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Economic Development Report June 2025

Rural Regeneration & Development Fund Projects

Ardmore

Water Activity Centre: 2 test piles constructed during the week beginning 12th May were tested successfully - they will take the design load.

Following results of the pile testing, a revised piling layout has been issued - number of piles reduced from 63 to 35 - and longer piles are being used.

The piling will continue the following week. Programme duration has not changed.

Site: Height restrictor installation and finishing of kerb works underway.,

Issues with parking in area between site hoarding and Dubh Carrig estate discussed. Bollards are to be installed along pedestrian corridor - parking in this area will be reviewed following installation of bollards.

Cappoquin

A contract for renovation/construction works of Uniacke-Fennell building in Cappoquin has been awarded to Marlhill Construction.

The Housing Pilot project in Cappoquin is under construction with a finishing date in September.

Moore's Hotel is also progressing. ORIS project in Cappoquin is going to finish over the next 2 weeks.

Public Realm in Cappoquin - tender for design contract is out at the moment.

Trails and Outdoor Recreation

Waterford Outdoor Recreation Plan

Work is well underway on the preparation of the Waterford Outdoor Recreation Plan. It is an objective of 'Embracing Ireland's Outdoors – The National Outdoor Recreation Strategy' that each county prepares an Outdoor Recreation Plan and forms a stakeholder grouping the County Outdoor Recreation Committee. Project team due to approve plan and carry out SEA/AA screening in 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 31st 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. Works also include new access road into the rowing club and upgrade/landscaping to the green area at Port na hAbhann. It is anticipated works will be substantially complete by the end of June. Some minor works including planting to be completed later in 2025.

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

Tourism

Waterford Rural Tourism Network



Work with the Waterford Rural Tourism Network (WRTN) continues to grow and develop, together with Fáilte Ireland and Runda Hospitality & Tourism Solutions.

The most recent in person cluster meetings took place on the 15th May for the Blackwater Valley & Gaeltacht na nDéise clusters.

The Network also completed its fourth learning journey. This saw the members travel along the Waterford Estuary. It was a day full of insightful stories, unique activities and delicious food all set against the stunning backdrop of the Estuary. The group were welcomed into each community along the estuary, and it was a very successful day of learning.