authorities Integration Team.

### **Services to Ukrainian Nationals**

Friday (10th, 24th, & 31st January) at 10.30am-12pm Wexford Branch facilitated Ukraine English Classes with Wexford Town Friends of Ukraine. These weekly group meetings and English language classes are facilitated by volunteer tutors. 13 attended.

On Monday 20th January the branch hosted a Ukrainian meeting to discuss curriculum with Ukrainian students with tutor Louisa Glynn. 8 attended.

Saturday 25th January at 11am-3.00pm Wexford Branch hosted the Neurographic Art Therapy session for Ukrainian adults facilitated by Wexford Local Development. 7 attended.

## IT LITERACY

### **Age Friendly Digital Literacy classes with the WWETB.**

These continued in New Ross Library every Monday and Tuesday over January for adults struggling with digital skills. 21 attended in January. Courses were also provided in Wexford Library during the month. The first of a 15-week digital skills class under the tutelage of WWETB commenced in January in Enniscorthy Library.

### **Age Action Age Equality 1 to 1 Digital Skills Sessions**

Over 3 Thursdays, Age Action Age Equality held 1 to 1 Digital Skills sessions in Wexford Branch. 25 attended.

### **Digital Ambassador Drop In Clinic Bunclody Branch**

In this clinic participants learned how to familiarise themselves with digital devices (phone, tablet, laptop etc.) and were informed of the range of online resources accessible through the library. 5 attended.

**Windmill Therapeutic Training Unit** – for adults with mild to moderate intellectual disability attended self-guided Touch Type Read Spell classes in Wexford Library weekly on Monday mornings. 36 students attended.

## **HEALTH AND WELL BEING**

Foraging and Food for Health and Wellbeing with Gráinne Kenneally Quirke from Elderberry Farm was held in Enniscorthy Branch.

Irish Heart Foundation, Workshop, High-Risk Prevention of heart disease and stroke continued in Enniscorthy Branch in January.

## **ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE ACTION**

### **Environment**

Coastline Biodiversity talk with Thérèse from Seashore Explore –A fascinating talk on the incredible variety of life along our coastline took place in New Ross Library. 22 attended.

### **Energy Advice Clinic with South East Energy Bunclody Library**

An Energy Engineer from South East Energy held an energy advice clinic in the library. Personalised advice on home energy efficiency or upgrades was given along with advice on insulation, heating systems, and reducing energy bills. 6 attended.

### **Climate Fresk Workshop Wexford Branch**

This is a way to learn about the climate crisis by playing a game using 42 cards and building a sort of mind-map (Fresk) on a table as a group. This way of learning allows the group to figure out the causes and consequences themselves and how the parts of a whole interact with each other. 8 attended

### **Wexford Science Cafe**

In the Wexford Branch, the Science Café discussed Work and Study Opportunities in Science. The discussion was aimed at providing guidance to school students who are considering these options. 34 attended.

## **READING AND LITERACY: RIGHT TO READ AT YOUR LIBRARY**

### **STEM Workshop for children Enniscorthy Library**

Enniscorthy library held a craft STEM workshop using 3D Pens to transform static sketches into fun animations. AI brought colouring pages to life using Augmented Reality apps. STEM activities offer young people a creative and educational outlet where they can explore, express themselves, and develop essential skill.

## SCHOOLS

Visits from school groups to all libraries in the County recommenced in January. Class visits include activities like tours, book selection, IT demos, curriculum support etc. During January English as an Additional language students, children from ASD units, early intervention students and special school classes all attended branch libraries.

Wexford Branch held two sessions of The Vikings History Presentation in January. Two 4th classes from CBS Primary School attended these sessions with 54 students in total. CBS also attended The Normans History Presentation for Primary Schools during January. 27 students attended



### Third Level & WWETB.

SETU Early Childhood Education visited for an information session and tour of the library with a focus on educational resources. 12 attended.

Students from the “Understanding and assisting children with additional needs” class visited for a tour of the STAR collection for. 12 attended.

## ARCHIVES

### Collections management

In addition to 29 research enquiries via email, telephone and post, five researchers visited the Archive during January. Research topics included the influence of the Catholic hierarchy in Ireland during the revolutionary period (1919-23); burials in the old graveyard, Clongeen (1800s-1950s); research on the Royal Irish Constabulary in County Wexford during the War of Independence (1919-23); research on the location of a lane used by locals in the early-mid 1920s leading to their homes in Tara Hill and Ballincarrig, Gorey; Church of Ireland burials in the Wexford Conservative issues, 1860-68.

