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1. Part 1 News & Updates

1.1. Climate Action

1.1.1 Climate Action Plan

Cork County Council Climate Action Plan 2024 – 2029 which was adopted by full council in February last includes a framework of 245 actions across 8 different themes,

1. Governance,
2. Council's own emissions,
3. Citizen engagement & community Leadership,
4. Biodiversity, natural environment, heritage, and land use
5. Economy,
6. Transportation,
7. Built Environment,
8. Solid Waste.



The Plan Implementation phase has now commenced, with the first Climate Action Plan Implementation Group meeting being held with reps from all Directorates to discuss implementation of the actions relevant to each department.

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1.1.2 Community Climate Action Programme (CCAP)

The Community Climate Action Programme (CCAP) provides eligible community groups with targeted funding to deliver local climate action projects and is administered through a competitive application process. The first call for applications in Cork County closed on Wednesday 6th March 2024, following a twelve (12) week application period, with a total of thirty-five (35) eligible applications received.

Applications were evaluated by an internal Evaluation Panel, and a portfolio of recommended projects for approval was submitted to the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC) on Wednesday 1st May 2024. DECC have ultimate responsibility for project approval, and it is expected that successful applicants will be notified in Q3 2024 (as per the timelines provided by DECC).



Cork County Council has recommended thirty-one (31) projects for final approval by the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications requesting a total funding allocation of €1,000,265.28. (14 projects from Northern Division, seeking funding of €646,162.43).

A breakdown of the recommended projects for approval is detailed below,

Project Size	Amount	Funding Requested
Small Projects (< €20,000):	13 projects	€139,316.44
Medium Projects (€20,000-€50,000):	11 projects	€300,841.55
Large Projects (€51,000-€100,000):	7 projects	€560,107.29
TOTAL:	31 projects	€1,000,265.28

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Projects recommended for approval by Cork County Council focus on all five programme themes (Community Energy, Travel, Food and Waste, Shopping and Recycling and Local Climate and Environmental Action). These include projects focusing on energy upgrades (deep retrofit and insulation, installation of solar PV), active travel supports (cycling routes and infrastructure), community gardens, recycling initiatives, water filling stations and local planting.

DECC have confirmed that Cork County Council will receive notification of final approved projects in July 2024, and will then be required to put a contract/MoU in place with each successful applicant in advance of their project commencing. Cork County Council are also in discussions with DECC regarding the use of any remaining surplus allocation, with an update expected at the end of Q3 2024.

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1.1.3 Climate Action Teams At Cork Summer Show

The council's **Climate Action Support unit (CASU)** in collaboration with the **Climate Action Regional Office (CARO)** exhibited at the Cork Summer Show which took place on the 15th and 16th of June.

At the event, the teams spoke and engaged with approx. 550 people on climate and environmental issues, including much youth participation.



Mayor Councillor Frank O'Flynn with staff and visitors to the Summer Show Climate Action Stand



Staff from the Climate Action Regional Office and Cork Climate Action Support Unit with Tánaiste Micheál Martin.

1.2. Waste & Litter

1.2.1 Deposit Return Scheme

Councillors will be aware that the Deposit Return Scheme (DRS) went live on 1 February 2024. When you buy a drink in a plastic bottle, aluminium or steel can that feature the Re-turn logo, you pay a small deposit in addition to the price of the drink. When you return your empty and undamaged drink container to participating shops and supermarkets, you get your deposit back in full.

As previously advised to members, from launch date, retailers had a 4-month transition period during which they can sell both new drinks containers with the Re-turn logo and older drinks containers that did not feature the logo, but whose barcode has been registered by the manufacturer/distributor under the scheme.

From June 1, the transition period has ended and from now on only drinks containers displaying the Re-turn logo can be legally sold to consumers.



1.3. Water Quality Programmes

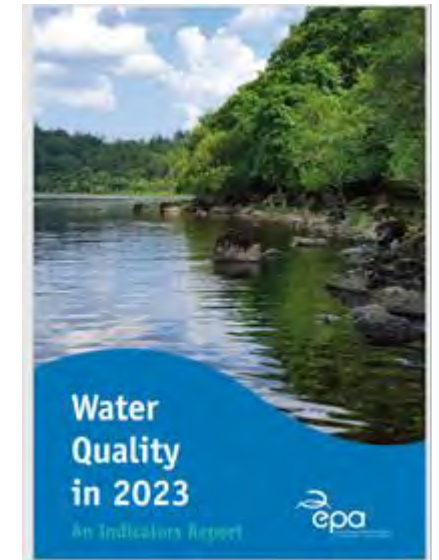
1.3.1 EPA Water Quality Report

In June the EPA published its annual report on water quality for the previous year i.e 2023, [Water Quality in 2023 | Environmental Protection Agency \(epa.ie\)](#). Overall, the report indicates that there has been no significant change in any of the water quality indicators for Ireland's rivers, lakes, estuaries and groundwaters in 2023 and no sign of improvement overall.

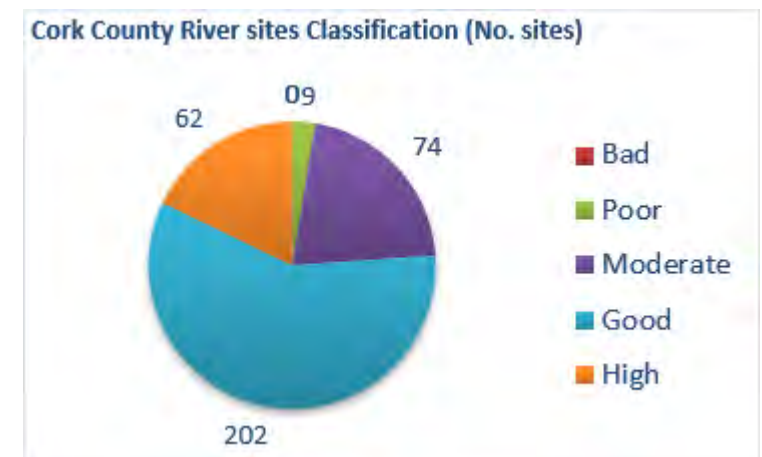
Key Findings include:

The main issue which impacts on the quality of our waters and their biological health is increased concentrations of nutrients, such as phosphorus and nitrogen. Human activities, such as agriculture, wastewater (domestic and urban) and forestry, are the primary cause of nutrient loss to our waters.

The indicators in the report show that there has been no significant change in the nutrient concentrations or in the biological quality of our rivers and lakes in 2023.



- More rivers nationally are declining in biological quality (n = 232) than are improving (n=187) over the 2022/2023 period.
- 55% (1,309) of river water bodies are in high or good biological quality
- 45% (1,056) are in moderate, poor or bad quality.
- 42% of river sites nationally have unsatisfactory nitrate concentrations.
- 27% of river sites nationally have unsatisfactory phosphate concentrations.
- 20% of groundwaters nationally have unsatisfactory nitrate concentrations.
- 35% of lakes have elevated phosphorus levels.



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1.3.2 National Agricultural Inspection Programme 2024 & 2025

Earlier this year the EPA allocated specific minimum farm inspection numbers to each local authority under the **National Agricultural Inspection Programme (NAIP) 2024 & 2025**. The purpose of the NAIP is to help maintain or bring about an improvement in natural water quality in Ireland. Under the plan Cork County Council has been instructed to

- undertake initial (first time) Good Agricultural Practice (GAP) inspections on a minimum of 452 farms in 2024 and 586 farms in 2025.

It must be noted that this is the minimum number of first-time inspections in 2024 and 2025, the council has an ongoing programme of follow up engagements and currently plans to undertake over 1,000 farms inspections in total in 2024. Additional staff resources are being funded by DHLGH to support the expanded programme. Some of these additional staff are already in place, however as in other sectors the recruitment of qualified staff has proved challenging. As further staff are successfully recruited the overall number of inspections planned for this year may increase.



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1.3.3 EPA Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems Inspections Report 2023.



The EPA released its annual “septic tank” [report](#) on 9th May last. Some of the key findings include;

- Of those systems inspected, almost half (45%) of failed inspection nationally in 2023, (39% failed in Co. Cork).
- Nationally 80% of systems which failed inspection between 2013 & 2023 had been fixed by 31/12/2023, but delays in resolving older failures is a concern.
- In Co. Cork 90% of systems which failed inspection between 2013 & 2023, (501 systems failed inspection), had been fixed by 31/12/2023.

There are nearly half a million domestic wastewater treatment systems in Ireland approx. 60,000 in Co. Cork. If not constructed and maintained properly, faulty systems can contaminate groundwater including household wells with harmful bacteria and viruses and pose a significant risk to public health. Nitrogen and phosphorus in septic tank effluent can also cause water pollution. Septic tanks must be maintained & desludged regularly. Householders with private wells should also have their wells tested at least once a year.

Local authorities issue advisory notices requiring householders to fix septic tank systems that fail inspection. The EPA have advised that enforcement of these advisory notices by local authorities is inconsistent and that local authorities need to increase enforcement, including prosecution where warranted, to resolve faulty systems. Cork County Council are actively working to get all outstanding advisory notices resolved.

CHANGES TO THE GRANT SCHEMES

Elected Members will be aware that the septic tank grant schemes were changed at the start of 2024 to increase the maximum grant amount from €5,000 to €12,000 and to remove the requirement to have registered the septic tank in 2013. These substantially increased grants provide qualifying householders with a great opportunity to fix faulty septic tanks. Eligibility remains very much determined by geographic location – to qualify for a grant you must *either have been inspected by Cork County Council under the EPA's National Inspection Plan, or be located in a [Priority Area for Action \(PAA\)](#) or in a [High Status Objective Catchment Areas](#) under the national River Basin Management Plan*. Further info on septic tank grants is available [here](#).

Under the EPA's [National Inspection Plan for Domestic Waste Water Treatment Systems 2022 - 2026](#) the council is currently required to undertake 136 inspections per annum. .

Further information about septic tanks is available [here](#) or at septicTankgrants@corkcoco.ie.

You can also contact Cork County Councils Environment Directorate at 021 4532700, environ@corkcoco.ie, or septicTankgrants@corkcoco.ie for further information and assistance.

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1.3.4 Sustainable Urban Drainage-Cobh Nature Based Solution Pilot Project

Located at East Beach, Cobh this pilot project is a *Rain Garden*, a type of nature-based solution to solve an urban drainage challenge. The scheme, which has been funded by the Department of Housing, Local Government, and Heritage (DHLGH), is designed to capture and purify rainwater run-off from roads and footpaths filtering polluted water before it's released into waterways or the sea.

