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TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE COMERAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

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ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATE REPORT

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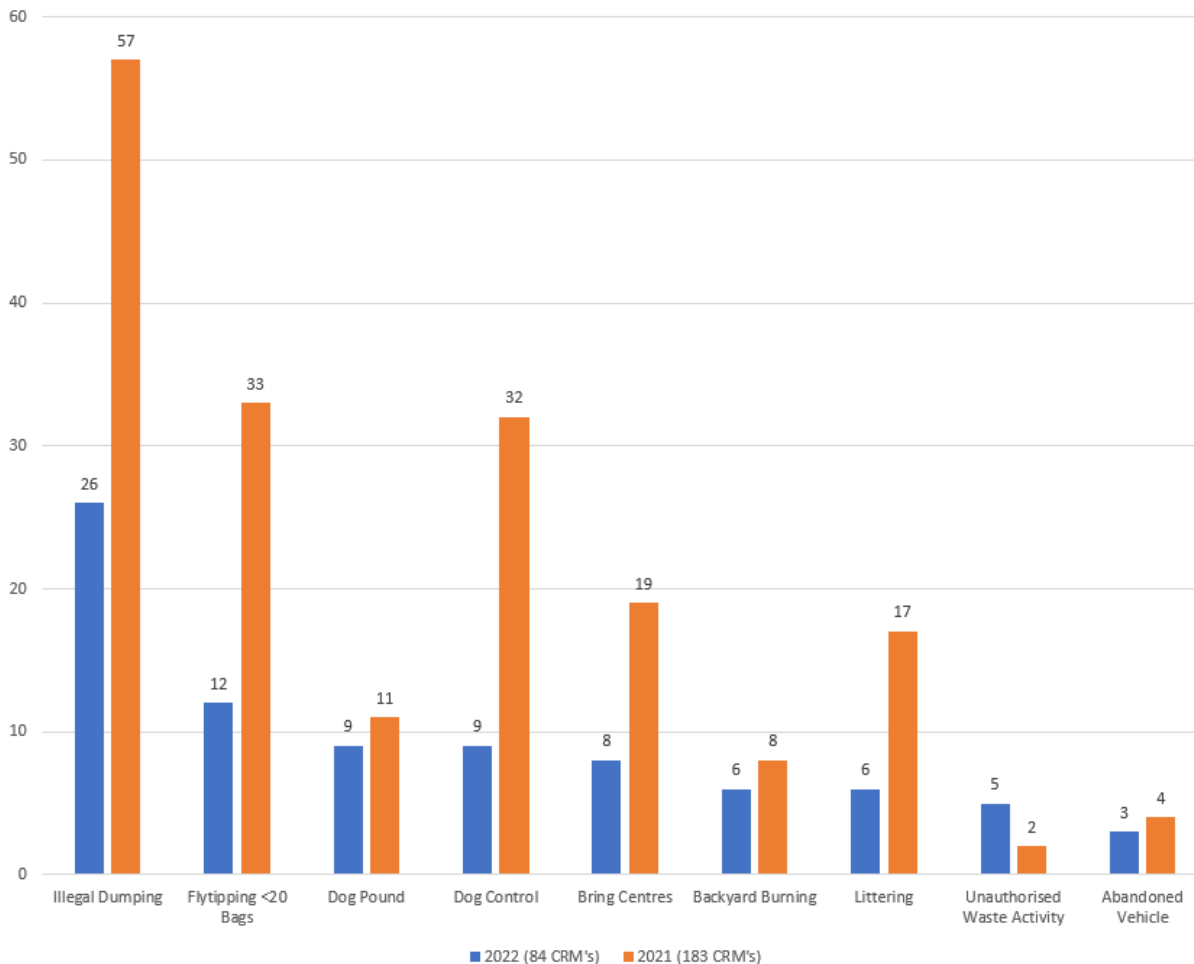
General Environment Enforcement

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 to the end of June in the years 2021 & 2022. 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 dog issues throughout the City & County.



Environmental Education & Awareness

Waste prevention

Waterford City County Council are currently working with 2GoCup to encourage the use of reusable cups at cafes. With the removal of Covid restrictions and the recent announcement of the levy on single use cups, the time seems right for this campaign. We have received commitment from 10 cafes to take part in this initiative (5 cafes along the Greenway and 5 in Waterford) and will launch the initiative with Minister Smyth on 15th July. It is hoped that these 10 cafes will then encourage other cafes to accept and move towards reusable cups.

Climate Change

We are working with a further four schools and the Waterford Teachers Centre to continue the Climate Literacy programme with secondary schools this autumn. This is a 10- week Climate Literacy programme, focused on improving climate literacy and fostering behavior change in schools. The course is developed to include teacher training, resources, and lesson plans. The teacher training is designed to equip teachers with the knowledge, attitudes, behaviors, and skills required to effectively and confidently deliver not only this course, but also across their curriculum subject as the course can complement any subject framework that has an environmental strand. After the training the teachers will then be able to deliver the course by his/herself with as many groups of students as they wish. An in-person teacher training day will be held on 22nd August, with further online sessions taking place during September.

Litter Awareness

The Love This Place national public awareness campaign from Leave No Trace Ireland is taking place over the summer months, from the beginning of June to the end of August. It calls on the public to play their part by acting responsibly when using outdoor spaces and aims to change behaviours outdoors by raising awareness of our impacts and what we can all do to make a difference. The campaign began by prompting people to take a pledge to follow the Leave No Trace principles. This year, it focuses on critical pressure points which have become increasingly evident as greater numbers of people use outdoor public spaces for recreation, including littering, responsible dog ownership and fires. Waterford City & County Council has been using some of these messages across its social media to highlight local issues, adding local images and text where necessary.

Community Clean-Ups

Waterford City & County Council facilitates community clean ups throughout the year to clean up litter and illegally dumped waste from approach roads, local beauty spots, beaches and general public areas. We continue to supply bags, gloves and litter pickers to many of the groups taking part, as well as collecting the bags of litter afterwards.

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