### Acquisition

An important cartographic artefact was deposited in the Archive during the month. Surveyed by James Carty, land surveyor in 1812, the large map executed in pencil and watercolours details the extensive property of Villiers Hatton in Wexford town (an Irish Whig MP for County Wexford). The houses and streets across the town are numbered/named and the lessees of each property named. Hatton’s town property portfolio includes houses in Bride Street, Gibson’s Lane, Keyser’s Lane, Cornmarket, Main Street, Patrick Street, Selskar and Slaney Street.

As an important land record for the early 19th century in Wexford town. the map will be taken out of its frame, professionally cleaned and subsequently digitised for online access.



## Westgate Heritage Centre Arts Space – Music Rehearsal space open

Management of Westgate Heritage Centre and adjacent computer centre was taken over by the Arts Office to be used as artists workspaces. The venue has been for hire for Pop Up exhibitions and other events from the end of November. A Music Rehearsal Space in the Heritage Centre opened for bookings in January 2025. Heritage tours continue to access the space. See music rehearsal space below.



## **INTERNATIONAL RESIDENCY OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Centre Culturel Irlandais Paris (CCI)**

Wexford County Council Arts Office is delighted to be partnering with CCI Paris again in 2025 to support another funded artist residency for a Wexford based artist in Paris. Residencies of 1 to 3 months will be awarded for the period September 2025 - December 2026. This opportunity closed on Tuesday 14 January 2025. It was open to artists across all artforms.

## **NATIONAL RESIDENCY AND FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

### **ArtLinks Emerging and Professional Bursary Awards**

Artlinks Wexford received a record number of applicants from 54 artists across all disciplines for this year's open call. ArtLinks comprises the partner counties of Carlow, Kilkenny, Waterford and Wexford local authorities. The Professional and Emerging ArtLinks Bursary Awards 2025 opened in December 2024. These Awards are designed to support artists to develop their practice by providing them with the time and resources to think, research, reflect and critically engage with their art. The Art forms which ArtLinks support are Architecture, Circus, Dance, Film, Literature, Music, Opera, Street Arts, Theatre, Traditional Arts, Visual Arts.

### **Artist in the Community Programme 2025**

This Open Call was issued on Monday 27th January 2025 to all community groups that are members of Wexford Public Participation Network (WPPN) and/ or community groups of place and interest, that are interested in working on an arts project with an artist from the Artist in the Community Artists Panel. This artist's panel comprises 32 professional artists based in county Wexford who work in a wide variety of art forms and have experience of engaging with communities. The maximum award is €3,000 in match-funding. A further strand is available which supports a max of one collaboration between two or more artists on the Artist in the Community Panel with a community group on art projects up to a maximum fund of €5,000 per project. Deadline is the 3rd March 2025.

### **Artist Workspace Scheme 2025**

An Artist Workspace Scheme opened at the end of January 2025 and offers funding to support professional artists to access suitable and flexible workspaces to develop their arts practices. The workspaces must accommodate at least two professional artists or artist collectives who are proposing to share resources for the benefit of their arts practices. Applications are welcome from artists working in all art forms. Grants will be available in the region of €3,000 per application and must accommodate at least two artists sharing a building or part of a building for their workspaces. Grants of up to €5,000 may be awarded to applications involving three or more artists taking a lease on a building. Deadline is the 7th March 2025.

### **Tyrone Guthrie Centre Residency Award**

Two Wexford based artists will be selected from any art form to spend two weeks at the Tyrone Guthrie Centre at Annaghmakerrig, the artists' workplace in County Monaghan. Each bursary covers all board and lodging expenses for a one-week period, plus the use of a studio depending on art form, and a stipend of €300 towards expenses. This opportunity opened for applications in late November and closed on the 28th January 2025.

## **ROOTS FOR THE FUTURE – CLIMATE ARTIST ASSEMBLY**

Wexford Arts Office was awarded an Arts Council 'Invitation to collaboration' Research grant of €30,000 to research the development of a national Climate Arts Assembly for 2025/2026. The aim of this assembly is to understand, promote and pioneer methodologies within the arts and culture sector that are instrumental in shifting behaviour change around climate adaptation and mitigation.