Designed by Cork County Council, Capital Projects Department, Cobh Tidy Towns were instrumental in delivering the project, assisting with painting, decorating, and planting the raingardens. The unveiling was a fantastic occasion that fostered community engagement and promoted new sustainable urban infrastructure in Cobh.



see <https://cobhpublicrealm.ie/> for more info

The Demonstrator Project is now being monitored by the

Environment Directorate over the course of a year to test water quality, and the suitability of the plants and bio-retention soil types used within the project. The scheme has already received incredibly positive feedback from the local community and businesses.

Initial results indicate excellent removal (adsorption/absorption onto soil) of toxic heavy metals such as chromium, lead and zinc. Good removal rates of general pollutants such as suspended solids and total organic carbon are also indicated. We will brief members more fully on monitoring results when more data is to hand.



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1.4. Community Environmental Awareness Programmes

1.4.1 2024 Circular Economy Fund

Eighteen groups from across Cork County have been awarded a share of over €40,000 from Cork County Council's 2024 Circular Economy Fund. Eight schools, five community groups and five festivals/events were the recipients from this inaugural fund which was themed around the provision of drinking water and the reduction of Single Use Plastics.

The aim of the new Circular Economy Fund is to empower local action to drive a more circular economy. The fund aims to support communities to move away from the traditional linear 'take-make-use-dispose' model towards more circular living where resources are reused or recycled, reducing wastage.

The fund builds on the successful engagement between the Council and communities in recent years, which has seen 35 water refill stations installed in schools and community buildings across Cork County, as well as mobile hydration stations piloted at events.

The recipients of this year's fund include 4 groups from the Western Division, 6 groups from the Northern Division and 8 groups from the Southern Division as follows:



Internal Water Refill Station	External Water Refill Station	Water Filter System to Reduce Single Use Plastics	Mobile Hydration Station / IBC Containers	Reusable Cup Scheme
Scoil Bhríde Midleton	The Donkey Sanctuary Ireland (Liscarroll)	Kilbonane National School	Meitheal Mara – Ocean to City Race	Cape Clear International Storytelling Festival
St. Mary's Senior School & St. Mary's Infant School, Dunmanway	Rylane Community Park Association	Park National School, Youghal	Castlemartyr Community Council	Ballydehob Jazz Festival
St. Mary's Secondary School, Charleville	Milford GAA	Dromore N.S., Drimoleague (St Joseph's N.S.)	Rowing Ireland Championships	
Gaelscoil Choráin, Youghal, Milford Area Community Council	Conna Community Council			
Freemount National School				

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1.4.2 Managing & Reducing Waste at Festivals

Ballymaloe Festival of Food

The Environmental Awareness Office (EAO) team worked in partnership with Ballymaloe Festival of Food which took place from 17-19 May, to pilot initiatives to manage and reduce festival waste including:

- Waste segregation stations were supervised by volunteers to engage with festival goers, educating them on the proper use of the bins and leading to a reduction of contamination of waste streams. The My Waste national bin signage was also implemented at the event to provide clear information on what should go in each bin.
- A reusable cup scheme eliminated the need for 10,000 single use plastic cups in the bar. A case study will be drafted and shared with other festivals to highlight learnings from the pilot.



Reusable Cup Scheme in action at Ballymaloe Festival of Food



Segregated Bin Stations at Ballymaloe Festival of Food

Cork Summer Show

The EAO team also worked with the Cork Summer Show organising team to identify actions to reduce the environmental impact of the show. Reduction of single use plastics and improving waste segregation were a key focus. Actions supported included:

- A Mobile Hydration Station allowed visitors to the show refill their own reusable water bottles. Reusable cups were also provided to reduce the need for purchasing single use waste bottles.
- Installation of the national My Waste signage at the waste segregation stations

Staff from the Environment Directorate also exhibited at the show, promoting circular initiatives including the separation of food waste, a composting demonstration and the Council led paint reuse initiative, Relove Paint. 300+ kitchen food waste caddies were distributed to the public.



Segregated Bin Stations at Cork Summer Show



Mobile Hydration Station at Cork Summer Show

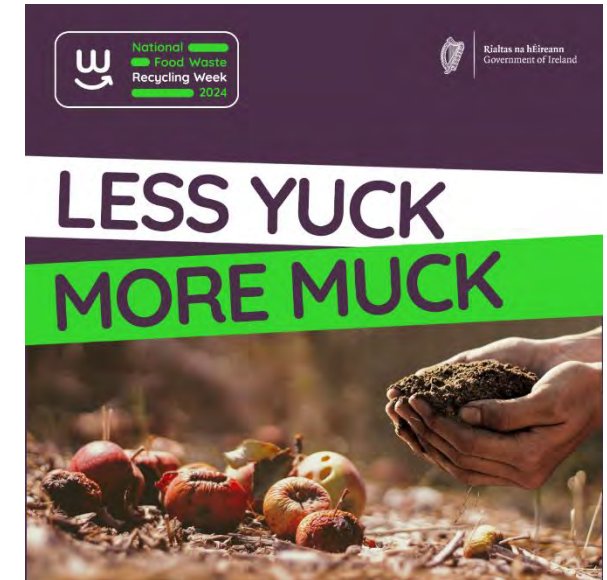
1.4.3 National Food Waste Recycling Week

Now in its third year, National Food Waste Recycling Week ran from June 2nd to June 9th. The aim of the awareness campaign, led by [MyWaste.ie](https://www.mywaste.ie), is to provide practical advice and encourage more consumers and businesses to recycle food waste correctly in the home and workplace.

For the campaign the Environmental Awareness Office ran a weeklong social media campaign, to encourage the citizens of Cork County to use a brown bin to segregate their food waste. [Click here to view the campaign on Facebook.](#)

It comes as new research of over 1,000 adults found that over two thirds (67%) of all householders in Ireland currently use a brown bin. The research, conducted by iReach on behalf of MyWaste.ie, also revealed, of those who do use a brown bin, helping climate change is the top motivation, with 35% saying this is why they use a food waste bin.

However, there are still some people who put food waste in the general waste bin, meaning this food waste will never be recycled. A recent study from the Environmental Protection Agency found that in commercial general waste bins, 30% of the contents are food waste, while in household general waste bins, 17% of the content is food waste. New legislation introduced last January means everyone, everywhere in Ireland is now entitled by law to a brown bin service.



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1.4.4 Green School Awards

69 schools from Cork County were recently awarded Green Flags as part of An Taisce's Green Schools Programme. The primary and secondary schools were celebrated for their achievements under themes of litter and waste, biodiversity, energy, global citizenship and the marine environment amongst others.

An Taisce operates Green Schools in Cork County in partnership with Cork County Council. Now in its 26th year, Green Schools is a long-term, whole school, action-based programme and award scheme for both primary and second-level schools that operates in 92% of Irish schools. When participating in the programme, schools work through ten sustainability themes, spending two academic years working on each theme before applying for the Green Flag award for that theme.

The 69 Cork County schools (21 in North Cork) were among over 750 schools nationwide were awarded Green Flags.

Congratulations also to Gaelscoil Charraig Uí Leighin who represented Cork County as regional winners for the Water School of the Year Award at the Green Schools Water Awards ceremony in Dublin.

[Click here for more information.](#)



The youngest recipients of a Green Flag, Lauren and Aoibhín (both 5 years of age) from Bright Sparks Preschools in Mitchelstown with Deputy Mayor of the County of Cork, Cllr. John Healy.

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1.4.5 School Garden Competition Awards

Muinefliuch National School, Macroom bloomed in the Muintir na Tíre Cork School Garden Competition 2024. Mayor of the County of County, Cllr. Frank O'Flynn has paid tribute to the students and teachers who sowed the seeds to the school winning the Overall Best County School Garden in this year's competition. Dernigree and Castlelyons National Schools in North Cork were Gold Medal winners.

Co-sponsored by Cork County Council, the annual Cork Schools Garden competition is open to all primary schools in Cork County and City who have a school garden or are in the process of developing one.

This year's competition saw many gardens big and small, new and established, each one unique. Students used their knowledge and awareness to create incredible, friendly, functional, biodiverse spaces that help conserve local and native plant and animal species, as well as demonstrating their keen ability to rethink, repair, refurbish, reuse, recycle and upcycle items to bring their gardens to life, reducing CO2 emissions and reducing wastage going to landfills.

For more information on the Muintir na Tíre Cork School Garden Competition, visit Muintir na Tíre at www.muintircork.com

Click [HERE](#) for more information on the School Garden Competition Awards.



Pupils Sara O'Callaghan and Sophia Kelleher of Muinefliuch National School. Back Sean Finn and Sean Holland Muintir na Tíre, Conor Nelligan Cork County Council, Mayor of the County of Cork, Cllr. Frank O'Flynn, Deirdre Martin and Regina Maguire of Muinefliuch National School.

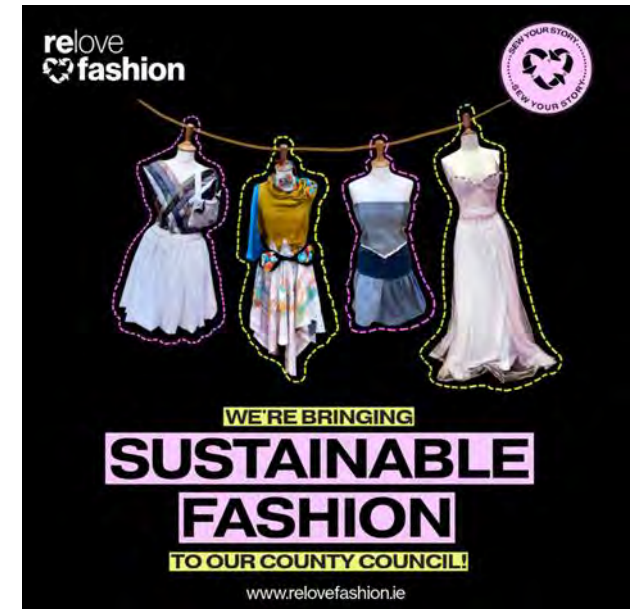
1.4.6 *Relove Fashion*

Cork County Council is funding post primary schools across the administrative area of Cork County Council to participate in the award-winning sustainable fashion competition, [Relove Fashion](#).

