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TUAIRISC ÓN STIÚRTHÓIREACHT COMHSHAOIL
ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATE REPORT

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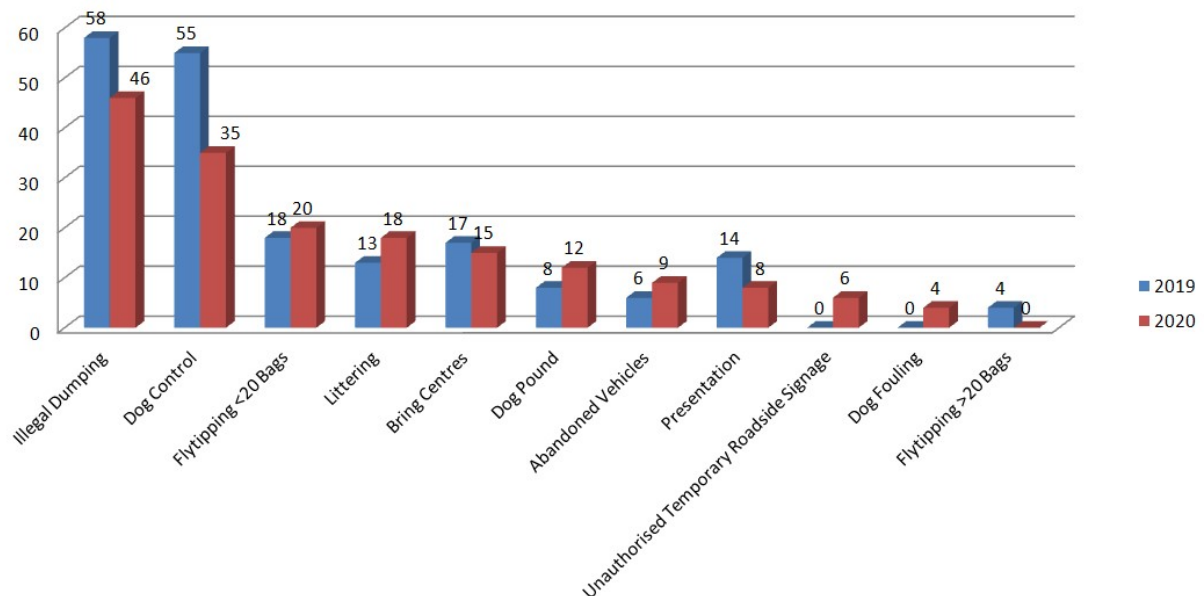
General Environment Enforcement

Environmental Inspectors continue to investigate and monitor illegal waste issues, littering, fly-tipping and illegal signage and issued litter fines where evidence of an offence is available. 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.

CRM Activity

The following graph shows a comparison of all categories of CRM cases recorded by the Environment Dept. in the Comeragh area in the period January to May for the years 2019 & 2020. 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.

CRM Cases Comeragh



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, assessment visits for the next flag were ongoing until schools closed due to COVID-19. Advice continued via phone calls and emails (An Taisce are still accepting applications due to difficulties that schools are experiencing.) To date, a total of 25 primary and secondary schools in Co. Waterford have been awarded a Green Flag, including 6 schools from this area achieving a flag for their hard work on a range of themes from biodiversity, litter, waste, energy, water travel, etc.

Anti-litter Campaign

A regional anti-litter campaign is commencing on 20th June to highlight the effects of litter on our roadsides and to ask road users to bring their litter home with them. This will take place on social media and on local radio. It is hoped that this will help to reduce the amount of litter on our roadsides.

National Spring Clean

National Spring Clean is taking place at the moment instead of its usual time of the month of April. Community groups, youth groups, schools, Tidy Towns groups, etc are not holding their cleanup of their local area. Waterford City & County Council continue to offer assistance 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, in line with advice from the National Spring Clean office regarding COVID-19.

Clean Coasts Programme

Coastal communities are also being engaged with and supported in conjunction with An Taisce's Clean Coasts programme. Waterford City & County Council supported them by providing the clean up materials and collecting the bags of litter for disposal.

Climate Change Training Workshops

Climate change training workshops for community groups are now to take place as online training courses with smaller groups of people over the autumn months and will be offered to any community group interested in learning how to take action about climate change at a local level.

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