This research is being led by an arts collective called 'Roots for the future' with 5 partner local authorities including Offaly, Clare, Cavan, Galway and Kilkenny. The research phase took place in 2024 and involved artists residencies in each county. The research findings from all the residences were presented in December to the Climate Action Team and creatives from Wexford in the Cow House Studios and then to the public in the Project Arts Centre, Dublin.

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### **Wexford Cultural Companions**

This is a partnership between the Communities Department, Age Friendly co-ordinator and Sláinte Care and aims to create a network of adults of all ages interested in arts and culture who can form a group to attend cultural and arts events around Wexford. The initiative was set up to help against social exclusion and loneliness throughout the County.

### **County Collection Art Tour**

Wexford Arts Office hosted the Cultural Companions on a tour of the art collection at County Hall on January 15th. 16 people from the network were in attendance.

### **Creative Places Enniscorthy (CPE)**

CPE is a 3-year Arts Council funded initiative in partnership with Wexford Arts Centre, Wexford Arts Office and Enniscorthy Municipal District seeking to embed creativity into Enniscorthy.

### **Light Up Enniscorthy – First Fortnight Festival**

This photography project took place with photographer Louise Scally for local young people from FDYS to create their own photographs. On the 11th and 12th of January these images were projected on the Templeshannon Community Centre.

### **Screen Wexford**

An arts office, economic dept initiative to support the development of the film / screen industry in Wexford.

### **Crew Network Morning**

This meeting took place for crew members around Wexford on 31st January at the festival room in the Wexford Opera House.

### **Music Generation Wexford**

This is an ongoing partnership between Wexford County Council, WWETB and Music Generation supporting performance music education countywide for young people in 25 schools and a variety of youth work contexts.



## **Coláiste an Átha | Ukulele Workshops**

Music Generation Wexford held a planning meeting with Coláiste an Átha secondary school in Kilmuckridge on the 13th January to confirm details of ukulele workshops for first, second, and third year students. The workshops will take place over a four-week period starting mid-January and will be led by musician educators John Colbert and Karen Dunbar. The aim of the workshops is to enhance their playing skills and instill confidence in their performance abilities.

## **The Bunclody Music Hub |Wexford Windjammers & HFC Youth band**

On the 15th January students from the after school music programmes in The Bunclody Music Hub and the Wexford Windjammers & HFC Youth band resumed classes. There are currently have over 80 students in The Bunclody Music Hub and over ten members of the Wexford Windjammers. There were approximately ten new sign-ups across both after school programmes in January.

## **Schools Programmes 2025**

On the 6th January all Music Generation Wexford programmes in schools resumed for the new year. Music Generation Wexford are currently in 17 different primary schools across the county delivering instrumental classes which include ukulele, brass and wind (trumpet, French horn, trombone, flute, clarinet), percussion, strings, guitar, and whole class singing. The addition of new schools to the programme are currently in development.

## **CREATIVE IRELAND**

### **Irish Language Projects**

The Creative Ireland Programme at Wexford County Council has invested in six projects that, through creativity, promote the love and use of the Irish language across the county. Taking a community-centered approach, the projects will encourage meaningful interactions with the language and promote confidence of its use at all levels.

Selected through an open call, the six projects include: workshops and performances for community groups in the north and south of the county that explore the Irish language through foraging, poetry and song; a story telling project that invites young people to contribute to a new Irish language story for radio; two Irish language editions of Stephen James Smith's spoken word night So Say So; and a programme that upskills artists from a variety of disciplines to integrate the Irish language into their work, concluding in performances and presentations for Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann. The projects will take place throughout 2025.

