



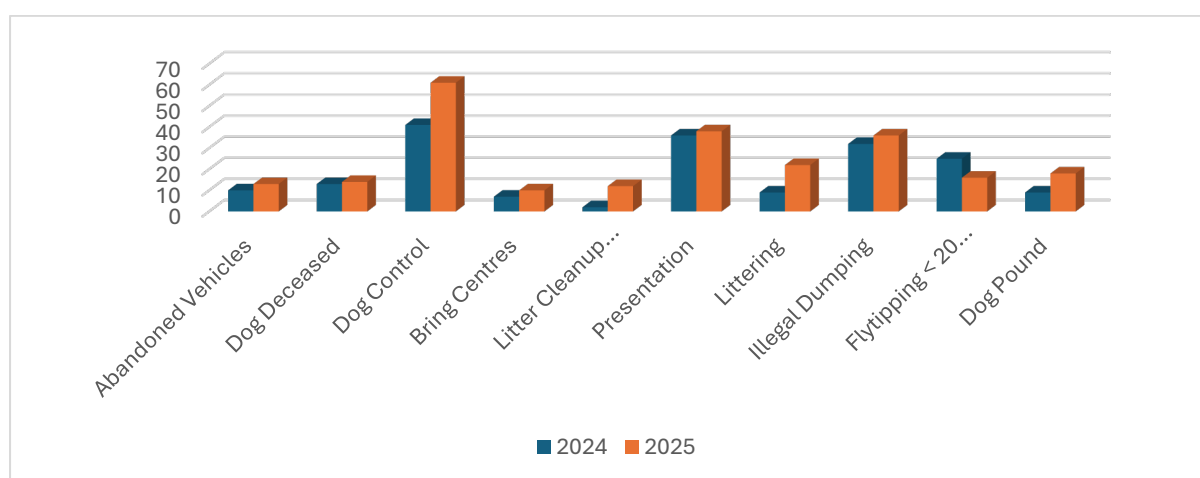
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ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATE REPORT

IÚIL 2025
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CRMS:



The following graph shows a comparison of the top categories of CRM cases recorded in the Dungarvan/Lismore area during the periods from 1 January 2024 to 30 June 2024 and from 1 January 2025 to 30 June 2025.

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.

Dog Waste Bag Provision Trial – Ballinroad



We have initiated a trial in response to the significant expense associated with the provision of free dog waste bags to the public, which currently exceeds €70,000 annually. Additionally, it has been established that the provision of bags has not reduced the amount of litter. As part of this trial, from 11th July 2025, dog waste bags will no longer be provided in Ballinroad. A comprehensive public awareness campaign is accompanying the trial, including social media advertising in both Irish and English and signage

informing the public of the importance of bringing their own bags. Under the Control of Dogs Byelaws 2015, all dog owners are legally required to carry their own waste bags and to clean up after their dogs. Failure to do so can result in a €150 fine. We will be increasing foot patrols by Waste Enforcement Officers and Dog Wardens in the affected area to support enforcement and encourage responsible dog ownership.

CCTV

We are undertaking public consultation on the provision of CCTV Cameras in public areas within County Waterford for the sole primary purpose of preventing litter and illegal dumping and enforcement of the Litter Pollution Act, 1997, and the Waste Management Act 1996. The consultation will run until 1st August 2025. The areas have been selected based on intelligence from complaints logged on CRM and information from Waste Enforcement Officers and other outdoor staff.

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. We 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.

Education & Awareness:

KIMO

Waterford has now joined KIMO and a launch event will be held in Villierstown in early July to mark the fact that Waterford has signed up to become a member of KIMO. KIMO is a network that works together for healthy seas and rivers, clean beaches, and thriving coastal communities. There are over 80 member municipalities in nine countries around the North-East Atlantic and Baltic regions.

Members work to find, implement and share positive solutions. KIMO stands for Kommunernes International Miljøorganisation (Local Authorities International Environmental Organisation). You can find more information about KIMO at this link <https://www.kimointernational.org/about-us/mission/> . Waterford City and County Council will be represented by Cllr Niam O'Donovan.