The now national competition empowers young people to explore fashion production while fostering an understanding of its environmental impact. Aligning seamlessly with the secondary school curriculum, the Relove Fashion opens doors to innovative learning that extends beyond textbooks. It also aligns with the Art, Home Economics, Visual Art, Science, Geography, Maths, ESS, and English curriculums.

The competition was developed in response to the growing environmental and social impacts of the fashion industry, challenges students to use their creative design skills to create a sustainable and re-wearable outfit. It is a fantastic opportunity for students to engage hands-on with sustainable fashion, think about how their clothing is made, and explore creative reuse options such as upcycling, repairs, alterations and mending.

Post Primary schools and Youth Groups can register their interest at this link [relove-fashion-register-your-interest](#) .

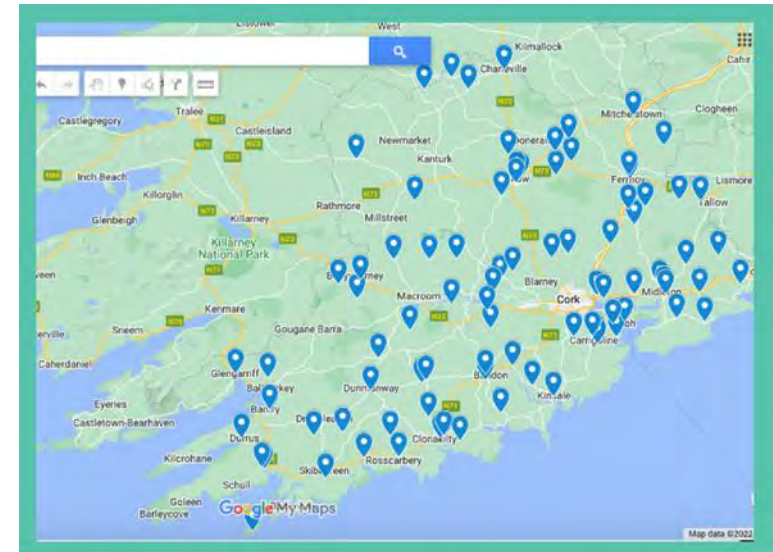


1.4.7 Picker Pals

[Picker Pals](#) , led by Voice Ireland, has been running in schools in Cork County since 2020, with the continued support of Cork County Council. In 2021 the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications committed funding towards the programme which saw a huge increase in school participation and which is set to continue into the 2024/2025 academic year.

Since 2020, the programme has run in 319 classrooms from 180 schools across the County. 65% of all schools in the county have now experienced Picker Pals. This equates to 7488 children in County Cork out picking up litter and forming new environmentally conscious behaviours with their families since the programme began. See below map of locations of schools who have taken part to date.

Led by Voice Ireland, Picker Pals is an educational schools programme inspiring and motivating primary school children to become the next generation of environmentalists through litter-picking in their local areas. The programme engages children through a story world, with programme specific readers and activity books given to every child in the class. A “Picker Pack” is also provided which contains a child and adult litter-picking tool to be taken home by a different student every week. The family then go on a litter picking adventure in their local area with the child reporting their activity back to their classmates.



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1.4.8 Rubbish Film Festival 2024/2025

Cork County Council are delighted to partner with the National Rubbish Film Festival once again for the 2024/2025 academic year and will see 13 secondary schools from Cork County participate. Successful schools will select 12 students who will receive an intensive 2-day workshop on-site, in their school, from [Createschool](#). The workshop includes ideas generation, script writing, rehearsing, filming, production and editing. Students will present their film to a panel of judges at a county awards ceremony in Spring 2024. One winner will be selected to represent Cork County in the national awards ceremony in May 2025. Click [here](#) to view the videos produced by students in Cork County schools during the 23/24 programme.

Schools participating in the 24/25 festival include:

Northern Division

- Colaiste Treasa, Kanturk
- Davis College Mallow
- Loreto Secondary School, Fermoy
- Scoil Mhuire, Kanturk
- St Mary's Charleville
- St. Mary's Mallow

Southern Division

- Carrigaline Community School
- De La Salle Macroom
- Midleton CBS
- Pobalscoil na Trionoide, Youghal
- St Colman's Community College, Midleton

Western Division

- Kinsale Community school
- Schull Community College



1.5. National Broadband Plan (NBP)

1.5.1 Digital Connectivity Strategy Update

The May 2024 Digital Connectivity Strategy Update released by DECC reports:

- Commercial Rollout – Digital Connectivity
 - Fibre Rollout
 - eir is in the process of building a FTTP fibre network to 1.9 million premises, with over 1.2 million premises passed to date.
 - SIRO recently passed over 590,000 premises with full fibre, and DECC understand they are on track to reach 700,000 premises by 2026.
 - Virgin Media Ireland is committed to a €200m network upgrade to full fibre, which is continuing into 2025 and will support speeds up to 10Gbps. They have recently reached a milestone of enabling 252,000 premises with full fibre.
 - Commercial Deployment of 5G
 - eir's 5G network rollout continues to expand, offering coverage to over 70% of the population in more than 600 cities, towns and villages.
 - Vodafone's 5G network is currently live in selected areas across 26 counties in Ireland.
 - Three Ireland's 5G network has 90% population coverage and 5G in every county.
 - In Q1 2024, there were 1,588,631 5G mobile subscriptions.
- National Broadband Ireland Progress - National
 - Non-commercial areas
 - The State-led subsidised intervention is being delivered by NBI following the Contract award in 2019. NBI are contracted to roll out a high-speed and future-proofed broadband network across all non-commercial areas in every county and this will cover circa 1.1 million people living and working in over 560,000 premises. This includes almost 100,000 businesses and farms along with some 283 Broadband Connection Points and 672 schools.
 - The process of delivering fibre to all homes in the Intervention Area is progressing with momentum. While NBI was committed to delivering a cumulative target of 185,000 premises by the end of 2023 under the revised Contract targets, NBI passed over 205,600 premises up to the end of December 2023.
 - NBI are now making up for delays encountered due to Covid restrictions and they will continue to seek to accelerate the rollout where possible. They expect to pass over 300,000 premises by the end of 2024.
 - To date over 85,000 full fibre connections have been made by NBI across all counties and demand remains very strong where fibre is available. Over 4,000 connections are being made each month.

1.5.2 National Broadband Ireland- Cork County Progress

NBI rely on their parent website at <https://nbi.ie/> to provide information on the National Broadband Contract. Websites <https://nbi.ie/where-are-we-working/> and <https://nbi.ie/nbp-project-progress/> provides greater detail on the roll-out progress to premises across the Intervention Areas.

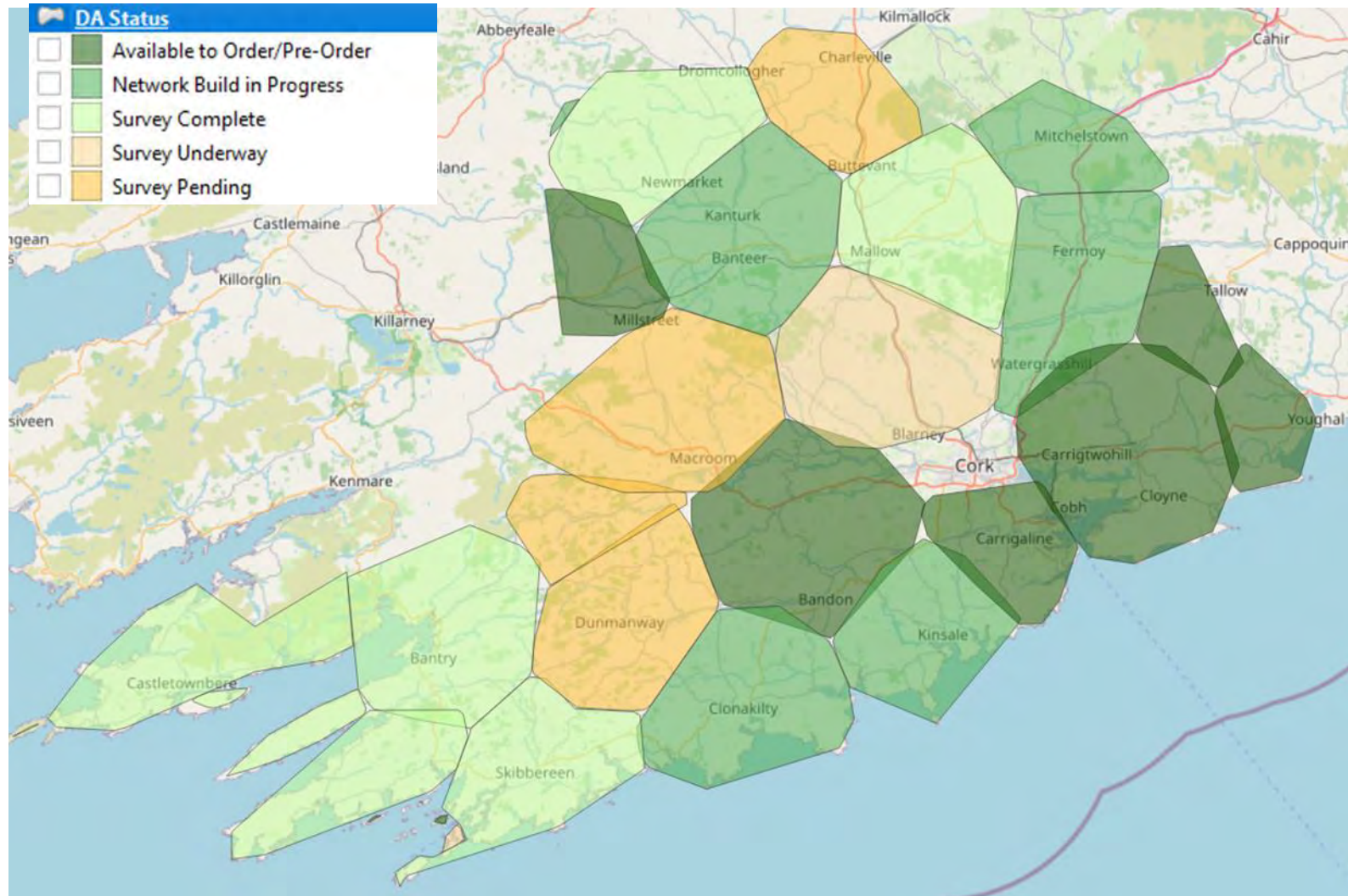
NBI continue to operate a dedicated e-mail service at reps@nbi.ie for Elected Representative queries and news items are published at <https://nbi.ie/news/updates/>. NBI advise of issuing news items direct to relevant Elected Representatives.