### **Redmond Park Commission**

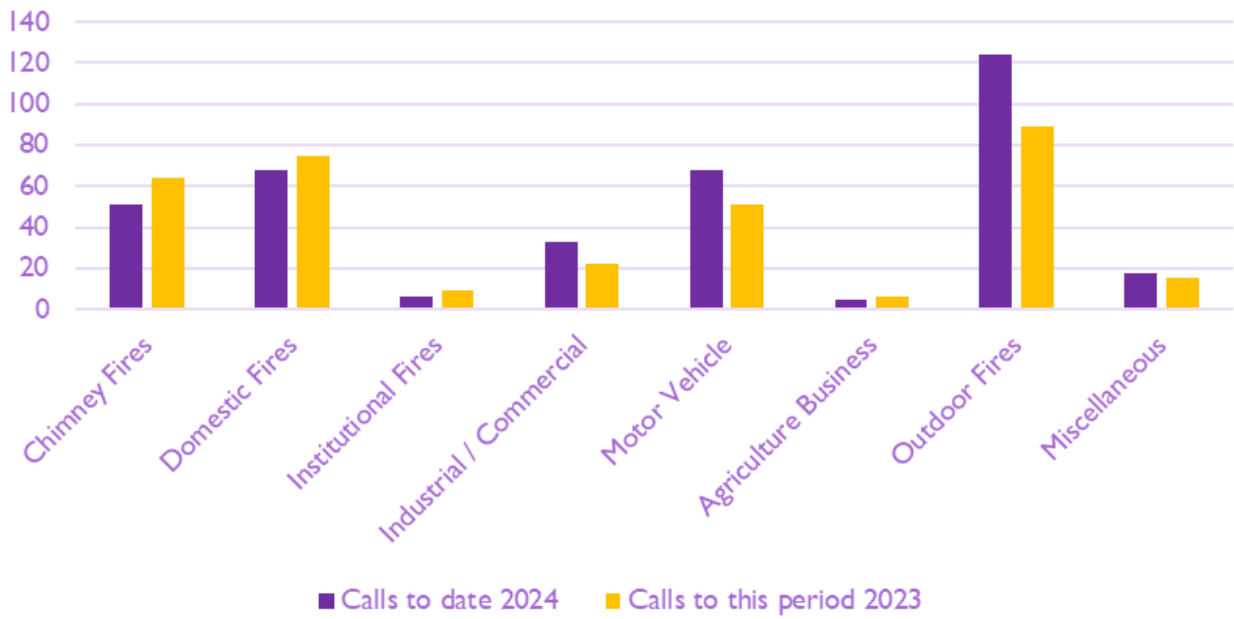
Creative Ireland Wexford has collaborated with the Climate Action Team and the manager of Wexford Town Municipal District on a biodiversity and social cohesion project in Redmond Park. Wexford-based artist Mayumi Nakabayashi has been awarded the commission and plans a number of workshops and activities in the park throughout 2025.

### **To the Power of Three – the Creative Ireland Shared Island project**

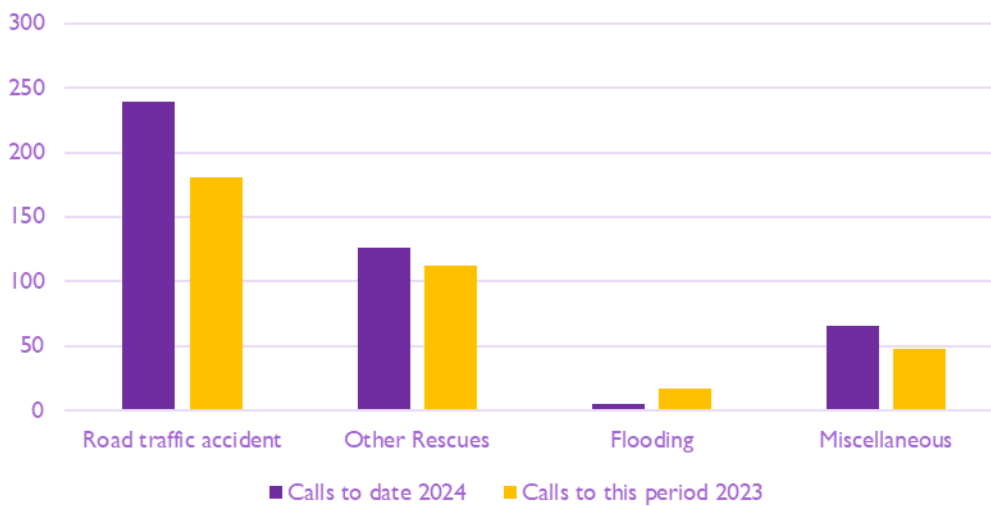
Five young people from Enniscorthy travelled to the MAC in Belfast for the Youth Arts Panel of the Shared Island Project on the 18th January. The presentation Arts Centre also hosted workshops for the young people led by Anita Petry and Fintan Kelly local creatives on the 13th January.

