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**TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE COMERAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

**TUAIRISC ÓN STIÚRTHÓIREACHT COMHSHAOIL**  
**ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATE REPORT**

**IÚIL 2020**  
**JULY 2020**

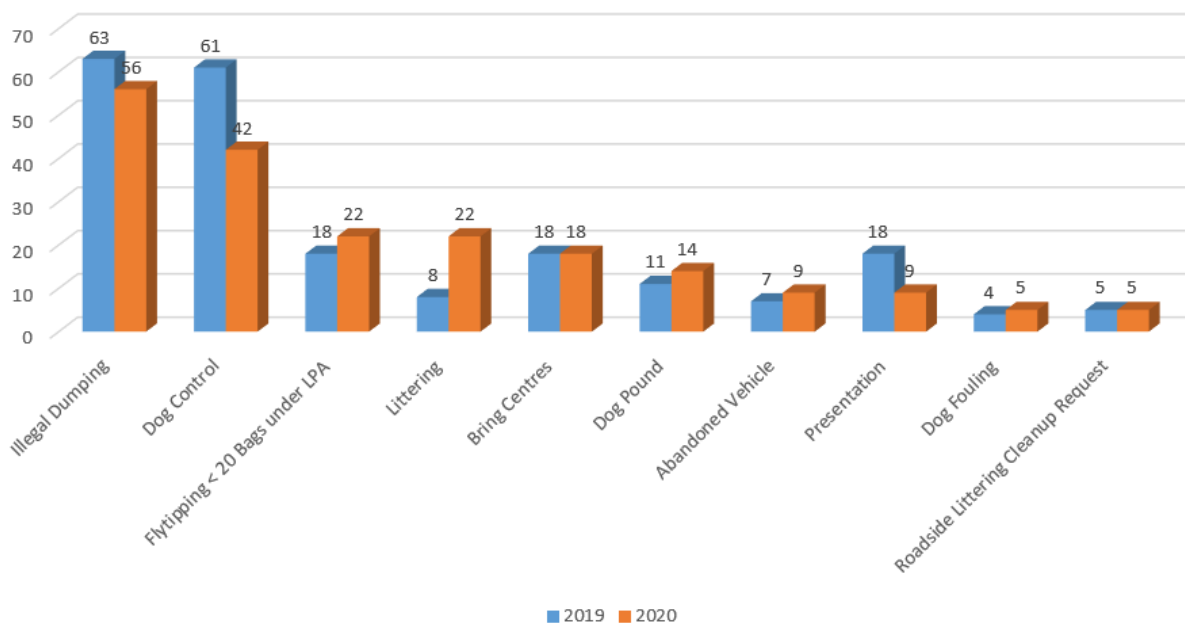
**General Environment Enforcement**

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 the top ten categories of CRM cases recorded by the Environment Dept. in the Comeragh area in the period January to June 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**

### **Anti-Litter Campaign**

A regional litter campaign commenced on 20<sup>th</sup> June to highlight the effects of litter on our roadsides and to ask road users to bring their litter home with them. This campaign is taking 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. Coastal communities are 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.

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### **Climate Change**

Climate change training workshops for community groups funded through the Local Environment Action Fund Local Agenda 21 are now taking 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](http://www.waterfordcouncil.ie)