Network build is substantially complete in Carrigaline, Midleton, Youghal, Rathmore, Tallow, Templemartin, Kanturk as well as the Hare and Long Island DA's. Deployment in the Abbeyfeale, Clonakilty, Fermoy, Kinsale and Mitchelstown and DA's is ongoing. Survey works are complete in the Bantry, Bere Island, Dursey Island, Eyeries, Horse Island, Kilcrohane, Killavullen, Meelin, Schull and Skibbereen DA's. Survey works are being undertaken in the Cape Clear, Sherkin Island and Grenagh DA's. Survey works are pending at Ballingeary, Carriganimmy, Charleville and Dunmanway DA's

Approx. 77,000 premises across Cork County will ultimately benefit from access to high-speed broadband constructed under the National Broadband. Broadband connections can now be obtained at approx. 28,000 premises in the intervention area and network build at a further 15,000 premises is ongoing.

An overview of planned NBI broadband roll-out activity across the county can be captured from the <https://nbi.ie/where-are-we-working/> website. Website <https://nbi.ie/where-are-we-working/> can be hovered over to identify status of the individual DA's. An overview of the present status and the roll-out per Deployment Area is presented below

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Graphical Representation of NBI Deployment across DA's

Environment/Climate Action/Emergency Services/Rural Broadband

Status	Status	Anticipated Date for Connection	Number Premises MOVED INTO IA	Number Premises @ SURVEY_PENDING	Number Premises @ Survey Planned/Underway	Number Premises @ SURVEY_COMPLETE	Number Premises @ NETWORK_BUILD_IN_PROGRESS	Number Premises @ Available to Order/Pre Order	Number Premises in DA to be passed by NBI
ABBEYFEALE	NETWORK_BUILD_IN_PROGRESS	January 2026 - December 2025					47		45
BALLINGEARY	SURVEY_PENDING	January 2026 - December 2025		859					859
BANTRY	SURVEY_COMPLETE	January 2026 - December 2025				3,884			3,884
Bere Island (CK)	SURVEY_COMPLETE	October 2025 - December 2025				248			248
Cape Clear/Sherkin Island (CK)	SURVEY_UNDERWAY	March 2025 - May 2025			279				279
CARRIGALINE	Available to Order/Pre Order	Available to Order/Pre Order			1			5973	3,678
CARRIGANIMMY	SURVEY_PENDING	January 2026 - December 2025		4,097					4,097
CHARLEVILLE	SURVEY_PENDING	January 2026 - December 2025		2,259					2,259
CLONAKILTY	NETWORK_BUILD_IN_PROGRESS	July 2025 - December 2025					5,779		5,779
Default OLT	DA_NOT_ASSIGNED		982	12					994
DUNMANWAY	SURVEY_PENDING	January 2026 - December 2025		4,356					4,356
Dursey Island (CK)	SURVEY_COMPLETE	July 2025 - September 2025				18			18
EYERIES	SURVEY_COMPLETE	July 2025 - December 2025				1,788			1,788
FERMOY	NETWORK_BUILD_IN_PROGRESS	January 2025 - June 2025					2,175	3,947	3,728
GRENAGH	SURVEY_UNDERWAY	January 2026 - December 2025			4,180				4,180
Hare Island (CK)	Available to Order/Pre Order	Available to Order/Pre Order						59	59
Horse Island (CK)	SURVEY_COMPLETE	July 2026 - September 2026				7			7
KANTURK	Available to Order/Pre Order	Available to Order/Pre Order					1,299	3,962	3,956
KILCROHANE	SURVEY_COMPLETE	January 2026 - December 2025				468			468
KILLAVULLEN	SURVEY_COMPLETE	January 2026 - December 2025				3,230			3,230
KINSALE	NETWORK_BUILD_IN_PROGRESS	January 2026 - December 2025					3,550		3,550
Long Island (CK)	Available to Order/Pre Order	Available to Order/Pre Order						27	27
MEELIN	SURVEY_COMPLETE	January 2026 - December 2025				1,931			1,931
MIDLETON	Available to Order/Pre Order	Available to Order/Pre Order			11			8,858	8,858
MITCHELSTOWN	NETWORK_BUILD_IN_PROGRESS	January 2026 - December 2025					1,640		1,640
RATHMORE	Available to Order/Pre Order	Available to Order/Pre Order						2,138	2,138
SCHULL	SURVEY_COMPLETE	January 2026 - December 2025				2,305			2,305
SKIBBEREEN	SURVEY_COMPLETE	January 2026 - December 2025				3,479			3,479
TALLOW	Available to Order/Pre Order	Available to Order/Pre Order						886	886
TEMPLEMARTIN	Available to Order/Pre Order	Available to Order/Pre Order			42		1,193	6,053	6,053
YOUGHAL	Available to Order/Pre Order	Available to Order/Pre Order						2,357	2,357
Totals			982	11,583	4,319	17,418	34,804	27,889	77,196

Tabular Representation of NBI Deployment across DA's

1.5.3 Broadband Connection Points

A total of 25 BCP's are now completed across the county and are operational. 23 of these facilities continue to operate as BCP's. Remote working is being accommodated at a number of BCP's.

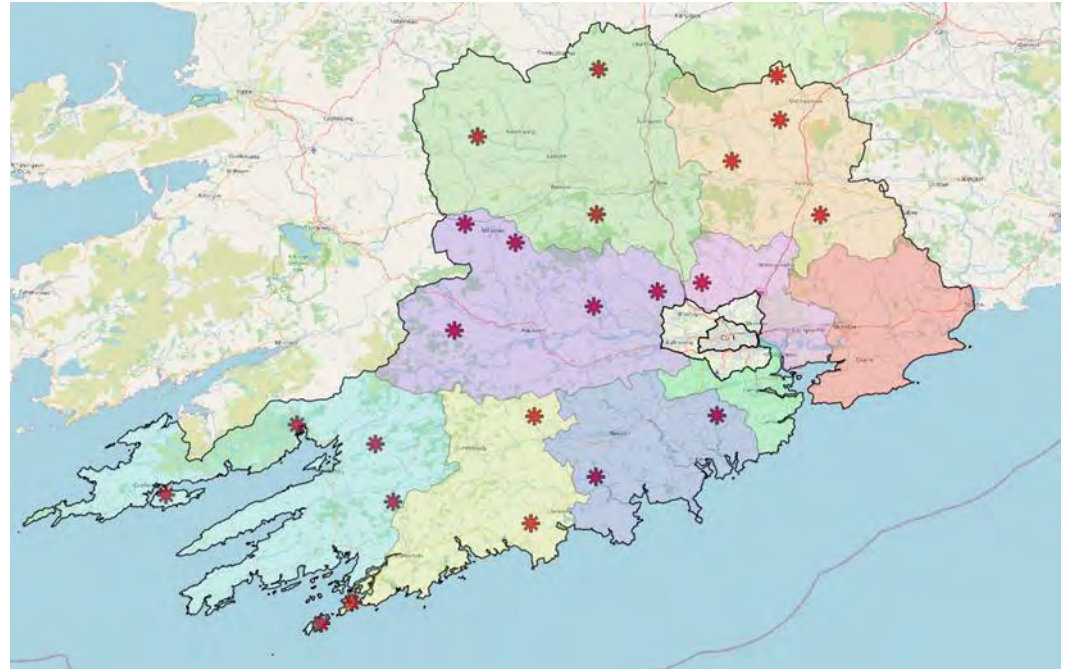
The Council continues to support the Broadband Connection Points (BCPs) initiative and is co-funding the monthly broadband retail service costs at BCP's in association with Dept. Rural and Community Development. Many of the BCP's availed of Town and Village funding support to purchase furniture and fittings to enhance remote working opportunities.

Centres across the county hosting BCP sites benefited to amounts of €320K following successful applications under the Community Centre Investment Fund grant scheme aimed at upgrading and development of community centre facilities which had become aged and dilapidated over time. Most of the projects funded under the Community Centre Investment Fund were completed by the March 2024 deadline for drawdown of the approved funding. In the case of the remaining projects, extensions of time until July '24 were granted on foot of applications by the various project managers. These applications for extensions cited procurement and scarcity of resources as the reason for the extension applications.

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The list of BCP's is categorized by MD as set out below:

- Bandon-Kinsale MD
 - Clogagh Community Hall and Riverstick Community Centre
- Cobh MD
 - Whitechurch Community Centre
- Fermoy MD
 - Ballindangan Community Centre, T.O Park Community & Sports Centre, Castlelyons Community Centre and The Old Mill, Castletownroche
- Kanturk-Mallow MD
 - Glash School Community Centre, Laharn Heritage Centre and The Old Schoolhouse, Dromina
- Macroom MD
 - Aghabullogue Community Centre, Aubane Community Centre, Ballydaly Community Hall, Courtbrack Community Centre and Ionadh Áise, Renaniree
- East Cork MD
 - Inch Community Centre
- West Cork MD
 - Bere Island Heritage Centre, Castletownkenneigh Community Centre, Clonakilty ETB, Coláiste Phobal Cléire, Lisavaird Community Centre, Mealagh Valley Community Centre and Sherkin Island Community Hall, Caheragh Community Centre and Glengarriff Community Centre.



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1.6. Emergency Planning

1.6.1 Emergency Communications

Following a recommendation by the MEM Region South’s Regional Steering Group, four SpaceX Starlink satellite internet systems units have been purchased for the region. These units will be installed in the strategically placed inter-agency emergency response vehicles located in County Cork, Cork City, County Kerry and the Inter-agency Emergency Management Office. The units will be available to the Principal Response Agencies (Local Authorities, HSE & An Garda Siochana) to enhance inter-agency emergency operational capabilities across the region.



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1.6.2 External Emergency Plan Test- Thermo Fisher Scientific, Currabinny.

Thermo Fisher Scientific develops and manufactures Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients at its Currabinny facility. The site, previously known as GSK, has been operational since 1975 and employs 500 staff and 200 contractors. The site is considered an Upper-Tier establishment under the COMAH Regulations which requires External Emergency Plans to be tested every three years.

