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ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATE REPORT

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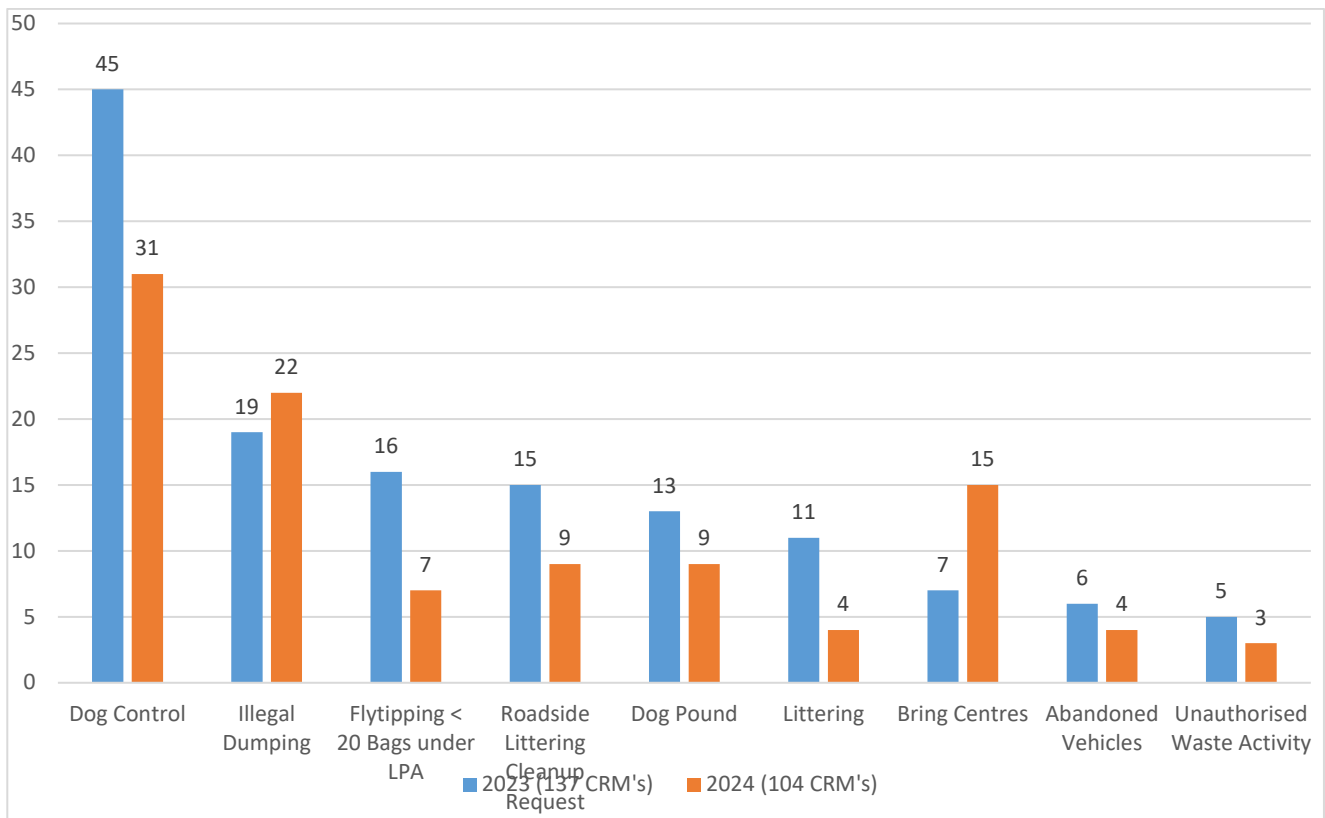
General Environment Enforcement

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 June in the years 2023 & 2024.



Climate Action

Community Climate Action Fund

16 communities from across the County have commenced their Community Climate projects. Projects varied in size from less than €5,000 up to €100,000 and include everything from setting up community orchards to upgrading community buildings and providing sustainable travel options.

Retrofit of streetlights to energy efficient equivalents

The Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project (PLEEP) is moving from the design stage to implementation and by the end of the summer the first energy efficient replacement of streetlights will have been completed, reducing the energy consumption of our lighting by 70% saving money and carbon emissions.

Smarter Travel Mark

Waterford City and County Council has received the Bronze Smarter Travel Mark from the NTA for the efforts being made to give staff more sustainable travel options.

Environmental Education & Awareness



Rubbish Schools Film Festival - The Environment Section worked with Createschool to offer 5 secondary schools in Waterford the opportunity to participate in 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 received 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 Section of Waterford City & County Council. A national awards ceremony took place in late April for this.

Composting in Schools programme – 8 secondary schools in Co. Waterford took part in a waste prevention and recycling programme designed to identify ways for the school to reduce the amount of waste being produced and increase recycling and composting. This resulted in 7 of the 8 schools reducing the amount of waste being sent to landfill. 5 of the 8 schools signed up for a brown bin collection to compost food waste. 3 leaf cages were installed to compost leaves on school grounds and staff and students learned about the importance of waste prevention and recycling.



A Food Waste information day was held at Portlaw and Kilmacthomas libraries and the Age Well Expo. These included an information display, with advice being given on the day about correct waste segregation. Compost caddies, compostable bags, food measures and information leaflets were distributed to help householders to reduce their food waste and compost.

Waste Prevention Workshop

A waste prevention workshop was also held recently with 30 members of a retirement group in Portlaw, hosted at St. Martin's Daycare centre.

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.

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