

**DO: GACH BALL DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH DHÚN GARBHÁN/LEASA MHÓIR**  
**TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DUNGARVAN/LISMORE**

### **Economic Development Report July 2023**

#### **1. Trails**

##### **Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) 2023.**

- **Call for funding under ORIS 2023 issued on 1<sup>st</sup> June.** The scheme which is administered at national level by the Department of Rural and Community Development funds the ongoing maintenance of existing trails and outdoor recreation amenities, development of new and enhanced amenities as well as promotional activities.
- WCCC issued call for Expressions of Interest regarding potential Measure 1 projects (funding of up to €30,000), with a closing date of 7<sup>th</sup> July.

##### **Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) 2022.**

The following ORIS 2022 projects in progress currently:

- Mocollop Walks, Ballyduff – Installation of new Trail signage in collaboration with Coillte and local community: Measure 1. Currently in progress.
- St. Declan’s Way – continued trail development in collaboration with St. Declan’s Way Steering Committee. This will include re-print of brochure and repair of riverbank section of walk approaching River Licky footbridge: Measure 1. Riverbank works now complete.
- Munster Vales – Installation of information kiosks and digital marketing campaign for the Munster Vales region in collaboration with Munster Vales. Measure 1. Currently in progress.
- Cappoquin Railway Loop Walk – Commencement of development of phase 1 pending planning permission: Measure 3.
- Villierstown Access to River Blackwater – Feasibility study and design of enhanced amenities and access to the water for recreation at Villierstown Quay and environs: Project Development Measure.

##### **Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) 2021:**

- Revised ‘Walk Waterford – From Sea to Mountains’ booklet and trail mapping to include recently developed trails has been developed. New resources will be distributed during summer.
- Installation of 18 footfall counters at key trail locations across Co. Waterford. Complete

##### **Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) 2020:**

###### **Progress: Measure 3 project:**

- Ballinacourty Greenway Spur:
- Part VIII – agenda item at July meeting of Dungarvan-Lismore MD meeting for approval.

##### **Waterford Greenway**

- Ongoing development projects are currently being planned and/or implemented on Waterford Greenway with both WCCC funding sources and funding support from TII including.

##### **Dungarvan – Mallow Greenway Feasibility Study**

- Project Liaison Officer (PLO) currently directly engaging with land and property owners who may be impacted by the Emerging Preferred Route.

- Project team met with IFA representatives in late May.
- Project team will be organising further stakeholder and public engagement following this phase of direct landowner engagement during 2023.

#### **Waterford Trails**

- Continuing to engage with Sport Ireland Outdoors and local trail development groups around Waterford with regard to ongoing monitoring, maintenance, development and promotion of Waterford's existing recreational trail network. [www.visitwaterfordtrails.com](http://www.visitwaterfordtrails.com)

## **2. Tourism**

#### **Water Activity Centre:**

Failte Ireland awarded grant assistance of €1.7m for the design, construction and fit out of two **Water Activity Centres** to be located in Tramore and Ardmore. Preliminary design is ongoing for both.

#### **Progress is as follows:**

##### **Ardmore:**

- Land acquisition negotiations still ongoing.
- Waiting for formal approval on the material changes from WAC from Failte Ireland.
- Part 8 process to be completed by end of Q4 2023 depending on the landowner negotiations being complete.

## **3. Dungarvan Town Centre**

The next meeting of the Dungarvan TCMG is scheduled for September 2023.