



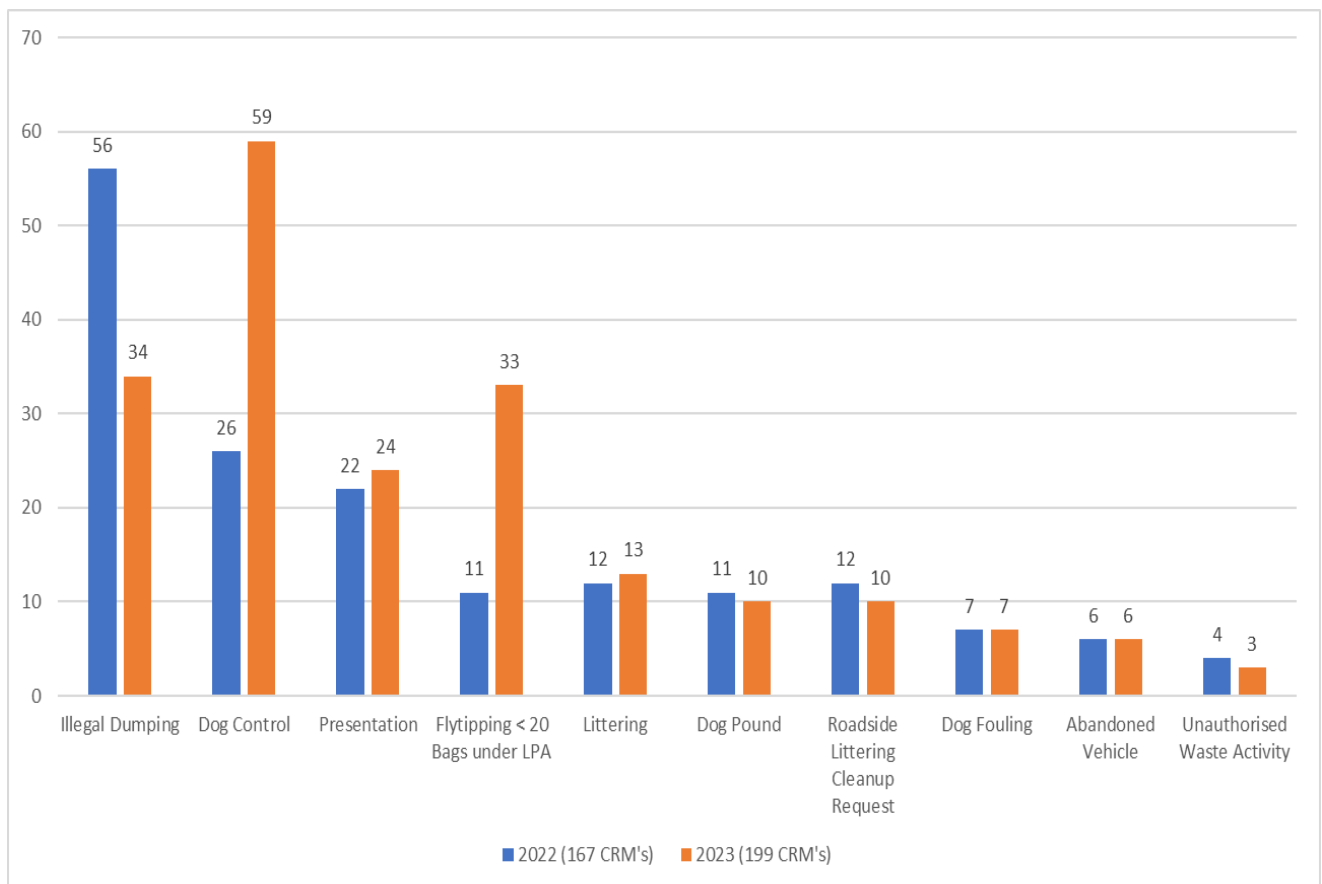
**DO: GACH BALL DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH DHÚN GARBHÁN/LEASA MHÓIR  
TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DUNGARVAN/LISMORE**

**TUAIRISC ÓN STIÚRTHÓIREACHT COMHSHAOIL  
ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATE REPORT  
BEALTAINE 2023  
MAY 2023**

**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 2022 & 2023.



## **Presentation & Cleansing**

### **Dungarvan:**

- Fairlane Park Pump Track contract signed. Works scheduled to start on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023.
- Ongoing - The 'Let Dandelions Bee' initiative where areas of interest are allowed to flourish and let dandelions bloom for a short few weeks is ongoing.
- West Waterford Festival of Food 2023 which was held between 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> April was a successful event. Staff worked throughout the weekend, and it was well managed by all parties involved.
- Preparation and changeover of the inserts of the planters throughout Grattan Square and the central part of the town is ongoing. 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
- Wild flower seeds ordered and to be planted in various areas around Dungarvan – Youghal Road, Coolagh Road, Strandside Road, Cove and Southways in April/May 2023. Preparation and seeding works ongoing.
- Stump Grinding contractor is starting May across the county with a 6 week programme including areas in Dungarvan that require stump grinding from the winter 2022/2023 tree works programme.