# WEXFORD FIRE SERVICES

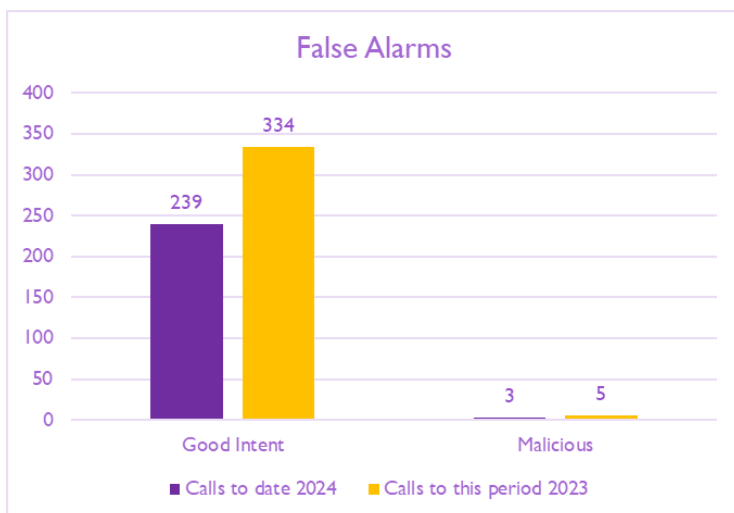
## Call Statistics - Wexford Fire Service



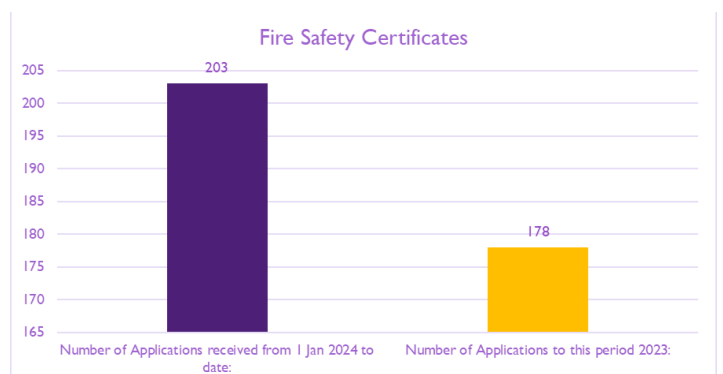
## Special Services - Wexford Fire Service



## False Alarms



## Fire Safety Certificates

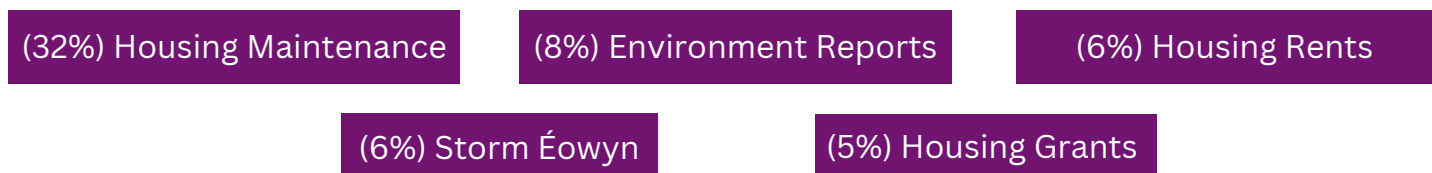


# CORPORATE SERVICES

## Customer Service Unit Statistics – January 2025

Task	January 2025
Phone Calls	3,533
Emails (Received & Sent)	3,188

## Top 5 CSU Phone Queries



## FOI OFFICE REQUESTS January 2025

Type	Number
Freedom of Information	9
Customer Complaint	17
Ombudsman Complaint	0
Access to Information on the Environment	0
Data Access Request	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>

## THE LOCAL INTEGRATION TEAM

The LAIT held 14 clinics in the community in January meeting individuals and families to support them with their needs.

**Interagency Work** - The LAIT held a joint workshop held with Tusla in The Dock BOTP Centre in Rosslare for 14 participants focusing on family support, parenting and childcare.

In conjunction with Cultural Companions and the Arts Office, a group from Wexford Women's IPAS Centre was brought to Art Event in Wexford County Council where they toured the permanent art collection.

Continuing the roll out of the NBK survival training workshops on mental health and resilience for those living in IPAS, the LAIT held a workshop in Slaney Manor and was attended by 24 women. It was a resounding success and feedback from the participants was very positive. Three more workshops will be delivered in February.

