

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

**Economic Development Report to the end of January 2023**

**1. Rural Economic Development: Towns & Villages**

**Funding of over €27 million in announced for towns and villages**

Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, announced over €27 million in funding for towns and villages nationwide on 14th December 2022. Waterford was further allocated Grant Funding of €675,523.00. Details as follows

Location	Fund	Project Summary	Grant Value – 90% of projected cost.
<b>Cappoquin</b>	Town Village Renewal Scheme – Main Scheme	Public Amenity upgrades within Danes Field site, walkways, community garden, ancillary works	€152,262.00
<b>Clonea Power</b>	Town Village Renewal Scheme – Main Scheme	Community orchard and garden, park with performance area	€86,503.00
<b>Dunhill</b>	Town Village Renewal Scheme – Main Scheme	Refurbishment of vacant space within Dunhill Eco Park to a remote working facility	€237,758.00
<b>Tallow</b>	Town Village Renewal Scheme – Streetscape Enhancement Measure – preannounced earlier 2022.	Funding to issue to approved applicants within defined area to undertake necessary works to their properties.	€100,000.00

This recent announcement, combined with previous Town Village Renewal Scheme 2022 allocations brings Waterford’s total grant allocation under the Scheme to €1,125,022.80.

## 2. Trails

### **Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) 2020:**

#### **Progress: Measure 3 project:**

- Ballinacourty Greenway Spur: design team to be appointed shortly.

### **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 substantially complete. Funding claim to be submitted to DRCD end January 2023.

### **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: Measure 1.
- Munster Vales – Installation of information kiosks at key locations in 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.

### **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. To be installed in January 2023.

### **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 in coming months.

### **Waterford Trails**

- Continuing to engage with Sport Ireland Outdoors and local trail development groups around Waterford with regard to ongoing monitoring, maintenance, development and promotion of Waterford's existing recreational trail network. [www.visitwaterfordtrails.com](http://www.visitwaterfordtrails.com)

## 3. Tourism

### **Water Activity Centre: Ardmore**

- Design progressing.

## 4. Dungarvan Town Centre

The next meeting of the Dungarvan TCMG is scheduled for February 2023. Date TBC.