### **Anti-Dumping Initiative 2023**

The following projects in the Dungarvan/Lismore Municipal District have been approved for funding under the Anti-Dumping Initiative 2023 in the functional area of Waterford City & County Council.

Project Title	Total Amount Requested	Total Amount Approved
Access Steps for Clean Ups – Colligan Estuary	€14,000	€14,000
Colligan River Dungarvan Clean Up	€4,000	€4,000
Dromana Fencing to Stop Dumping	€2,000	€2,000
Ballysaggart remove C & D Waste	€5,000	€5,000
Ballinroad Community Clean Up	€4,500	€4,500

City & County Wide Projects include:

Project Title	Total Amount Requested	Total Amount Approved
Coastal and Soft Ground Clean Ups	€5,000	€5,000
Rural roads litter removal	€25,000	€19,500
Community Clean Ups Waterford City & County	€10,000	€10,000
Chemical Amnesty Day	€12,000	€12,000
Anti Dumping Signage for WCCC Vehicles	€2,000	€2,000

### **Dungarvan Roundabout Supplementary Sponsorship Scheme 2023**

This scheme was publicly advertised on 18<sup>th</sup> April last. Waterford City & County Council is implementing a scheme for the sponsorship of roundabouts around our city and county.

The Council is seeking to engage with businesses and organisations who wish to enhance our city and county's built environment while benefiting from advertising opportunities being offered on two roundabouts in the Dungarvan area.

This tender relates to the sponsorship of two roundabouts on public roads on the N25 Dungarvan Bypass. The two roundabouts are Springmount Roundabout and Strandside Roundabout which are located on the N25 Dungarvan Bypass. The sponsorship duration will commence in June 2023 and conclude in December 2027.

Full tender document, map, fee information, specifications, tender form etc. are available on the homepage of the Council's website. Closing date for receipt of tenders is 4:00pm on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

## **Climate Action**

### **Climate Action Plan**

A pre-draft consultation for the Climate Action Plan will be live in May and we will share it with elected members when it is available.

### **Creative Ireland Collaboration**

The Climate Action Team are working with the libraries to deliver climate change awareness programmes. We are working with the knitting groups to create a piece of art showing climate change over the last 100 years and we are working with the literacy programmes in the Education Training Board.

## **Environmental Education & Awareness**

### **Green Flag Programme**

School visits and assessments were completed for both green flag renewals and first time applications. A renewal visit must take place before a school submits a renewal application form for their renewal Green Flags (Energy, Water, Travel, Biodiversity and the Global Citizenship themes). Renewal visits are carried out by the Environment Awareness Officer. 24 schools will be awarded their flags at a Green Schools ceremony on 10<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Waste Prevention**

A waste prevention workshop is being run in Lismore Library as part of the Bealtaine Festival to celebrate the Arts and Creativity as we age.

### **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. These have begun again in earnest. We continue to supply bags, gloves and litter pickers to many of the groups taking part, distributing them from both our Dungarvan and Waterford offices. Collection of any bags of litter is then arranged following the clean-up. National Spring Clean takes place throughout the month of April; registrations are now being taken at [www.nationalspringclean.org](http://www.nationalspringclean.org) ; as part of this we supply bags, gloves and litter pickers to many of the groups taking part, as well as collecting the bags of litter for all clean ups. Groups are encouraged to register their clean up as a National Spring Clean event to receive additional resources from An Taisce.

### **Tidy Towns**

We have been working with Tidy Towns groups to further their work towards the 2023 competition. The closing date for entries this year is 10<sup>th</sup> May. Tidy Towns groups around the county will be working towards keeping their area looking well for adjudicators over the coming months. The national SuperValu Tidy Towns competition is an annual contest organised by the Department of Rural and Community Development. The competition involves participating areas being rated on all aspects of their local environment and prizes are awarded to the best under many different categories, from Litter to Sustainability. The overall winner is "Ireland's Tidiest Town" which is announced at a national ceremony in September each year.

### **Grants**

A local Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti Grant and a local Circular Economy Grant have been advertised on the website, social media and in local newspapers. Application forms and further information on both grants is available through the website.

**Local Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti Grant:** this is for community groups, youth groups, schools or other community development organisations, based in County Waterford, who are interested in receiving funding for public education and awareness initiatives regarding litter or graffiti.

**Local Circular Economy Grant:** a circular economy is based on long-life products that can be renewed, reused, repaired, upgraded and refurbished to preserve natural resources, protect habitats and reduce pollution. It is about finding ways to keep items in use longer and not generating as much waste in the first place. It is about rethinking the way we do things – redesigning the items we use – changing attitudes and changing behaviours about what we buy and what we throw away. The main focus for applications this year should be on projects to promote a circular economy e.g. repairing, reusing, building skills and knowledge in the community to facilitate repair and reuse, changing attitudes and behaviours to how we use items, reduce use of single use items (encourage use of reusable items).

### **Website**

Environmental Information continues to be added to the Environment section of the Waterford City & County Council website which can be found at