



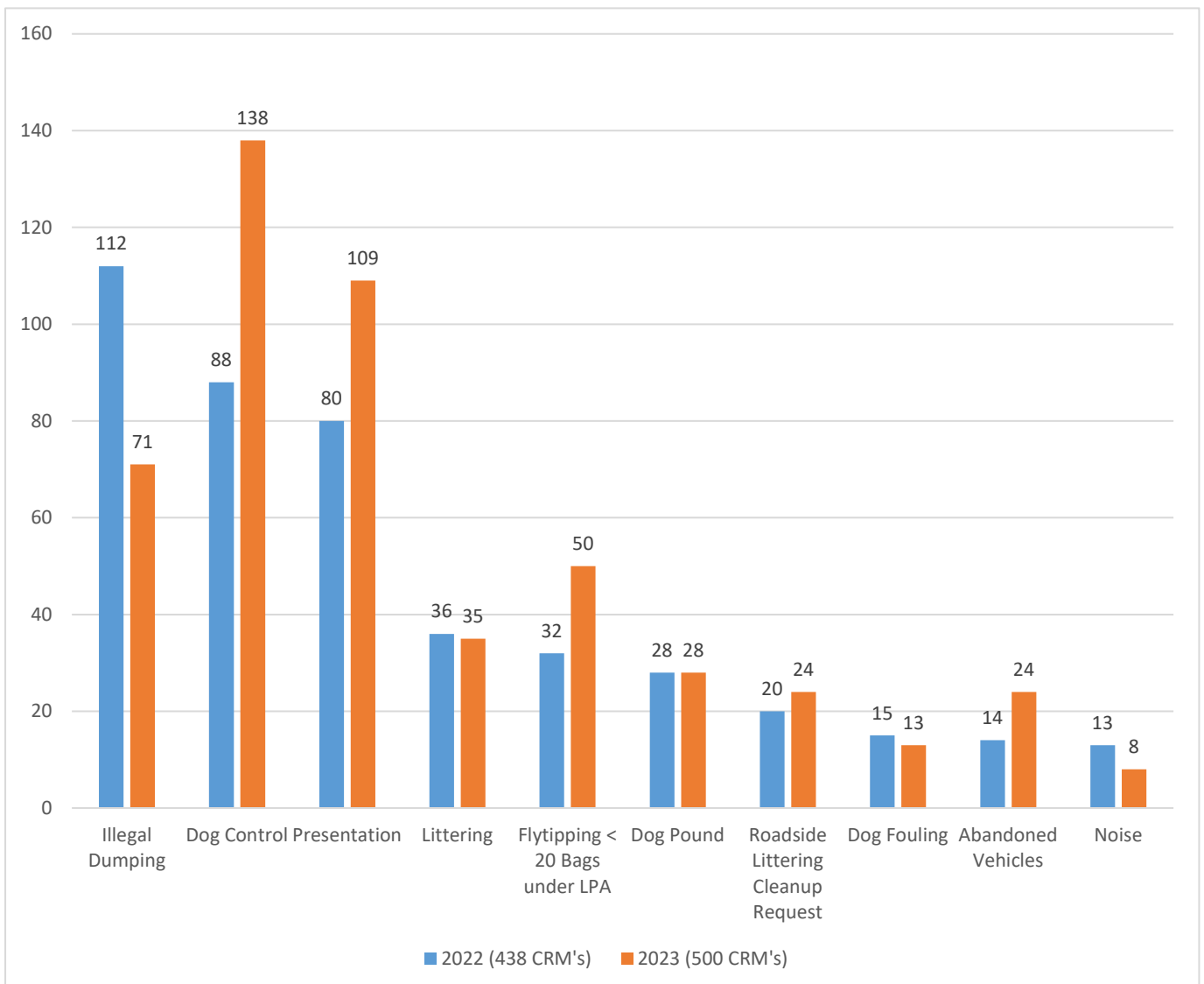
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TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DUNGARVAN/LISMORE

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ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATE REPORT
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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 30th November in the years 2022 & 2023.



Presentation & Cleansing

Dungarvan:

- Sensory Play Equipment is due to be installed in Walton Park by year end.
- Christmas Tree installed on 20th November. Economic Development have arranged lights for same.
- New road sweeper hire tenders have been issued for Dungarvan.

Climate Action

Climate Action Plan

The consultation on the Climate Action Plan opened on 1st November and will remain open until 15th December. The public can access the document on the consult portal.

<https://consult.waterfordcouncil.ie/en/consultation/waterford-city-county-council-draft-climate-action-plan-2023-2029>.

To date there have been 4 submissions. To encourage engagement with the plan we are hosting events across the country in libraries and in communities. Community groups are hosting us. See below for locations. These events are about the Climate Action Plan and about giving the public advice on energy saving.

