

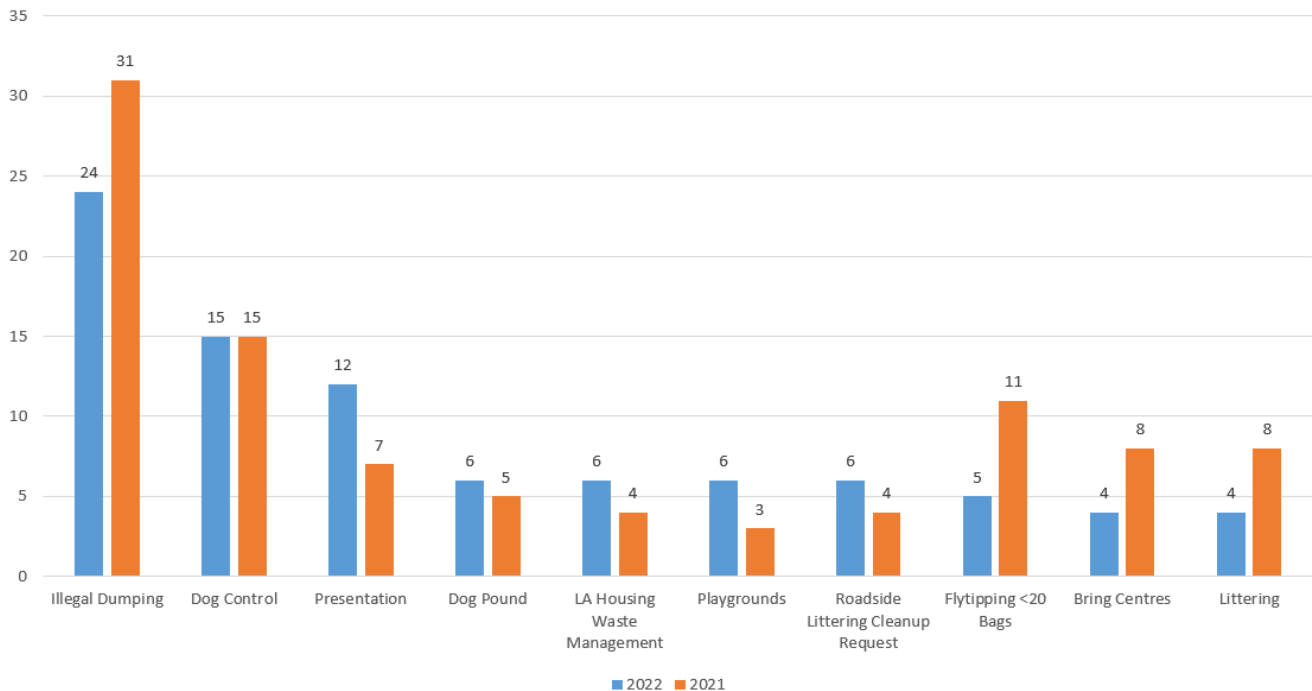
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TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DUNGARVAN/LISMORE

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ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATE REPORT  
MÁRTA 2022  
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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 offences are detected. 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

The following graph shows a comparison of the top categories of CRM cases recorded in the Dungarvan / Lismore area during the period to the end of February in the years 2021 & 2022.



## **Presentation & Cleansing**

### **Dungarvan:**

Arrangements have been made for the replacement of the current planting in the centre of the Coolagh Road roundabout. The current plants have suffered from weed infestation and will be replaced with ornamental grasses when ground conditions improve. Staff have completed planting of Jacquemontii Birch trees within the central part of the Kilrush roundabout. These trees which are noted for their white bark will be dressed with bark mulch underneath. A number of the planted areas along the N25 and Youghal road which suffered during the winter months have been prepared for re-sowing with wildflowers. These areas will be sown with pollinator friendly wildflowers when temperatures rise in the coming weeks and will provide colour and a food source for our pollinators in Summer.

Work to remove trees from Landsend which were displaying very evident signs of decline and others which are the subject of suppression of their canopies due to overcrowding have been completed. On Sheares Street, one dead tree was removed and a crown reduction was carried out on another tree in the area. It is planned to carry out a condition survey of the trees on Sheares Street to establish their current condition and to enable plans to be made for their maintenance.

Tree planting is a key aspect of the current work programme and over the next number of weeks new planting of semi – mature trees will be carried out within the central part of the ‘New line’; this will strengthen and augment the current planting in this area.

## **Environmental Education & Awareness**

### **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. National Spring Clean will take place during the month of April; registrations have commenced at [www.nationalspringclean.org](http://www.nationalspringclean.org) ; as part of this we supply bags, gloves and litter pickers to many of the groups taking part, as well as collecting the litter.

### **Green Flag Programme**

School visits and assessments are well underway for green flag renewals. There are 51 schools due to renew their Green Flag this year. The deadline for renewal applications is on Friday, April 1st 2022 for the 2021/2022 academic year. Schools applying for their first Green Flag, Litter & Waste theme, can submit an application by Tuesday, March 1st, 2022. Green School visits can take place either in person or virtually. Schools have been seeking advice online via Zoom, email and also by telephone to date. Online workshops with secondary schools continue to be requested, with recycling and various waste prevention issues continuing to be the most popular topics.

### **Workshops for Schools**

Schools involved in biodiversity themes of the Green Schools programme are currently being offered biodiversity themed workshops to help them in their work. This includes primary, secondary and special schools in Co. Waterford who are working on biodiversity and may include advice on developing a school garden or encouraging pollinators into their school grounds.

### **Tidy Towns**

A series of short online talks for Tidy Towns groups will take place in March and April, on the topics of litter management, climate action, biodiversity and planting for pollinators, etc. All groups will be contacted with details of these events shortly.

### **Climate Change**

Four Home Energy Saving Kits now available to borrow from our libraries. We are providing these as a toolkit that helps to save energy at home. With 5 easy-to-use tools and 6 practical exercises, this kit allows you to get a better understanding of the energy usage in your home, problem areas that may need your attention and ways to improve energy efficiency.

Waterford City & County Council have been working with the Waterford Teachers Centre to pilot a Climate Literacy programme with secondary schools this Spring. This involves a 10- week Climate Literacy programme, focused on improving climate literacy and fostering behavior change in schools. The course is developed to include teacher training, resources, and lesson plans. The teacher training is designed to equip teachers with the knowledge, attitudes, behaviors, and skills required to effectively and confidently deliver not only this course, but also across their curriculum subject as the course can complement any subject framework that has an environmental strand. There will be training sessions weekly online to support teachers to deliver the content of the class. After the training the teacher will then be able to deliver the course by his/herself with as many groups of students as they wish.

We are working with Europe Direct Centre at Central Library to run a week of lunchtime events online during 21-25 March, entitled Acting for the Environment. Events will include how climate change is affecting our coastal heritage, a furniture up-cycling demonstration using locally recycled paint from Renew Enterprises, and a talk about wildflowers and how to grow your own vegetables.

### **Local grants**

Applications are currently being invited for two grants: Local Anti Graffiti and Anti Litter Awareness Grant 2022 <https://bit.ly/AntiLitterGrant2022> to tackle litter or graffiti in a community and the Local Waste Prevention Grant 2022 <https://bit.ly/WastePreventionGrant2022> for any group that wants to help to take steps on waste prevention, re-use and repair activities in their local area. Closing date for applications is 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022. Application forms and terms & conditions are available from [www.waterfordcouncil.ie](http://www.waterfordcouncil.ie)

### **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](http://www.waterfordcouncil.ie)