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ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATE REPORT

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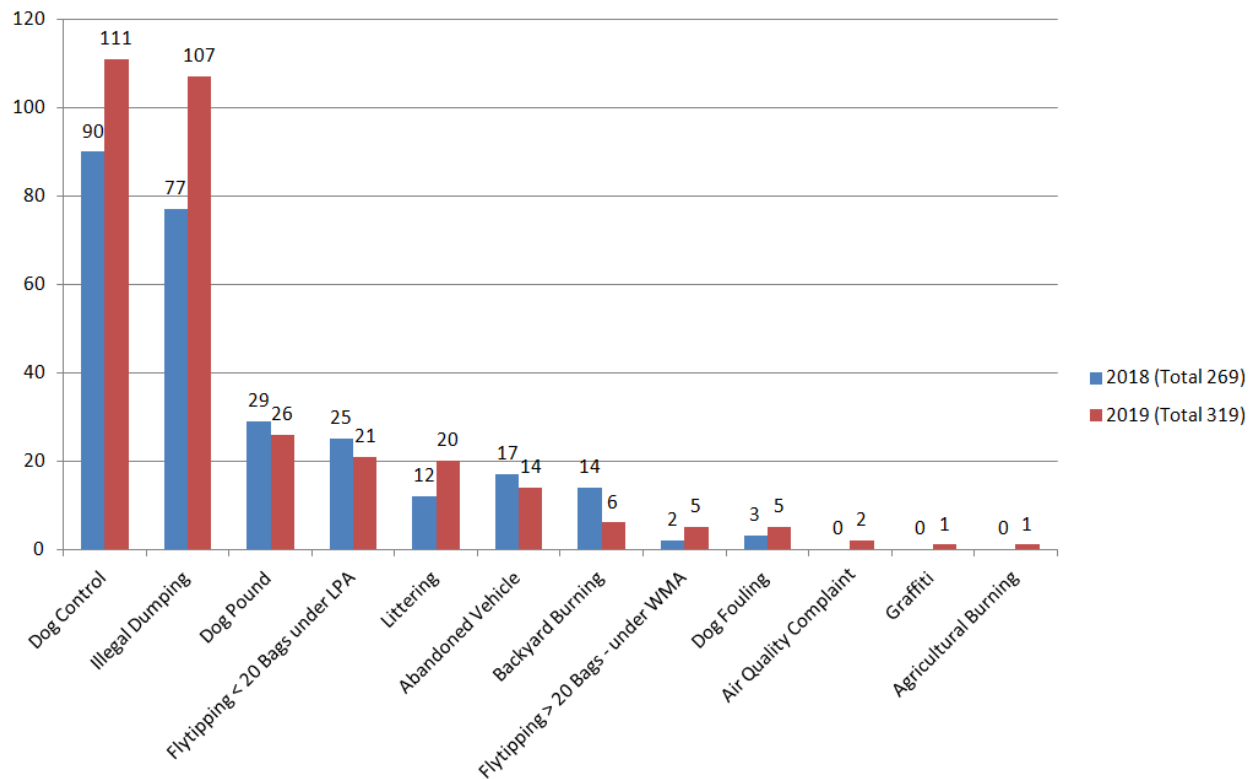
General Environment Enforcement

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: 0761 10 20 20.

Environmental Enforcement

The following graph shows a comparison of the top categories of CRM cases recorded in the Comeragh area in the years 2018 & 2019. 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 Wardens continue to investigate all control of dogs issue throughout the City & County.



Environmental Education & Awareness

Green Schools Programme

As part of Waterford City and County Council's support of the An Taisce's Green Flag programme for schools, work is ongoing with schools to provide advice and support to them in their work. Renewal assessments for the next flags have commenced. There are currently 99 schools taking part in the Green Schools programme in Co Waterford. Schools have been reminded that the deadline for renewal assessment is Friday, March 27th 2020; all visits must take place before this date in order to be eligible to renew a Green Schools flag this academic year. Kilmacthomas Primary School will be one of the first schools to receive a renewal visit in 2020 for their work on their 7th Green Flag.

Community Clean Ups.

Waterford City & County Council offer assistance throughout the year to the general public to clean up litter and illegally dumped waste from their local environs e.g. approach roads, local beauty spots, beaches and general public areas. Waterford City & County Council support groups and individuals by providing the clean up materials and collecting the bags of litter for disposal. Further information can be obtained from Ms Ella Ryan, Environmental Education & Awareness Officer, eryan@waterfordcouncil.ie

Local Litter Awareness Grant

In order to facilitate community and school clean ups during National Spring Clean and over the summer, this grant will be advertised in early February, with a deadline of early March for applications. This timeframe will enable successful applicants to receive funding before April. These grants will be advertised on www.waterfordcouncil.ie, on the Council's social media and in local newspapers.

Local Waste Prevention Grant

A waste prevention budget is set out in the Southern Region Waste Management Plan and amounts to €16,194.15 for Waterford City & County Council (it was agreed regionally to allocate a minimum spend of €0.15/inhabitant on local prevention projects). In 2018 30% of this waste prevention budget was allocated as a small grant to communities for waste prevention projects. This grant will be advertised in early March with a closing date for application of early April. These grants will be advertised on www.waterfordcouncil.ie, on the Council's social media and in a local newspaper.

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