A test of the Thermo Fisher Scientific External Emergency Plan took place on site on Thursday 6th June 2024. The exercise tested a major accident scenario by simulating an activation of the External Emergency Plan for the site. External Emergency Plans are specific Sub-Plans of the Major Emergency Plan of each Principal Response Agency, including Cork County Council.

The event was well supported by the Interagency Emergency Management Office, Cork County Council, Cork City Council, An Garda Siochana, the HSE, the Port of Cork and Thermo Fisher Scientific Staff.



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Major Emergency Management Committee

The Council’s Major Emergency Management Committee held its second quarterly meeting of 2024 over MS Teams on 13th June.

SEVESO Programme 2024

The following External Emergency Plan exercises were held in Q2 2024.

Exercise Type	Facility	Exercise Date	Format
External Emergency Plan	Murphy Transport Ltd	23 rd April 2024	Table Top
External Emergency Plan	Thermo Fisher Scientific	6 th June 2024	Table Top

MEM Training 2024

Members of Cork County Council attended the following Webinars/Workshops/Courses in Q2 2024.

MEM Training Q2 2024	Location	Duration	Dates
Managing Communication with the public in a crisis – training for key decision makers in the Major Emergency Management Framework	Clayton Silversprings Hotel	1 Day	8 th May 2024

Severe Weather Assessment Team (SWAT)

Cork County Council’s SWAT convened on one occasion during Q2 2024 in response to Storm Kathleen, an Orange wind & Yellow rain warning issued by Met Eireann on 3rd April 2024.

1.6.3 Cork Northeast Civil Defence Volunteer Hours

Month	Operational Activities (April – June)
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Missing person search call out Kilworth. • Missing Person search call out Churchtown. • 4 Days at IBTS Clinic Mallow. • Newtownshandrum Road Race • Mallow Ladies Football club blitz
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteers went to Lourdes for the 64th military pilgrimage. • Limerick Marathon • Burnfort Road Race • Mallow Castle Family Day. • Darkness into light Walk. • Mallow Auto Grass Racing. • Buttevant Road Race • Missing person Search Call Out Mallow. • Missing Person Search activation stood down a short time later en Route.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cork Fittest Superstars event Kildorrery – 2 Ambulance Crews – 6 Vol • Cork City Marathon- 1 Ambulance crew 3 Volunteers • Listowel Races. - 1 Ambulance crew 3 Volunteers • Ocean to City Boat race. - Safety Boat 3 Coxwains • 2 days Mallow Auto X Racinig. - 2 Ambulance crews and 4x4 8 volunteers each day • 5 Mile Road Race Millstreet- 1 Ambulance crew 3 Volunteers • Charleville Show display- 9 Volunteers. • Request by Inspector in Mallow Garda station for Drone footage in the Newmarket area.



Command Support at Missing Person's Search Kilworth

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Month	Training Activities (April – June)
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAR Course 5 students completed and exams all successful. • Emergency First Response course- 6 volunteers completed exams in Civil defence college all successful. • 6 EFR Completed MCQ'S theory element of the course. • Radio Communications course level 1 completed for 12 volunteers. • EMT training commenced monthly with Advance Paramedic • Multi Skill training ongoing weekly in Newberry. • Mx Map search software monthly training evening.
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CFR Advance course completed for 4 students. • Radio Communications course level 1 completed for 11 volunteers. • Weekly Training Newberry. • EMT training commenced monthly with Advance Paramedic • Mx Map search software monthly training evening.
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People Handling re certification Course. • Instructors meeting for training plan. • 3 Instructors re certified in Manual Handling with Civil Defence College • Life Jacket Competency Course. • Radio Communications course level 1 completed for 8 Volunteers. • Weekly Multi Skill Training Newberry. • EMT training commenced monthly with Advance Paramedic • Mx Map search software monthly training evening.



2. Work Programme Reports for Q2 2024

(DATA IS UP TO THE END OF Q3 UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED)

2.1. Fire and Building Control

2.1.1 Fire Operations for Q2.

Fire Operations	
Total number of turnouts to fires	258
Average of turnout times	293.54secs
Average of response times	815.11secs
% of calls with a response time of less than 10 minutes	33.72%
% of calls with a response time of between 10 and 20 minutes	35.66%
% of calls with a response time greater than 20 minutes	13.95%
Total number of turnouts to non-fire emergencies	367
Average of turnout times	291.35secs
Average of response times	858.95secs
% of calls with a response time of less than 10 minutes	30.52%
% of calls with a response time of less than 20 minutes	42.51%
% of calls with a response time greater than 20 minutes	17.71%

2.1.2 Fire Prevention

Fire and Building Control Statistics Q2-2024

Fire Prevention

Fire Safety Certificates (FSC)

The following statistics relate to the number of Fire Safety Certificate applications received and the number of Fire Safety Certificate applications granted on a month-by-month basis during the period covered by this report. *(FSC received includes invalid applications. Decisions does not include invalidation)*

Month	No. Fire Certificates received	No. Fire Certificates decided
April 2024	32	16
May 2024	26	27
June 2024	33	14
Total	91	57

Building Control

Commencement Notices and 7 Day Notices

The following statistics relate to the number of valid Commencement Notices (CN) & 7 Day Notices (7DN) submissions received on a month-by-month basis during the period covered by this report.

Month	No. of Buildings covered by Valid Notices (CN + 7DN)	No. of Notices made valid (CN + 7DN)
April 2024	518	158
May 2024	93	80
March 2024	152	84
Total	763	322

NB : the difference between the number of Notices and buildings is mostly accounted for by housing estates.

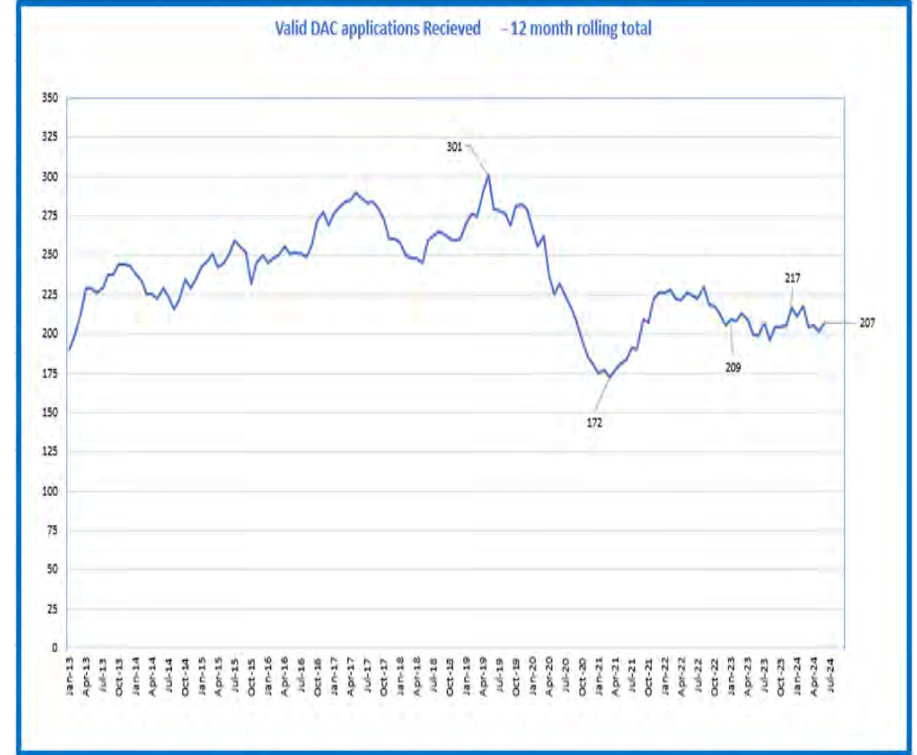
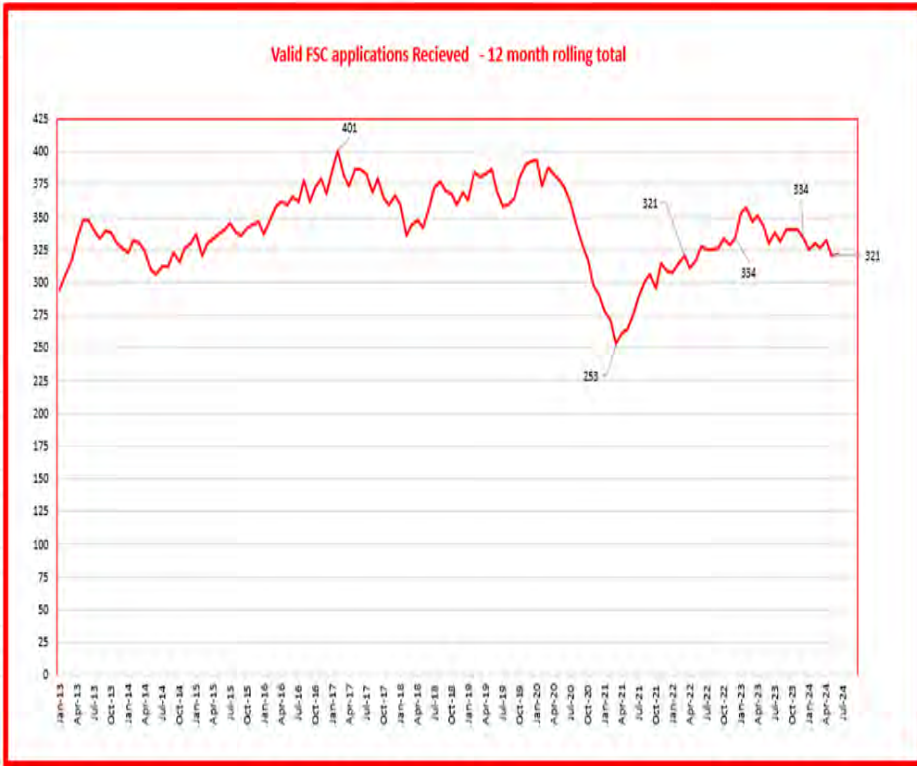
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Disability Access Certificates (DAC)

The following statistics relate to the number of Disability Access Certificate (DAC) applications received and the number of DAC applications granted on a month by month basis for the period covered by this report. *(DAC received includes invalid applications. Decisions does not include invalidation)*

Month	No. Access Certificates received	No. Access Certificates decided
April 2024	13	11
May 2024	19	18
June 2024	27	11
Total	59	40

