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ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATE REPORT

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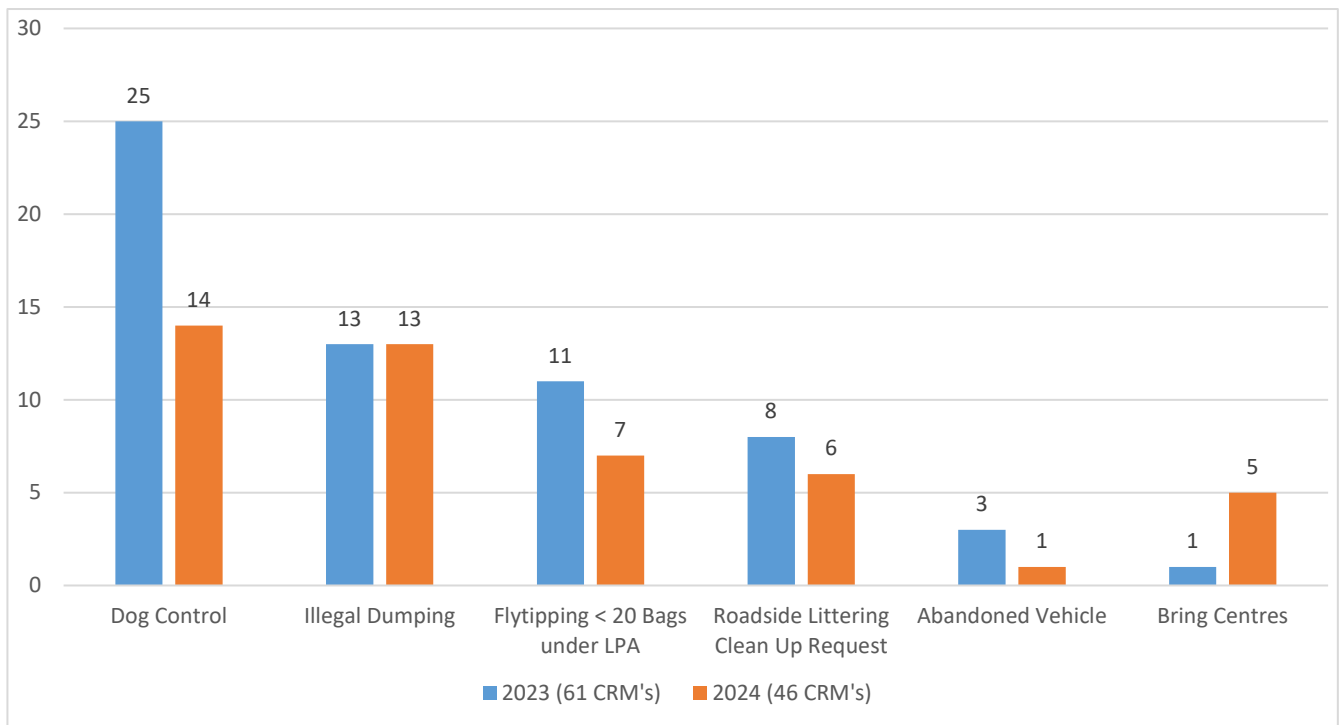
General Environment Enforcement

Environmental Inspectors continue to investigate and monitor illegal waste issues, littering, fly-tipping and illegal signage and issued litter fines where evidence of an offence is available. Waterford City & County Councils Dog Wardens continue to investigate all control of dog issues throughout the City & County.

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.

CRM Activity

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



Climate Action

Climate Action Plan

The Climate Action Plan is now published and available for viewing on the Climate Team website, <https://waterfordcouncil.ie/services/environment/climate-action/>

Environmental Education & Awareness

Green Flag Programme



Green-Schools promotes long-term, whole-school action for the environment Green-Schools with primary and secondary schools. There are 61 schools in Co. Waterford due to renew their Green Flag this year. A renewal visit must take place before a school submits a renewal application form for their renewal Green Flags (Energy, Water, Travel, Biodiversity and the Global Citizenship themes). Renewal visits are carried out by the Environment Awareness Officer. The purpose of the visit is to demonstrate that the school has an active Green

Schools programme in operation and has been maintaining previous themes in addition to working on the current theme. Schools applying must first complete an assessment visit from the Environment Awareness Officer before submitting their renewal application. All Green Schools working on a flag for this current school year must receive a visit and an application was to be submitted by 15th March. Themes range from Litter & Waste to Water and Biodiversity. This has meant lots of school visits have been taking place recently to meet with Green School Committees and talks to classes including the following: Comeragh area – Our Lady of Mercy NS in Stradbally.

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 to many of the groups taking part, distributing them from both our Dungarvan and Waterford offices. Collection of any bags of litter is then organised for after the clean-up takes place. National Spring Clean takes place throughout the month of April. Registrations are now being taken at www.nationalspringclean.org As part of this the Environment Department supply bags, gloves and litter pickers to many of the groups taking part, as well as collecting the bags of litter for all clean ups. Groups are encouraged to register their clean up as a National Spring Clean event to receive additional resources from An Taisce.

Workshops

Connecting Communities Roadshow – The Environment Department is taking part in a Connecting Communities Roadshow at 7 locations around the county this spring. Currently, other partners at the Roadshow include various WCCC departments, Waterford PPN, Waterford Sports Partnership, Waterford Leader, Waterford Area Partnership, Local Link. HSE Health Promotion, Waterford Volunteer Centre, Community Guards, Fire Service and WWETB, with the idea that the greater the collaboration, the better the attendance at each roadshow. Environment's display will focus on waste prevention. These have taken place in Kilmacthomas and Ballymacarbry to date.

Rubbish Schools Film Festival



The Environment Department is working with Createschool to offer 5 secondary schools in County Waterford the opportunity to participate the Rubbish Film. The Rubbish Film Festival is a really unique opportunity for Transition Year Students to showcase their creative talents, create awareness on Environmental Issues such as

Climate Action and learn some new digital storytelling skills in the process. Each participating school will receive an intensive 2-day workshop on-site in their school from Createschool to help them gain and/or develop the skills to create their own short ONE MINUTE film or films that will create awareness among their peers on their selected environmental issue. All costs are covered by the Environment Department of Waterford City & County Council. An awards ceremony will take place in late April for this.

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