

**DO: GACH BALL DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH DHÚN GARBHÁN/LEASA MHÓIR
TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DUNGARVAN/LISMORE**

Economic Development Report March 2023

1. Rural Economic Development: Towns & Villages

Town Village Streetscape Enhancement Measure 2022 – Tallow

Further to the successful granting of funds under the Town Village Streetscape Enhancement Measure for Tallow in 2022. Letters of Offer have now been issued to all qualified applicants. All the grant funding of €100,000.00 has been allocated towards funding grants. Applicants will have until 31st July 2023 to complete all proposed works.

2. Trails

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) 2023.

- Will shortly be preparing applications under ORIS 2023 for submission later in the year. Will be engaging with stakeholders, community groups and trail development groups in this regard.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) 2022.

The following ORIS 2022 projects due to commence during 2023:

- Mocollop Walks, Ballyduff – Installation of new Trail signage in collaboration with Coillte and local community: Measure 1.
- St. Declan’s Way – continued trail development in collaboration with St. Declan’s Way Steering Committee. This will include amenity seating, re-print of brochure and replacement of kissing gate: Measure 1.
- Munster Vales – Installation of information kiosks and digital marketing campaign for the Munster Vales region in collaboration with Munster Vales. Measure 1.
- Cappoquin Railway Loop Walk – Commencement of development of phase 1 pending planning permission: Measure 3.
- Villierstown Access to River Blackwater – Feasibility study and design of enhanced amenities and access to the water for recreation at Villierstown Quay and environs: Project Development Measure.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) 2021:

- Developing a revised ‘Walk Waterford – From Sea to Mountains’ booklet and trail mapping to include recently developed trails. New resources will be available in Q1 2023.
- Ramp Boreen Walk, Tallow: Improvement works to a section of this popular local walk grant aided under 2021 ORIS scheme. Works complete.
- Installation of 18 footfall counters at key trail locations across Co. Waterford. Tender evaluation complete. Ready to award contract. Project due to be completed before end June 2023.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) 2020:

Progress: Measure 3 project:

- Ballinacourty Greenway Spur:
 - Preparing design drawings.
 - Engaging ecologist to prepare EclA.
 - Above will take place in advance of stakeholder engagement and Part VIII planning process.

Blackwater River Valley Outdoor Recreation-Feasibility Study

- Public and stakeholder consultation has taken place with regard to this study. To find out more information on this feasibility study, click on this link: [Blackwater River Valley Outdoor Recreation Feasibility Study](#). Report outlining potential projects to be finalised in Q1 2023.

Waterford Greenway

- A number of projects are currently being planned and/or implemented on Waterford Greenway with both WCCC funding sources and funding support from TII including:
 - Installation of bike maintenance stations along the route at Durrow, Kilmacthomas and Kilmeaden.
 - Repair of Kilmacthomas Viaduct – substantially complete.
 - Upgrade works to the Greenway near Killoteran in collaboration with WSVR – due to award contract shortly.

Dungarvan – Mallow Greenway Feasibility Study

- Continuing to work with Cork County Council, TII and Atkins Ireland with regard to the Dungarvan to Mallow Greenway feasibility study. Further landowner, stakeholder and public engagement will take place at emerging preferred route stage.

Waterford Trails

- Continuing to engage with Sport Ireland Outdoors, local trail development groups and other key stakeholders with regard to ongoing monitoring, maintenance, development and promotion of Waterford’s existing recreational trail network. www.visitwaterfordtrails.com

3. Tourism

Water Activity Centre:

As reported previously, Failte Ireland awarded grant assistance of €1.7m for the design, construction and fit out of two **Water Activity Centres** to be located in Tramore and Ardmore. Progress to date is as follows:

- DHB Architects were appointed as lead designer in September 2022.
- Preliminary design and Part 8 Planning documentation have been prepared and reviewed.
- The Failte Ireland ‘Exemplar design’ will be used in Ardmore and an amended version being used in Tramore.
- Further liaison with property/landowner required in Ardmore.
- Both centres are still on track to be completed and operational by Q2 2024.

4. Dungarvan Town Centre

The next meeting of the Dungarvan TCMG is scheduled for March 2023.