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ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATE REPORT

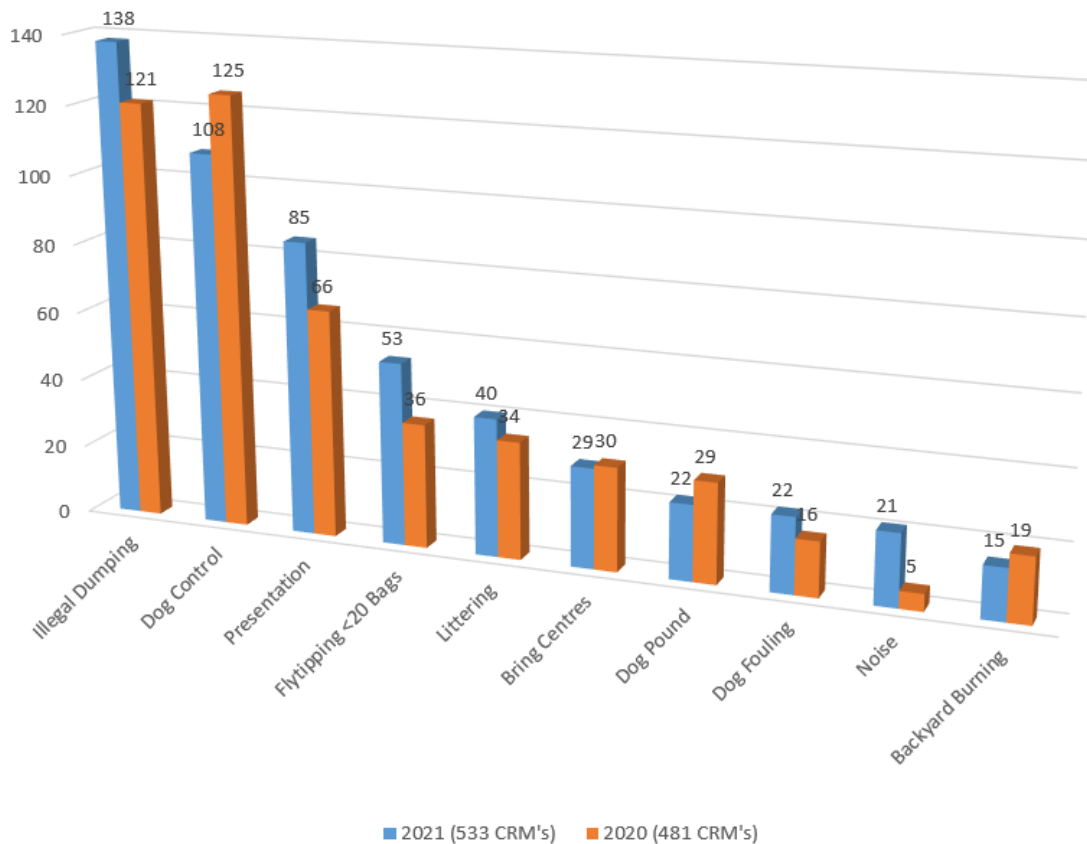
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General Environment Enforcement

Environmental Inspectors continue to investigate and monitor illegal waste issues, littering, fly-tipping and illegal signage and issued litter fines where offences are detected. 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: 051 8492020.

The following graph shows a comparison of the top categories of CRM cases recorded in the Dungarvan / Lismore area during the period from January to November in the years 2020 & 2021.



Presentation & Cleansing

Dungarvan:

Our staff in Dungarvan have been involved in works largely associated with preparing for winter. This work has largely involved the planting of winter bedding which is used to create both winter and early spring colour in key locations. Planting has taken place at locations in Grattan Square and the Quays within the outdoor dining areas and also within Walton Park using primroses, polyanthus and viola in order to bring some colour in the coming months. Currently we are finalising our tree work programme, which will include pruning works. This work will be followed by our tree planting programme which will include some replacement planting in lieu of mature trees which were required to be removed earlier in the year. Another element of the work of Dungarvan Presentation staff at this time of year is the standing of the Christmas tree in Grattan Square which took place recently.

Moresby Park

Moresby Park at the junction of the Causeway and Strandside South in Abbeyside is currently closed to facilitate upgrade works to the sea wall and the installation of additional picnic benches and bicycle parking. Works are due for completion by the end of February. The Moresby Buoy which was restored by the Abbeyside Pattern Committee and placed on the site circa 1990 is in poor condition and will be temporarily removed off site to facilitate the works. While off site the buoy will be examined to establish the viability of carrying out repair works.

Environmental Education & Awareness

Tidy Towns Competition 2021

This year's Tidy Towns awards took place on Friday 12th November. Each entrant is assessed under eight criteria with a total of 470 marks available. The Dungarvan / Lismore Municipal Area was well represented at this year's Tidy Towns Awards, with the following prizes being awarded:

Gold Medal Winners:

Lismore

Silver Medal Winners:

Ardmore
Dungarvan

County Awards:

Lismore was the county winner.
Ardmore was commended in this category.

The full results booklet can be viewed at <https://www.tidytowns.ie/SV-TidyTowns-Results-Booklet-2021.pdf>

Reports for individual towns and villages can be read at

https://www.tidytowns.ie/reports/?report_year=2021&report_county=waterford

Waterford Results by population category:

Category B:

Ardmore – 349 marks
Villierstown – 320 marks
Clashmore – 319 marks
Cappoquin – 312 marks
Ballyduff Upper – 285 marks
Tallow – 264 marks

Category C:

Lismore – 352 marks

Category E:
Dungarvan – 338 marks

Waste prevention

October was National Reuse Month. A full calendar of events was scheduled around the country, from online tutorials and workshops to videos and podcasts. As part of this, Waterford City & County Council ran a competition with Secondary schools competition to tackle the high number of single use plastic water bottles used in their community. Classes attended an online workshop to learn more about the issue and encourage local businesses to offer water refills and encourage local businesses to sign up to appear on the Refill Tap Map in order for their school to be in with a chance to win a contactless water dispenser (funded by the EPA's LAPN grant) and reusable bottles for their school. St Augustine's College, Dungarvan was the winner of this competition and it is expected that the water dispenser will be installed before Christmas.

We continue to work with Sports Clubs to reduce the number of single use plastic bottles at their club grounds too by taking a pledge to reduce single use plastic. By signing up to Refill's Tap Map, sports clubs can receive a free sign for their tap and be in with a chance to win 100 branded reusable bottles for their members. If you are involved in or know of any clubs that would like to join the fight against plastic at their club, please contact Ella Ryan at eryan@waterfordcouncil.ie

Workshops continue to be offered online for the moment. A workshop on the topic of how to have a sustainable Christmas took place in November 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.

Bookings are currently being taken for 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. This course is online and booked out quickly when we ran it in early 2021. A place can be requested at <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/sustainable-gardening-course-waterford-city-county-council-registration-201968442047>

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.

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