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**TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE COMERAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

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**ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATE REPORT**

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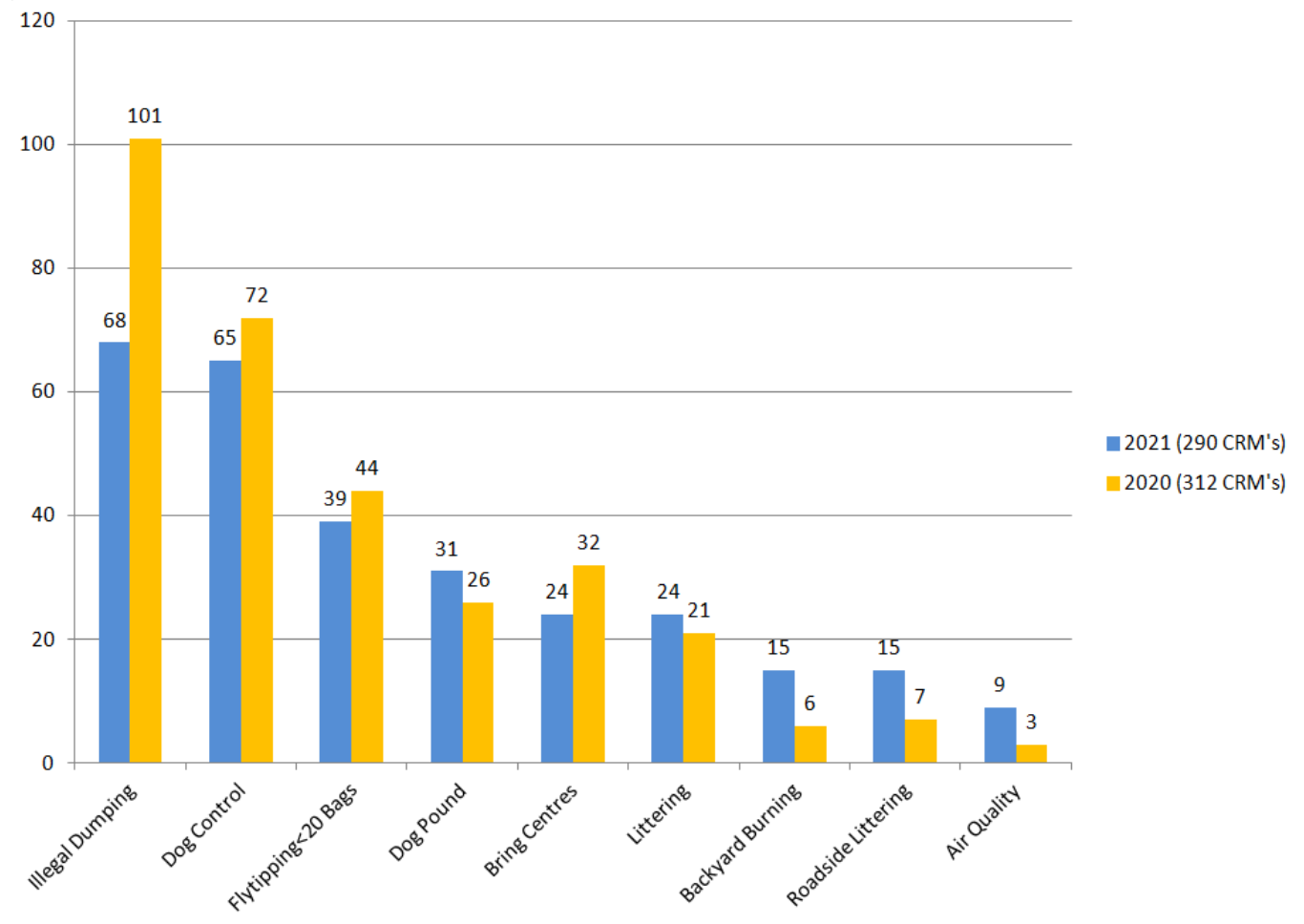
**General Environment Enforcement**

Environmental Inspectors continue to investigate and monitor illegal waste issues, littering, fly-tipping and illegal signage and issued litter fines where evidence of an offence is available.

Members of the public are encouraged to contact the local authority to report all incidents of illegal dumping or littering by using the following telephone number: 0818 10 20 20.

**CRM Activity**

The following graph shows a comparison of the top categories of CRM cases recorded by the Environment Dept. in the Comeragh area in the period from January to December in the years 2020 & 2021. Environmental Inspectors continue to investigate complaints received and monitor illegal waste issues, littering, fly-tipping and illegal signage and issued litter fines where offences are detected. The Waterford City & County Councils Dog Warden continues to investigate all control of dogs issue throughout the City & County.



## **Environmental Education & Awareness**

### **Litter**

We continue to receive requests for clean up materials and collection of litter. Waterford City & County Council offers assistance throughout the year for groups/individuals who volunteer to clean up litter and illegally dumped waste from their local environs e.g. approach roads, local beauty spots, beaches and general public areas.

### **Waste prevention**

Workshops continue to be offered online for the moment. A workshop on the topic of how to have a sustainable Christmas took place on November 29<sup>th</sup> with discussion on food waste prevention, recycling and reducing packing at Christmastime taking place alongside a demonstration on how to make a Christmas wreath from your garden materials. This event was fully booked.

There are still a few places left on the a 5-week interactive Sustainable Gardening Course for community groups or individuals interested in reducing their impact on the environment, beginning in January. Topics covered include reducing your waste, growing your own vegetables, planting for pollinators, alternative to chemicals and much, much more. A place can be requested at <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/sustainable-gardening-course-waterford-city-county-council-registration-201968442047>

Funding has been received from the EPA for a water station at each of the 5 Blue Flag beaches in Co. Waterford. The contract has been awarded for the installation of these water stations and it is expected that they will be in place before the beginning of the summer. These water stations will enable beachgoers to refill a water bottle instead of using and disposing of single use plastic bottles.

### **Home Energy Saving Kits**

Home Energy Saving Kits will be available to loan from Libraries from the New Year. The kit contains five tools and practical exercises to help save energy at home. The kit includes a user manual, thermal leak detector, plug-in energy monitor, temperature and humidity meter, radiator key, stopwatch and fridge/freezer thermometer.

### **Schools**

Workshops have been taking place online with secondary schools, on a number of topics, from litter and recycling to fast fashion and waste prevention.

### **Website**

Environmental Information continues to be added to the Environment section of the Waterford City & County Council website which can be found at [www.waterfordcouncil.ie](http://www.waterfordcouncil.ie)