**IRPP** - Two families moved into homes in Co. Wexford in January. The children from both families have started school and the families are settling in to their new communities.

The next meeting of the Community Integration Forum is on the 17th February 2025.

The next meeting of the IRPP Working Group is on the 12th February 2025.

## UKRAINIAN RESPONSE UNIT

### Accommodation

The team continue to place displaced Ukrainian families who are Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection Orders (BOTP's) in properties across Wexford, in both rural and urban areas.

Pledge Type	Number of Properties	Number of People Placed
Offer a Home	284	874
Irish Red Cross	34	110

The Offer A Home scheme runs until 31st March 2025. A decision on whether the newly formed Government will extend the scheme is expected in February.

*Numbers of pledged properties and people placed by pledge type, source Ukraine Support Team, 28/01/25 – Offer A Home website/IRC Tracker*

### Ukraine Refurbishment Programme

Four properties are open and operational. Two further properties are open and awaiting the arrival of residents.

Name	Occupancy	Capacity
Carne Accommodation Centre, Carne	64	68
Unity Court, Wexford	33	57
Michael Street, Wexford	14	19
Borromount Lodge, Enniscorthy	1	37
Rafter Street, Enniscorthy	0	15
Ryland Road, Bunclody	0	21

Eddie Taaffe

## FINANCE REPORT Q3

**Annual Financial Statement 2024** - Work will be commencing on the preparation of the 2024 Accounts shortly once all transactions for 2024 have been updated to the financial management system. The preparation of the annual accounts will take a number of months to complete but it is expected that the Council will meet the submission deadline of the end of March.

**Audit Committee/Audit** - Following their meeting with the Local Government Auditor in December the Audit Committee will prepare their annual reports in accordance with Section 60 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014, for consideration by the Council. It is expected that the report will be included on the agenda for the February Meeting of the Council.

**Cash Flow/Overdraft** - Ministerial Sanction is in place for borrowing by way of overdraft in the amount of €15m to 31st December 2025.

# COMMUNICATIONS

Following a cold start to the new year Storm Éowyn kept us busy with more weather warnings. We also have new job opportunities being posted this month.

**Status RED wind warning**



**Storm Éowyn**  
**03:00 - 10:00 Friday 24/01**  
**Highly Dangerous Conditions**  
**Stay At Home / Shelter in Place**



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**Wexford County Council Offices will be closed tomorrow, Friday the 24th of January**

**This includes Municipal District Offices, Libraries and Civic Amenity Sites**

**The Council phone line 053-9196000 will be operational at all times throughout the storm period**



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**Storm Éowyn!! - Clean up 26/01/2025.**



**Before** **After**

**With ongoing strong Winds, please be vigilant of further debris on our roads today & tomorrow!!**



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**Have you been affected by Storm ÉOWYN?**

**LOCAL Humanitarian Assistance Measures**

**Have you been affected by power outages in the wake of Storm Éowyn?**

- Phone charging facilities** are available at any Wexford County Council office in the county during office hours, this includes public libraries and district offices.
- Shower facilities** are available in the Apex Swimming Pool, New Ross; Wexford Swimming Pool and the Waterfront Swimming Pool in Enniscorthy.

**Queries on local assistance measures may be directed to:**  
[community@wexfordcoco.ie](mailto:community@wexfordcoco.ie) or call 05391 96000

Information on power outages is available at [www.powercheck.esbnetworks.ie](http://www.powercheck.esbnetworks.ie) and queries on restoration should be directed to ESB Networks.



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**We are hiring!**

**Dog Warden**  
**Traffic Warden**  
**Craftworker (Mechanic)**

Closing date for receipt of completed application forms for the above posts is:  
**5.00 pm on Thursday 6th February, 2025**



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**We are hiring!**

**Mobile Library Van Driver/Assistant**

Closing date for receipt of completed application forms for this post is:  
**5.00 pm on Thursday, 20th February, 2025**

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**Civil Technician Grade II**  
**Senior Executive Librarian**

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The Rocks in Wexford town has been named the best urban neighbourhood in the country at the prestigious Pride of Place community awards.

Consisting of Maudlintown and the surrounding areas, The Rocks was commended for its “strong partnerships” and “inclusivity” with judges also impressed by its close working relationship with Wexford County Council (WCC).

**Eddie Taaffe**  
**Chief Executive**