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Buildings - Per Month										
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
January	62	87	133	134	200	115	88	204	147	-
February	98	169	106	234	448	204	110	243	143	-
March	89	120	300	245	200	136	151	257	257	-
April	139	176	232	205	265	111	277	310	200	-
May	97	201	209	235	376	59	292	203	483	-
June	118	174	284	250	151	106	318	247	166	-
July	168	176	208	195	262	170	200	185	240	-
August	111	168	266	189	181	149	226	180	280	-
September	152	305	132	103	221	258	205	195	237	-
October	138	160	124	197	245	205	128	177	349	-
November	66	150	211	287	329	144	252	187	201	-
December	69	79	82	145	111	57	125	158	295	-
Total	1,307	1,965	2,287	2,419	2,989	1,714	2,372	2,546	2,998	-

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Quarter 1	249	376	539	613	848	455	349	704	547	-
Quarter 2	354	551	725	690	792	276	887	760	849	-
Quarter 3	431	649	606	487	664	577	631	560	757	-
Quarter 4	273	389	417	629	685	406	505	522	845	-
Total	1307	1965	2287	2419	2989	1714	2372	2546	2998	-

Notices - Submitted Per Month										
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
January	50	70	94	93	128	82	72	94	81	-
February	67	91	90	110	137	83	50	95	81	-
March	63	88	136	88	133	96	105	115	101	-
April	87	95	117	120	126	54	158	98	100	-
May	74	111	117	146	137	59	147	121	123	-
June	86	111	130	134	101	95	132	107	135	-
July	121	99	127	112	138	124	105	113	100	-
August	70	111	116	112	104	90	117	110	105	-
September	88	106	96	91	93	119	125	79	103	-
October	102	98	95	112	123	98	103	88	98	-
November	66	81	95	81	73	82	80	86	75	-
December	46	43	52	57	55	52	54	55	49	-
Total	920	1,104	1,265	1,256	1,348	1,034	1,248	1,161	1,151	-

Notices - Submitted Per Quarter										
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Quarter 1	180	249	320	291	398	261	227	304	263	-
Quarter 2	247	317	364	400	364	208	437	326	358	-
Quarter 3	279	316	339	315	335	333	347	302	308	-
Quarter 4	214	222	242	250	251	232	237	229	222	-
Total	920	1,104	1,265	1,256	1,348	1,034	1,248	1,161	1,151	-

Note:

Further to SI 306 Planning development charges exemption, a number of CNs from Q1 were notified as not commenced and new CN were submitted in Q2
This effected at least 148 houses.

2.2. Water

2.2.1 Public Drinking Water

Full functional management of public water transferred to Uisce Éireann (UÉ) in September 2023. Monitoring information on individual water supplies can be found at <https://www.water.ie/water-supply/water-quality/>

2.2.2 Private Drinking Water Compliance Monitoring

Private WS supply type	No of drinking water Private supplies	No of samples scheduled for 2024	No of samples taken by end-Q2 2024	No of parameters scheduled for analysis in 2024	No of parameters analysed by end-Q2 2024	% of parameters Compliant with Drinking Water Standards up to end-Q2 2024
Private Group WS	23	69	28	2,346	379	96.0 %
<i>Q2/2023</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>46</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>800</i>	<i>368</i>	<i>98.4%</i>
Small private supplies monitored by CCC	330 (215)	370	202	5,550	3,414	98.4 %
<i>Q2/2023</i>	<i>396</i>	<i>245</i>	<i>64</i>	<i>4,410</i>	<i>1,152</i>	<i>98.3%</i>

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2.2.3 Bathing Water Compliance Programme 2024

Note: Bathing Season monitoring extends from mid-May to mid-September*. In addition to bathing water sampling and testing outlined below, the Water Quality

Municipal District	Identified Bathing water	2024 Blue Flag Award	2023 Blue Flag Award	2022 Blue Flag Award	2022 Bathing water status (2018-2021 results)	2023 Bathing water status (2019-2022 results)	2024 Bathing water status*
Bandon/Kinsale	Coolmaine	No BF	No	Not BF	Good	Good	Good
	Garrylucas	Yes	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
	Garretstown	Yes	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Carrigaline	Fountainstown	Yes	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
East Cork	Garryvoe	No BF	No	No	Good	Good	Good
	Redbarn	Yes	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
	Youghal Claycastle	Yes	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
	Youghal Front strand	Yes	Yes	No	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
West	Barleycove	Yes	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
	Inchydoney West	Yes	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
	Inchydoney East	Yes	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
	Ownahincha	Yes	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
	Tragumna	Yes	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
	Warren	No BF	No	Yes	Good	Good	Good

Laboratory also undertakes environmental education activities as required by the Blue Flag rules.

Below table outlines the planned bathing water monitoring programme for **2024**.

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2.2.4 Bathing water quality status for Identified & Blue flag beaches.

11 Identified Bathing waters attained Blue flag for the 2024 bathing season - Barleycove, Fountainstown, Garretstown, Garrylucas, Inchydoney East, Inchydoney West, Owenahincha, Redbarn, Tragumna, Youghal Claycastle, Youghal Front Strand.

*The EPA is the sole arbiter of Bathing Water status, and this is based on 20 samples over 4 years. The status shown here is based on EPA/HSE criteria for assessment of a single sample.

2.2.5 Bathing water quality status for Green Coast Awards & candidate beaches

14 no. applications for Green Flag beaches submitted to An Taisce for the 2024 bathing season were awarded in June 2024.

Municipal District	Beach	2024 Green Coast Award	2023 Green Coast Award	2022 Green Coast Award	2022 Bathing water status (2017-2020 results)	2023 Bathing water status (2018-2021 results)	2024 Bathing water status*
Bandon/Kinsale	Oysterhaven	No	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Good	Good
	Sandycove (candidate)	No	No	No	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Carrigaline	Rockybay	Yes	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
	Fountainstown	Yes	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
East Cork	Ring Beach	Yes	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
	Inch Beach	Yes	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
	Shanagarry (Ardnahinch)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
	Ballynamona	Yes	Yes	No	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
West Cork	Ballyrisode	Yes	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
	Cadogens	Yes	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
	Galleycove	Yes	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
	Garinish	Yes	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
	Inchydoney East	Yes	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
	Red strand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
	Dooneen	Yes	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
	Sherkin island	Yes	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
	Cape Clear (candidate)	No	No	No	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent

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2.2.6 Agricultural Inspection Program

No of farm inspections scheduled for 2024	Municipal District	No of farm inspections undertaken 1/1/2023 to 31/12/2023	No of farm inspections undertaken 1/1/2024 to 30/6/2024	No. of NAIP Inspections 1/1/2024 – 30/6/2024	No of warning letters sent	% of farms with non-compliances detected	No. of Cross reports to DAFM	% of farms with Cross reports to DAFM
1085 (Including minimum 452 NAIP Inspections)	Carrigaline	7	5	4	2	40%	1	20%
	Bandon/ Kinsale	80	57	25	10	18%	6	11%
	Macroom	113	32	18	10	31%	1	3%
	Cobh	73	11	10	4	36%	0	0%
	East Cork	72	36	22	13	36%	3	8%
	Fermoy	214	144	121	55	38%	3	2%
	Mallow/Kanturk	162	43	28	14	33%	3	7%
	West Cork	211	91	39	28	31%	10	11%
Total		932	419	267	136	32%	27	6%

NAIP Inspections

The EPA allocated specific minimum farm inspection numbers to each local authority under the **National Agricultural Inspection Programme (NAIP) 2024 & 2025**. The purpose of the NAIP is to help maintain or bring about an improvement in natural water quality in Ireland. Under the plan Cork County Council has been instructed to undertake initial (first time) Good Agricultural Practice (GAP) inspections on a minimum of 452 farms in 2024 and 586 farms in 2025.

It must be noted that this is the minimum number of first-time inspections in 2024 and 2025, the council has an ongoing programme of follow up engagements and currently plans to undertake over 1,000 farms inspections in total in 2024.

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The most frequent non-compliances detected during the farm inspections were as follows, (non-compliances with Good Agricultural Practice Regulations);

Non-Compliance	Number detected 1/1/2024 – 30/6/2024
Inadequate Soiled Water Collection & Storage	73
Inadequate Slurry Collection & Storage	56
Discharge with Potential to Impact Water Quality	19
Inadequate Management of Farmyard Manure	81
Spreading of Slurry/Soiled Water at the Wrong Times	14

Note multiple non-compliances on some inspections.

2.2.7 Septic Tanks Inspection Programme 2024.

Municipal District	No. of Septic Tank inspections scheduled for period 2024	No. of Septic Tank inspections undertaken for period 1/1/24 - 30/6/24	No of non-compliant systems identified	% non-compliances identified	No. of Advisory Notices issued	No. of Advisory Notices Complied with
Carrigaline	11	0	0	0	0	0
Bandon/Kinsale	18	15	9	60%	9	2
Macroom	24	23	14	61%	14	1
Cobh	11	2	0	0	0	0
East Cork	11	0	0	0	0	0
Fermoy	18	15	9	60%	9	0
Mallow/ Kanturk	18	18	16	89%	16	0
West Cork	25	3	1	33%	1	0
Total	136	76	49	64%	49	3

Notes;

- Under the 2022-2026 Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems National Inspection Plan, (NIP), the minimum number of inspections has increased from 60 in 2021 to 113 in 2022 & 136/annum from 2023 -2026
- There is small variation between scheduled & actual inspections in some divisions in order to achieve required number of inspections in each risk zone, & to group inspections for more efficient work.

The 2022-2026 National Inspection Plan identifies 3 Risk Zones.

Risk Zone 1; These are areas where DWWTS pose a higher relative risk to surface waters. NIP requires 23 inspections in Zone 1 in 2023.

Risk Zone 2; These are areas where DWWTS pose a higher relative risk to private wells. NIP requires 91 inspections in Zone 2 in 2022.