Date	Location	Time
Thursday 16	Lismore Library and Dungarvan Library	11am - 5pm
Monday 20	Coolnasmeear Parish Hall	7pm
Friday 24	Portlaw Library	10.30 am
Monday 27	Dunhill Community Hall	8pm
Tuesday 28	Butler Community Centre	7pm
Wed. 29	Carrickpherish Library	2pm
Monday 4	Brill Family Resource Centre	7pm
Tuesday 5	Dungarvan Cinema	7pm
Wed. 6	Central Library	5pm
Friday 9	Red Hall, Lismore	11am
Thurs. 14	Tramore Library	5pm

Community Climate Action Fund

The fund is open for applications and the deadline is **19th January 2024**. Communities can apply on the Submit Portal or via printed application form sent into the Council.

<https://waterford.submit.com/show/158>

All communities should speak to the Community Climate Action Officer in advance of submitting an application. Susan Lee can be contacted at climateaction@waterfordcouncil.ie

Energy Projects

- Under the Public Lighting Retro fitting process survey works in Waterford is nearing completion, the design process has started for the Dungarvan Lismore area and lighting upgrades will begin in mid-2024 and be finished in late 2024. Approximately 16,000 lights will be retro fitted under this process throughout Waterford.
- Three short range EV's have been delivered to WCCC. This brings to 8 the number of EV's operational for WCCC. These vans are located at the WRSC, Carrickpherish Depot and Dungarvan Depot.

Environmental Education & Awareness

The Tom Murphy Litter Competition for Secondary Schools has been completed and judged. 15 secondary schools across Waterford city and county entered the competition and received litter pickers, high visibility vests, gloves and bags to allow them to carry out litter picks of their designated area. Over a six week period, schools have been carrying out regular clean ups, with many schools embracing the competition fully, carrying out multiple clean ups each week

with different classes. We have been in regular contact with each school and photos of these clean-ups were posted on social media. A prizegiving and presentation of certificates of participation will take place in the Mayors Parlour in early December, with all schools being presented with certificates of participation and the winning schools being awarded with a prize of €1,500 sponsored by Tom Murphy Car Sales.

Climate Change Secondary Schools Conference

The Environmental Awareness Officer took part in the organisation and running of a Climate Action Conference for secondary schools with the Climate Action Team during October. A presentation was also given on the day on the topic of Sustainability and Resources.

Green Schools Visits

Green Schools visits are underway, with some schools requesting advice on their current theme in the programme or help with their work while others are availing of an early assessment visit to their school. Waterpark College raised their first Green Flag at a ceremony in November.

Picker Pals Programme

35 Waterford primary schools are participating in the Picker Pals litter programme once again this school year. This programme is most suitable for 1st and 2nd class children but also has classes participating from 3rd, 4th and 5th class also. It teaches about litter and involves activity based learning to promote a keen sense of responsibility for the environment. Students take part in online and in class learning about litter as well as carrying out a local clean up with parents etc. each weekend.

Composting for Schools Programme

The 8 Secondary Schools taking part in the Composting for Schools programme have received their initial visit. The main purpose of this visit was to carry out a waste audit to help schools to prevent, reduce and reuse their waste with a strong focus on recycling food waste. Schools have also taken part in 5 online sessions to learn more about waste prevention, recycling and composting within a school. The next step is for them to complete a brief action plan to tackle waste within their school. There will then be staff and student training in each school in the New Year.

Anti-Dog Fouling Campaign

A recent campaign reminded dog owners of the need to clean up their dog's waste by bagging it and binning it. A press release and social media posts were used to prompt dog owners to pick up their dog waste and place it into a bin, instead of leaving it on the ground, or leaving the bag on a tree, fence, etc. It also reiterated the health impacts and other consequences that dog fouling can have.

Blue Flag/Green Coast

The Green Coast Award is a symbol of environmental excellence and has been established to acknowledge, promote and protect the environment of our beaches. All sites must be managed in partnership with the local community to be considered for the Green Coast Award. The award encourages community involvement through the setting up of Clean Coasts Groups. Clean Coasts group formulate their own aims, objectives and activities to clean up and protect their adopted stretch of coastline. The Environmental Awareness Officer is currently working on the applications for the 7 Green Coast locations and 3 Blue Flags for beaches, largely in relation to the community element of the application i.e. work and activities carried out with local groups, schools and wider community. In order to qualify for the Blue Flag Award, a series of rigorous environmental, educational, safety-related and access-related criteria must be met and maintained.

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. The Environment Department continue to supply bags, gloves and litter pickers from both Dungarvan and Waterford offices to many of the groups taking part, as well as collecting the bags of litter afterwards.

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