

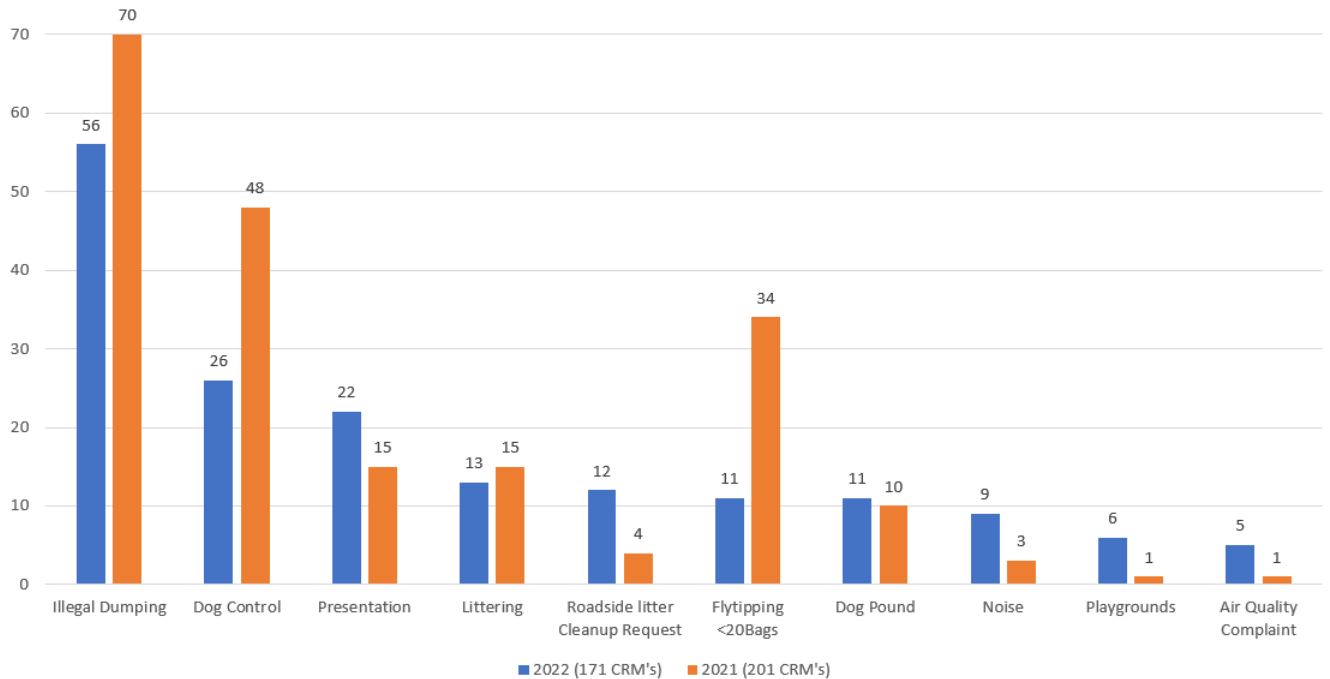
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TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DUNGARVAN/LISMORE

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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: 0818 10 20 20

The following graph shows a comparison of the top categories of CRM cases recorded in the Dungarvan / Lismore area during the period to the end of April in the years 2021 & 2022.



Anti- Dumping Initiative 2022

The following projects in the Dungarvan / Lismore Municipal District of Waterford City & County Council have been approved for funding under the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications sponsored Anti-Dumping Initiative 2022.

Project Title	Total Amount Requested	Total Amount Approved
Shandon, Dungarvan clean-up	€3,000	€3,000
River Blackwater clean-up	€3,000	€3,000

City & County Wide Projects include:

Project Title	Total Amount Requested	Total Amount Approved
Bulky Waste Days	€25,000	€25,000
Drone Purchase	€6,000	€6,000
ELV Mystery Shopper Project	€4,000	€4,000
Man in the van cinema advertising campaign	€7,500	€7,500

Presentation & Cleansing

Dungarvan:

In recent weeks staff have replanted the central part of the Coolagh roundabout, while maintaining the character hedging to the perimeter. The 'Let Dandelions Bee' initiative where areas of interest are allowed to flourish and let dandelions bloom for a short few weeks to help feed bees this spring has been rolled out around the town with appropriate signage informing the public of its purpose.

The central part of the Strandside roundabout will be sown with wildflower seed with the intention of creating a stony wildflower meadow.

In the coming weeks staff will be involved in the preparation and changeover of the inserts of the planters throughout Grattan Square and the central part of the town. These winter flowering inserts shall be returned to the presentation depot and replaced with the summer planting schemes which have been retained successfully over the winter months.

Environmental Education & Awareness

Tidy Towns

A series of short online talks for Tidy Towns groups has been taking place during March and April, on the topics of litter management, sustainability, special awards categories and planting for pollinators. Speakers included winning Tidy Towns groups from Clare, the Biodiversity Data Centre about the Pollinator Plan and the Tidy Towns Unit itself. All local Tidy Towns groups were contacted with details of these events and invited to attend.

Waste prevention

We are working to encourage the use of reusable cups at cafes in conjunction with 2GoCup. With 22,000 single use cups used every hour in Ireland, we are seeking to get cafes involved in a reuse campaign. The timing is good for a campaign of this nature, with the lifting of Covid restrictions and the recent announcement of the levy on single use cups. Waterford City & County Council will work with 2GoCups to engage 10 cafes in this campaign; 5 cafes along the Greenway and 5 in Waterford. Having identified local cafes for participation in this campaign, we will then organise an informal meeting of all 10 cafes, 2GoCup and WCCC to discuss details of how the scheme will work and have a questions and answers

session. It is hoped that these 10 cafes will then become case studies to encourage other cafes to accept and move towards reusable cups.

Green Flag Programme

School visits and assessments have taken place for green flag renewals and first time applications. There are 51 schools due to renew their Green Flag this year. Green School visits can take place either in person or virtually, however most schools have chosen to have an in-person visit.

Biodiversity

The interactive Growing Together Course ran during March and April. Participants learnt to grow their own vegetables and pollinator plants. It was of special interest to Tidy Towns groups and Green School coordinators.

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. National Spring Clean took place throughout the month of April, In supporting this event Waterford City & County Council supplied bags, gloves and litter pickers to many of the groups taking part, as well as collecting the bags of litter afterwards.

Local grants

Applications for two grants closed on 1st April and are now being assessed: The Local Anti-Graffiti and Anti -Litter Awareness Grant 2022 assists local communities to tackle litter and graffiti . The Local Waste Prevention Grant 2022 is designed for community groups who want to help to take steps on waste prevention, re-use and repair activities in their local area.

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