Risk Zone 3; Zone 3 covers the rest of the country. NIP requires 22 inspections in Zone 3 in 2022. Sites for inspection have been selected in compliance with the requirements of the NIP

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2.2.8 Update on Septic Tank Inspection Program 2013 – 2023

	No. of Septic Tank inspections scheduled for period 1/7/2013 to 31/12/2023	No. of Septic Tank inspections undertaken to 31/12/2023	No of non-compliant systems identified	% non-compliances identified	No. of Advisory Notices issued	No. of Advisory Notices Complied with by 30/06/2024
Total	933	949	501	53%	501	460

2.2.9 Update on Tracking of Compliance with Advisory Notices 2013 – 2023

National Inspection Plan Domestic Wastewater Treatment System Inspections			Number of Advisory Notices Complied with in				No of Advisory Notices Not Complied with by 31/12/2023	
Dates of Inspections	No of inspections	No. of Advisory Notices Issued	< 3 months	4-6 months	7-12 months	>12 months	>6 months	>12 months
1/7/2013 – 31/12/2014	146	79	25	19	17	17	0	1
1/1/2015 – 31/12/2015	99	58	9	19	18	11	0	1
1/1/2016 – 31/12/2016	102	68	25	16	8	19	0	0
1/1/2017 – 31/12/2017	112	63	10	17	2	26	0	8
1/1/2018 – 31/12/2018	60	21	6	3	2	10	0	0
1/1/2019 – 31/12/2019	60	31	8	12	3	8	0	0
1/1/2020 – 31/12/2020	59	32	7	6	3	13	0	3
1/1/2021 – 31/12/2021	62	37	8	15	7	3	0	4
1/1/2022 - 31/12/2022	113	59	15	21	7	5	0	10
1/1/2023 – 31/12/2023	136	53	24	9	3		14	

Notes;

- We continue to engage with all householders who have not yet complied fully with their Advisory Notices.
- There are 8 notices not complied with for 2017. All 8 of these are in one location & are liaising with Irish Water re provision of public sewers.

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2.2.10 DWWTS Grant Payments by Cork County Council (to 30/06/2024)

Grant Scheme	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
National Inspection Plan	2 Grants €3,151	8 Grants €17,185	9 Grants €18,282	6 Grants €15,031	3 Grants €6,867	4 Grants €7,177		1 Grant €5,000	8 Grants €22,560	2 Grants €2,532	1 Grant €7,076
High Status Areas	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	1 Incomplete Application	1 Grant paid €5,000	1 grant €5,000	1 Grant Paid €5,981
Priority Areas for Action	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	2 referrals to LAWPro for Approval.	1 Grant Paid €5,000		1 Grant Paid €12,000

Notes;

- Total of 46 DWWTS grants, worth €114,861, have been paid out since 2014, by Cork County Council.
- All grant payments have been recouped from Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage.
- The grant schemes for High Status Areas, & Priority Areas for Action, were not available until 2020.
- The grant aid available is now 85% of approved costs up to a maximum of €12,000.
- Requirement for registration before 1/2/2013 has been removed.
- Grant is not payable if works have commenced before Council approval.
- Please email queries re grants to septictankgrants@corkcoco.ie, providing an Eircode for the house will facilitate rapid assessment of eligibility.

Key Message

Too much sludge in the tank is one of the reasons for non-compliance in over 50% of cases. Householders are encouraged to desludge their septic tanks using an authorized desludging contractor every 2-3 years. A list of local authorized desludging contractors is available from the Environment Directorate at Inniscarra.

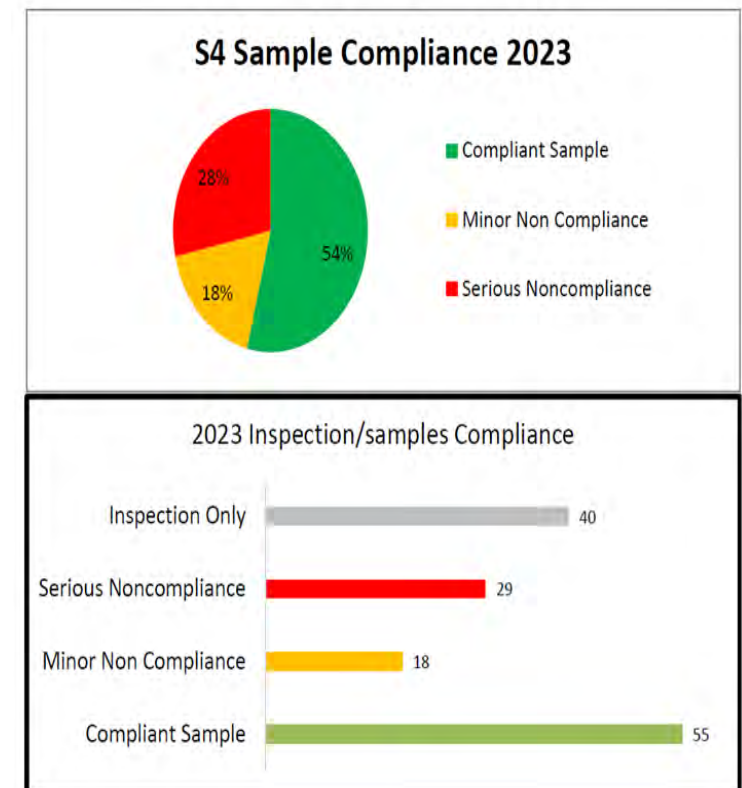
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2.2.11 Public Municipal Wastewater Sampling Programme

Full functional management of public wastewater treatment transferred to Uisce Éireann (UÉ) in September 2023. Information on individual treatment systems can be sought from UÉ (<https://www.water.ie/>)

2.2.12 Trade Wastewater Discharge License Inspection Program – S4 Discharges to water

No. of S4 Inspections scheduled		No inspections undertaken YTD				
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Σ
	<i>Target</i>					
Carrigaline	19	0	8	6	3	8
Bandon-Kinsale	18	1	9	6	4	10
Macroom	18	0	3	14	2	3
Cobh	10	0	9	1	1	9
East Cork	17	0	12	6	1	12
Fermoy/Mitchelstown	13	0	5	3	3	5
Mallow/Kanturk	33	0	11	4	11	11
West Cork	32	0	1	19	6	1
Total	160	1	58	59	31	153
% Inspection plan completed		96%				



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2.3. Air & Noise

2.3.1 Numbers of licenses under Air Pollutions Acts and related regulations

Licence Type	Municipal District	Q3 2023	Q4 2023	Q1 2024	Q2 2024	+/- on Q3 2023
Solvent Regulation Certificates (Dry Cleaners)	Bandon/Kinsale	5	5	5	5	0
	Carrigaline	3	3	3	3	0
	Macroom	0	0	0	0	0
	Cobh	1	1	1	1	0
	East Cork	2	3	2	3	1
	Fermoy	3	3	3	3	0
	Kanturk/Mallow	1	1	1	1	0
	West Cork	1	1	1	2	1
	TOTAL		16	17	16	18
Deco Paint Regulation Certificates (spray painters)	Bandon/Kinsale	5	6	6	6	1
	Carrigaline	3	3	3	3	0
	Macroom	2	2	1	2	0
	Cobh	2	3	3	3	1
	East Cork	9	10	9	9	0
	Fermoy	5	6	4	4	-2
	Kanturk/Mallow	6	6	6	5	-1
	West Cork	6	6	6	6	0
	TOTAL		38	42	38	38
Petroleum Vapour Certificates	Bandon/Kinsale	16	16	16	16	0

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	Carrigaline	5	5	6	6	1
	Macroom	13	13	13	13	0
	Cobh	10	10	10	10	0
	East Cork	10	10	10	10	0
	Fermoy	14	15	16	16	2
	Kanturk/Mallow	14	14	14	16	2
	West Cork	20	20	20	21	1
	TOTAL	102	103	105	108	6
Stage II Petroleum Vapour Certificates*	Bandon/Kinsale	0	0	1	1	1
	Carrigaline	1	1	1	1	0
	Macroom	1	1	1	1	0
	Cobh	1	1	1	1	0
	East Cork	2	2	2	2	0
	Fermoy	1	1	1	1	0
	Kanturk/Mallow	3	3	3	3	0
	West Cork	2	2	2	2	1
	TOTAL	11	11	12	12	1

* Stage II Petrol Vapour Certification relates to the capture of vapours at petrol dispensers (pumps) during refuelling.

Following the publication of an EPA guidance document in Feb. 2022, Cork County Council has commenced issuing such certificates.

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2.3.2 Inspections under Air Pollution Acts and related regulations

No. APA Inspections scheduled		No inspections undertaken YTD				
	Target	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Σ
Carrigaline	4	0	2	0	0	2
Bandon-Kinsale	2	0	1	0	0	1
Macroom	2	0	1	0	0	1
Cobh	8	0	4	0	0	4
Mallow/Kanturk	2	0	1	0	0	1
West Cork	2	0	1	0	0	1
Total	20	0	10	0	0	10
% Inspection plan completed		50%				

Note: Air Pollution Acts Monitoring for 2023 is scheduled for Q2 and Q4.

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2.3.3 Solid Fuel Regulation Inspection Program

Year	No. of Inspections Planned	Advisory Letters[1]	Inspections carried out 2023	Non-Compliances	Warning Letters	Enforcement Proceedings	% Overall Compliance level rel. to inspections undertaken
2024							
Q1	30	0	30	0	5	0	90%
Q2	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
Q3	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
Q4	60	0	0	1	0	0	99%
Total	90	0	30	1	5	0	99%

2.3.4 Solid Fuel Regulations -Mobile/Multi-Agency Checkpoints

Year	No. of Inspections Planned	Advisory Letters	Inspections carried out 2023	Non-Compliances	Warning Letters	Enforcement Proceedings	% Overall Compliance level rel. to inspections undertaken
2024							
Q1	1	0	1	0	0	0	100%
Q2	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
Q3	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
Q4	1	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
Total	2	0	1	0	0	0	100%

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Note: Coal Inspections occurs primarily in Q1 and Q4 each year i.e., during the heating season.

* New regulations governing solid fuels came into force on October 31st, 2022 and apply nationwide. Therefore, the distinction between Low-Smoke Zones and non-ban areas no longer applies. All inspections that took place in Q4 2022 are recorded in Table 2.2.1. Under the new regulations Cork County Council no longer has the power to issue fines.

