



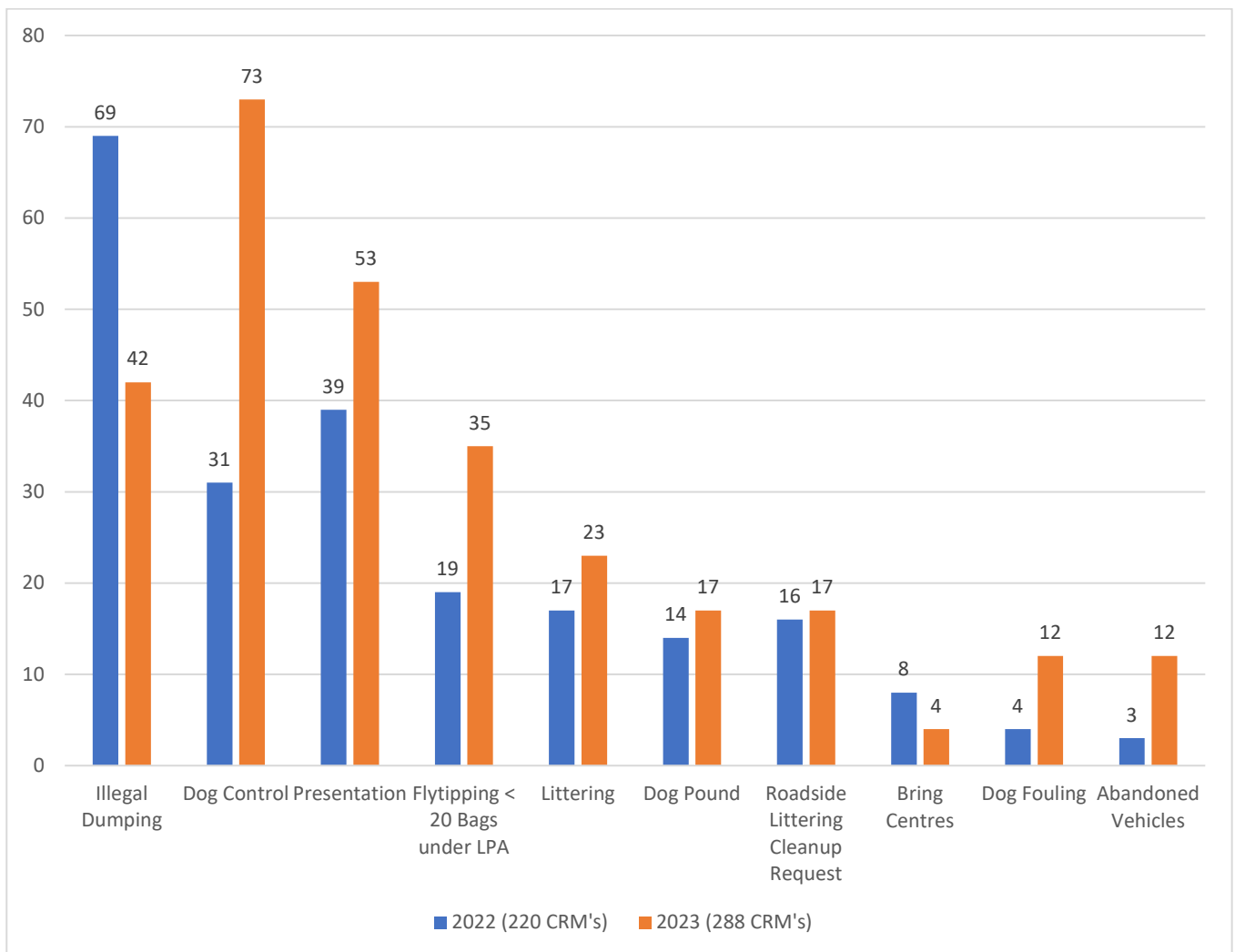
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ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATE REPORT
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General Environment Enforcement

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: 0818 10 20 20.

The following graph shows a comparison of the top categories of CRM cases recorded in the Dungarvan/Lismore area during the period to the end of June in the years 2022 & 2023.



