

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

**Economic Development Report July 2025**

**Rural Regeneration & Development Fund Projects**

**Ardmore**

- Water Activity Centre – piling now in place and tested. Ground works (servicing pipes etc.) commencing, followed by concrete slab.
- Public Realm – design tender and overseeing the public works (including Part 8) – awarded to DHB Architects.
- Coastal Protection & Sandcastle Refurbishment – construction tender documents are being prepared.

**Cappoquin**

- Uniacke-Fennels – works contract awarded, with works to start the first week of July.
- Public Realm – design tender has been assessed.
- Moore's Hotel – works progressing with completion likely by the end of August.
- Housing Pilot – works progressing mainly in Green Street, to be complete in October.

**Lismore**

Glamping Pods are being delivered next week at old Bank of Ireland site.

**Villierstown**

Part 8 public consultation going out on 7<sup>th</sup> July until 5<sup>th</sup> August for the regeneration of Morrissey's Cottage site.

**Trails and Outdoor Recreation**

**Waterford Outdoor Recreation Plan**

- It is envisaged that the content for the Waterford Outdoor Recreation will be finalized during July/August. The plan will be launched later in 2025 - date TBC.
- Members of the plan project team attended the National Outdoor Recreation Conference in Limerick on 26<sup>th</sup> June.

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

- **Helvic Cove** access improvements: Access to cove greatly improved with repairs to steps and addition of new handrail now complete. Some other minor works required including new signage. Project to be fully completed by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025.

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

The following ORIS 2022 projects in progress currently:

- Cappoquin Railway Loop Walk – Phase 1 (Measure 3): Contractors *Donnelly Civil Engineering* have been making good progress on the works from the Slipway along the quay wall at Port na hAbhann towards Cappoquin Rowing Club.
- New pedestrian path adjacent to grounds of the boat house close to completion. Project will be substantially complete by end July.



### 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)



## Tourism

### Waterford Rural Tourism Network



The Waterford Rural Tourism Network (WRTN), which included the Blackwater Valley & Gaeltacht na nDéise, clusters is continuing to develop. Since the beginning of 2025 the following have been delivered by Runda Hospitality & Tourism Solutions who are contracted by Waterford City & County Council and Fáilte Ireland:

- Network wide event
- The third & fourth of 5 'Learning Journeys' – (to Gaeltacht na nDéise & Waterford Estuary respectively)
- 10 in person meetings, 2 meeting per cluster (3 in-person meetings per cluster per year)
- B2C workshops
- Leave No Trace (LNT) awareness training

We have great involvement from businesses across all 5 clusters but there is still an opportunity to join the network so if you are aware of any businesses, please put them in touch with Keith Murphy, Tourism WCCC.