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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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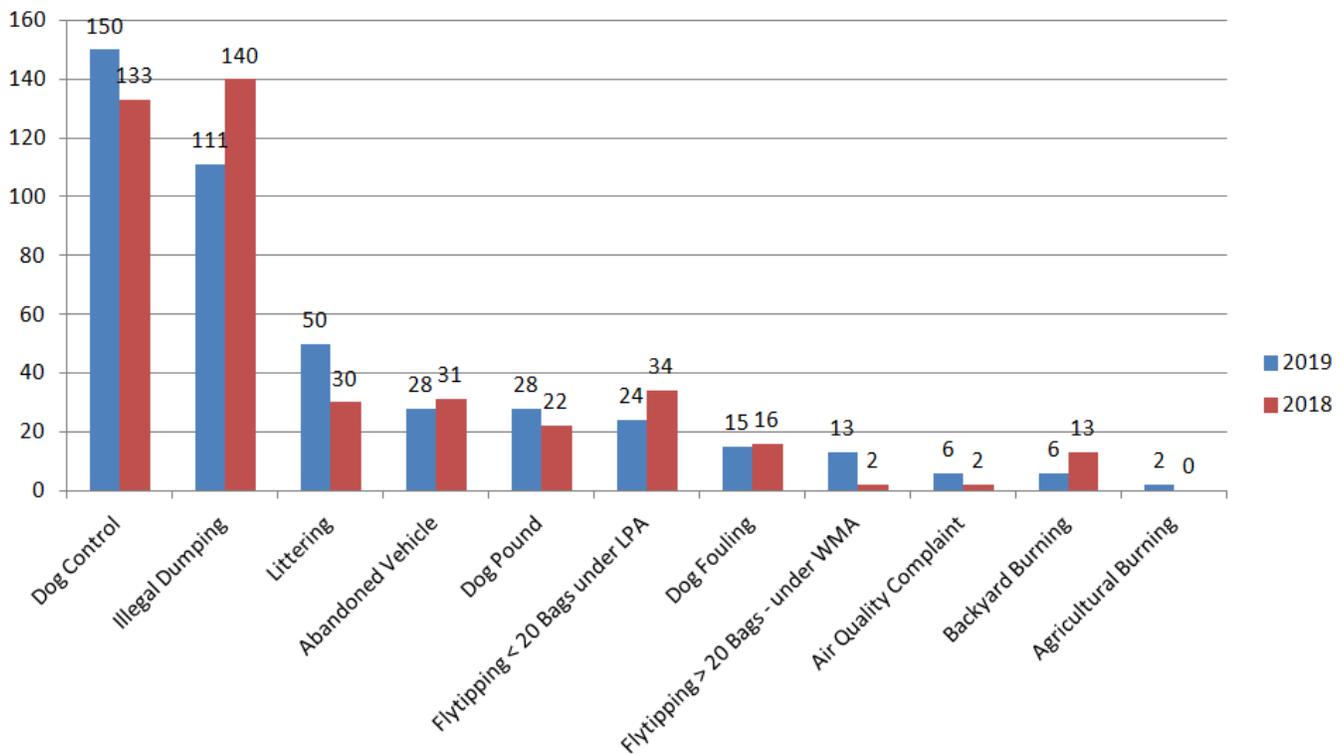
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General Environment Enforcement

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 ten categories of CRM cases recorded in the Dungarvan / Lismore 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.



Presentation & Cleansing

Dungarvan:

This time of year is generally a quieter period for Dungarvan Presentation due to the nature of the work, large scale projects are difficult to achieve as our work is largely weather dependent; however it does provide a time to revisit items and catch up on some lost ground from earlier in the year.

Staff have during the month December completed planting of the seasonal autumn/winter programme. This included the renewal of winter bedding of Primrose and Polyanthus in Walton Park. Planters in place throughout Grattan Square, Devonshire Bridge and in front of the Civic Offices have been planted with more decorative plantings using ornamental grasses winter flowering plants in order to create more interest and variety.

December is generally the last month to complete flower bulb planting and staff finished the plantings of bulbs in Walton Park. These flowers will bloom in during the coming summer. During December the refurbishment of an area along Richard A. Walsh Street has been completed. A plan was devised for this area with some new planting / bulb planting with a final finishing of bark mulch. This work will improve the visual aspect of the street.

Scheduled as part of our coming work will be the completion of tree pruning and the planting of new trees in the early part of the year.

Environmental Education & Awareness

Green Schools Programme

Green Schools assessment visits have commenced and are available for schools. Fifty schools are due to renew or apply for their Green Flag this school year before March 27th 2020. Any school which was unable to send a representative to the annual Green Schools Seminar was offered a visit to their school in order to receive advice, etc.

Greener Cleaning Workshop

A workshop about greener cleaning will take place in February with Lismore Tidy Towns as part of the waste prevention programme. The aim of this is to increase awareness about waste reduction, reuse and to raise awareness of the potential to use non toxic ingredients to making your own green cleaning products. The ultimate objective is that participants would be empowered to make their own green cleaning products (non-hazardous) and reduce the amount of waste produced by reusing containers where possible.

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.

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

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