Food Waste Prevention:

National Food Waste Recycling Week took place during the first week in June. This year's campaign celebrates the significant strides made in food waste recycling, with over 1.2 million households now using brown bins across Ireland. The key message this year is "No Metal, No Glass, No Plastic Makes Your Brown Bin Fantastic!" and highlights the importance of reducing contamination. A food waste information event took place in Dungarvan Library on the morning of June 4th.

Climate Action:

The Business Pledge for a Cleaner, Greener Waterford reopens at the end of July—offering eligible businesses the opportunity to receive a rates discount in recognition of their commitment to sustainability.

Now entering its fourth year, the scheme has already supported over 1,000 businesses in making more environmentally responsible choices. In 2023, participating businesses were asked to outline specific sustainability actions they intended to undertake. This year, businesses that have successfully completed those actions will receive a 9% discount on their commercial rates bill. In addition, they

will be asked to commit to a new sustainability action for completion in 2026, thereby supporting ongoing environmental improvement.

The scheme remains open to new applicants, including hospitality businesses and any business with a commercial rates bill of €10,000 or less. All eligible businesses will be contacted directly by email or letter with full application details. The application window will run from late July to mid-September.

This initiative remains unique in Ireland as the only scheme where businesses receive a financial incentive in return for implementing sustainable practices. It continues to position Waterford as a leader in climate action and local economic innovation.



Consultation on EV charging strategy completed.

A total of 218 individuals, along with multiple agencies across the County, recently took part in a public consultation to help shape the County's Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Strategy. Arup, the consultancy firm leading the development of the strategy, will now analyse the consultation feedback alongside data on car parking, charging demand, grid capacity, and other relevant factors. The final strategy, expected to be published in the autumn, will guide the future rollout of EV charging infrastructure across the County. Under this plan, the Council will take responsibility for installing neighbourhood chargers, while Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) will oversee charging infrastructure along major roads.



The Community Climate Action Fund – Expression of Interest Open

The second round of funding in the Community Climate Action Fund is to be released before the end of this year and preparation for that the Climate Action team are asking any community that is interested in applying to complete our [Expression of Interest form](#). In the previous round we were able to fund 17 community projects across Waterford (communities photographed below) the projects varied from solar panels on the parish hall in Coolnasmear to a whole community effort in Ardmore.



Improving the Energy Efficiency of Community Halls – Information through the Elevate Programme

As part of the Elevate Programme, Community Climate Action Officer, Micheál Ó Cadhla, recently delivered a series of workshops focused on improving energy efficiency in community halls. These workshops aimed to equip local communities with the knowledge and practical steps needed to reduce energy consumption and improve the sustainability of their community facilities. Recordings of these workshops will be made available on the Council's official YouTube channel to ensure wider access for those who were unable to attend in person.

Biodiversity:

Waterford Biodiversity Action Plan Development

The first meeting of the Biodiversity Working Group was held in June. Over the coming months, a series of further meetings will take place, incorporating input from expert advisors, community conversations, and public consultations. This collaborative process will form the foundation for the development of the draft Waterford Biodiversity Action Plan. All stakeholders will have the opportunity to contribute throughout the process. Members are encouraged to monitor the WCCC Consult platform for updates on the pre-draft public consultation phase, as well as details of scheduled library drop-in events within each Municipal District.

Community Biodiversity Training Days

In June, the Biodiversity Officer supported two successful biodiversity training events. On 21st June, volunteer training with Seal Rescue Ireland was held aimed at equipping local volunteers with the skills to assist in marine wildlife rescue. This was followed by a fully subscribed Dragonfly and Damselfly identification workshop on 28th June in Dunhill which was supported by the National Biodiversity Data Centre. Both events are part of ongoing efforts to build volunteer capacity,

enhance community knowledge, and improve biodiversity literacy across the County. Further biodiversity training events are scheduled for July, including: Native Plants Workshop in Lismore on 18th July, in collaboration with the Environmental Awareness Officer.

Control of Dogs

Upgrade works at the County Pound in Bilberry are ongoing, with drainage work scheduled to commence in September as part of continued improvements to the facility.

In a recent enforcement matter, one of the Council's Dog Wardens appeared as a witness on behalf of An Garda Síochána at the District Court. The court imposed a €600 fine on the defendant for failure to hold a valid dog licence, reinforcing the importance of compliance with dog ownership regulations.