Presentation & Cleansing

Dungarvan:

- Fairlane Park Pump Track works are progressing well and are on schedule. Works commenced on 2nd May with planned completion date middle of July 2023.
- Planter boxes have been renewed and are now in place. Presentation will undertake the watering needs for the summer months.
- Topographic Survey works ongoing of Town Park, Walton Park & Sports Centre.
- Stump Grinding contract has been completed in all areas.
- Discussions on Sensory Garden and Adult Exercise equipment progressed in June moving towards tender stage in July.

Update on Anti-Dumping Initiative 2023

The following projects in the Dungarvan/Lismore Municipal District have been approved for funding under the Anti-Dumping Initiative 2023 in the functional area of Waterford City & County Council.

Project Title	Current Status	Total Amount Approved
Access Steps for Clean Ups – Colligan Estuary	Tenders due to be returned by 4 th July.	€14,000
Colligan River Dungarvan Clean Up	Ongoing.	€4,000
Dromana Fencing to Stop Dumping	Complete.	€2,000
Ballysaggart remove C & D Waste	To be undertaken on 06/07/23.	€5,000
Ballinroad Community Clean Up	Complete.	€4,500

City & County Wide Projects include:

Project Title	Current Status	Total Amount Approved
Coastal and Soft Ground Clean Ups.	25 ground mats ordered.	€5,000
Rural roads litter removal.	Tender is complete. Toorodoo Construction awarded tender. Will commence in Autumn when growth dies back.	€19,500
Community Clean Ups Waterford City & County.	County cleanups currently ongoing with more being arranged in conjunction with Housing.	€10,000
Chemical Amnesty Day.	Complete. Took place in Dungarvan Civic Amenity Site on 15/06/23.	€12,000
Anti Dumping Signage for WCCC Vehicles.	In progress.	€2,000

Climate Action

Rates Energy Discount Scheme

The Rates Energy Discount Scheme is now open. Businesses with rates of less than €10,000 per annum or hospitality businesses are eligible to apply. All eligible businesses have been contacted and they have until the end of September to either upload evidence of an energy audit or to complete an Energy Self Assessment. Once the businesses have completed either they will receive information on grants available to them to undertake energy renovations or for investment in energy efficient equipment.

Climate Action Plan

The pre-draft consultation for the Climate Action Plan closed on 23rd June. 19 submissions were received online and 4 written submissions were received by the Climate Action office. The Climate Action team is now into the drafting stage with a draft due at the end of September. The Climate Action team will be looking for involvement from elected members throughout this process.

Environmental Education & Awareness

Waste Prevention

National Food Waste Recycling Week took place from 5th to 11th June with the intention of promoting food waste recycling as a positive climate action but also reminding people to do it correctly. Recent research shows a 2% increase in plastic found in food waste collections, a trend that needs to be kept in check and reversed. As part of this, ads were ran on local radio, social media campaign to promote food recycling and an event to distribute a total of 500 food waste caddies and information packs free of charge at Dungarvan Civic Amenity Site, through Tramore Tidy Towns and Central Library in Waterford (as part of a week-long food waste recycling display).

Amnesty Day for hazardous household waste at Dungarvan Civic Amenity Site

An amnesty day for hazardous household waste such as oils, pesticides, paints, etc was held at Dungarvan Civic Amenity Site on 15th June to allow householders to dispose of hazardous materials that cannot be placed into their bin collection, free of charge. This was funded under the Anti-Dumping Initiative.

Community Clean-Ups

Waterford City & County Council facilitates community clean ups throughout the year to clean up litter and illegally dumped waste from approach roads, local beauty spots, beaches and general public areas. These have begun again in earnest. We continue to supply bags, gloves and litter pickers to many of the groups taking part, distributing them from both our Dungarvan and Waterford offices. Collection of any bags of litter is then arranged following the clean-up.

Energy Efficiency

WCCC are open to partner with community groups to include buildings within the 2023/2024 WCCC application to Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland under the "Better Energy Communities Scheme". Funding of between 30% is available for businesses and 50% for community projects. Community building upgrades can include insulation, heating system, renewable energy technologies. A funding application is to be submitted in September.

Installation of a new heating system at the Dungarvan Fire Station has been completed. The existing oil boiler has been replaced with an air-water heat pump, insulation upgrades to the building have been undertaken and the solar photo voltaic system has been installed on the roof.



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