2.4. Waste

2.4.1 Inspections 1st January -30th June 2024.

	Municipal District								Q2 Totals
	Bandon - Kinsale	Carrigaline	Cobh	East Cork	Fermoy	Macroon	Mallow-Kanturk	West Cork	
Flytipping & Illegal Dumping	15	16	24	30	11	94	10	28	228
Waste Presentation & Backyard Burning	3	3	0	2	1	2	1	6	18
Abandoned Vehicles	2	1	0	10	7	8	0	3	31
Article 27 By-Product	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	4
Producer Responsibility (WEEE/Tyres/Packaging/etc.)	9	5	0	15	1	15	2	5	52
Food Waste (domestic & commercial)	7	2	0	5	0	3	0	4	21
Vehicle Checkpoints*	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	2	6
Other Waste Enforcement	6	10	11	25	4	13	8	28	105
Total	42	37	35	87	24	139	25	76	465

**Vehicle Checkpoint Inspections refers to the number of Vehicle Checkpoints carried out in the quarter. Each checkpoint is attended by multiple staff, and many multiples of vehicles are inspected.*

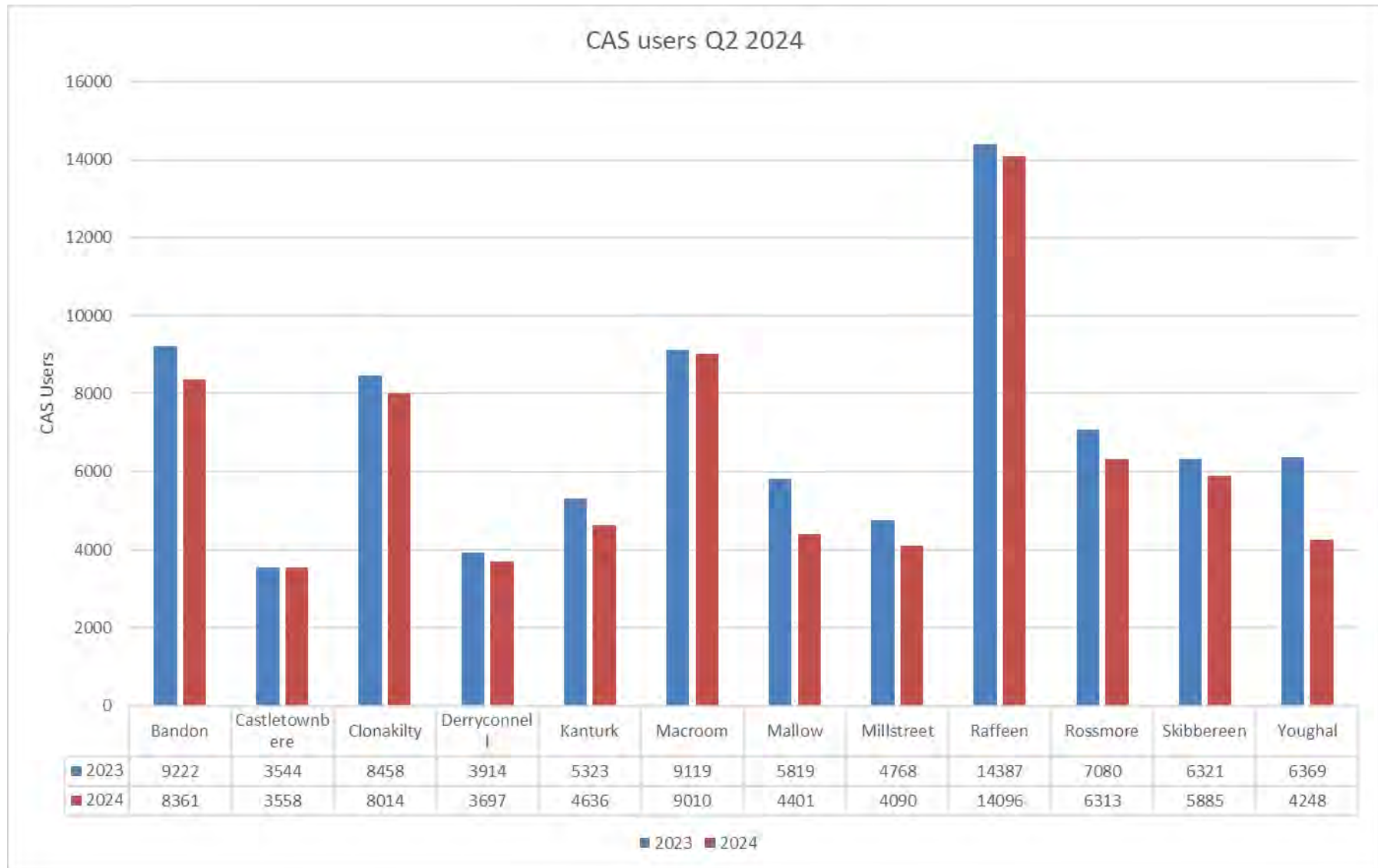
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2.4.2 Civic Amenity Sites

Zone	Location	Material	Tonnage	Tonnage	Tonnage	Tonnage	TOTAL	TOTAL
			Q1 2024	Q2 2024	Q3 2024	Q4 2024	2023	2024 ytd
1	Castletownbere	Recyclables	78.70	86.64			332.18	165.34
		Waste	75.31	80.72			335.71	156.03
	Clonakilty	Recyclables	205.51	220.55			817.98	426.06
		Waste	135.74	117.84			526.40	253.58
	Derryconnell	Recyclables	79.98	97.71			349.78	177.69
		Waste	95.72	93.47			403.66	189.19
	Skibbereen	Recyclables	68.21	51.76			293.95	119.97
	Waste	50.90	34.05			209.60	84.95	
2	Bandon	Recyclables	363.93	414.39			1,480.02	778.32
		Waste	189.26	191.00			759.28	380.26
	Macroom	Recyclables	275.51	288.42			1,024.57	563.93
		Waste	259.64	247.18			1,003.66	506.82
	Raffeen	Recyclables	600.58	884.26			2,960.42	1484.84
		Waste	513.64	578.90			2,192.84	1092.54
3	Rossmore	Recyclables	365.48	300.08			1,505.33	665.56
		Waste	382.33	276.96			1,650.98	659.29
	Youghal	Recyclables	153.57	128.69			741.33	282.26
		Waste	264.02	188.99			1,015.94	453.01
4	Kanturk*	Recyclables	166.13	149.79			841.47	315.92
		Waste	215.23	169.24			836.20	384.47
	Mallow*	Recyclables	195.72	261.93			863.68	457.65
		Waste	210.84	222.20			812.08	433.04
	Millstreet*	Recyclables	138.81	148.12			578.98	286.93
	Waste	199.90	208.68			788.79	408.58	

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2.4.3 Bring sites

Material	Tonnage Q1 2024	Tonnage Q2 2024	Tonnage Q3 2024	Tonnage Q4 2024	Total 2023	Total 2024 ytd
Glass Bottles	1,388.00	1,420.00			5690.00	2,808.00
Beverage Cans	25.80	11.37			77.50	37.17
Food Cans	31.61	24.70			97.22	56.31

2.4.4 Decisions made Waste Facility Permit & Waste Cert of Registration Applications 1st January to June 30th.

Waste Facility Permit/ Certificates of Registration	Municipal District							
	Bandon -Kinsale	Carrigaline	Cobh	East Cork	Fermoy	Macroon	Mallow- Kanturk	West Cork
Q1				1		1		3
Q2	2				1		2	
Q3								
Q4								
2024 Totals	2			1	1	1	2	3
2023 Totals	2	2	4	1	1	5	3	1

<i>Inspections 1st April – 30th June 2024</i>								
	Municipal District							
	Carrigaline	Bandon / Kinsale	Macroon	Cobh	East Cork	Fermoy	Mallow / Kanturk	West Cork
Waste Facility Permit		4	4	1	9	1	1	4
Waste Collection Permit					4	1	3	3

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Decisions made by the Waste Regulation Team under SI 821 of 2007 Waste Management (Facility Permit & Registration) Regulations								
Type	Period		Municipal District					
	Fermoy	Kanturk/ Mallow	Carrigaline	Macroom	Cobh	East Cork	Bandon/ Kinsale	West Cork
Waste Facility Permit/ Certificates of Registration								
Q2 2024	1	2						

2.4.5 Litter Fines - Environment Directorate Litter Wardens ytd 2024

MDC	Issued				Cancelled				Paid				Sent for Prosecution			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Carrigaline	1								2							
Bandon / Kinsale	6	1				1			2	1						
Macroom																
Cobh	2	2								2						
East Cork	1	2								1						
Fermoy	1	2							1							
Kanturk / Mallow	10	9				1			5	4			2	2		
West Cork																
TOTAL 2024	21	16			0	2			10	8			2	2		
TOTAL 2023	27	19	29	8	1			1	17	17	16	4	3	5	6	8

*For data on fines issued by staff of other Municipal Districts see 2.5.7

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2.4.6 Litter Fines by Category - Environment Directorate Litter Wardens

Fine Category	Issued			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
LW detection via patrol or report Section 3(1)	21			
CCTV Section 3(2) b				
Duties of Occupiers Section 6				
Mobile outlets Section 15				
Unauthorised Sign Section 19		1		
TOTAL 2024	21	16		
TOTAL 2023	27	19	29	8

2.4.7 AntiLitter Unit & Other Environmental Complains By Type

Type	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Air	35	54			
Noise	27	45			
Waste	378	335			
Waste water	23	37			
Water (to be categorised)	15	13			
Water Quality	49	28			
Total 2024	527	512			
Total 2023	528	431	368	352	1679

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2.4.8 Anti Litter Unit & Other Environmental Complaints by MDC

	Municipal District								Not Assigned MDC/ Not in Co.Cork
	Bandon - Kinsale	Carrigaline	Cobh	East Cork	Fermoy	Macroom	Mallow-Kanturk	West Cork	
Q1	60	60	47	61	46	49	91	85	28
Q2	43	59	71	50	47	39	105	74	24
Q3									
Q4									
2024 Totals	103	119	118	111	93	88	196	159	52
2023 Totals	173	212	149	220	144	196	256	267	62

Anti-Litter Unit Statistics	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD 2024	Total 2023
Fly-tipping Complaint Investigations	271	302			573	960
Fly-tipping Cleanup Jobs	307	222			529	793
Fly-Tipping Units on Litter duty (Days)	35	33			68	106
Waste Collected (Tonnes)	48.10	72.40			120.50	147.90

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2.4.9 Total Prosecutions (under WMA 1997)

Q2	Municipal District							
	Fermoy	Kanturk /Mallow	Carrigaline	Macroom	Cobh	East Cork	Bandon/ Kinsale	West Cork
COMPLETE		1						
PENDING					2	2	1	1
TOTAL		1			2	2	1	1

2.5. Veterinary & Food Safety

2.5.1 No. of Dog Licences issued

Licence Type	Carrigaline	Macroom	Cobh	East Cork	Kanturk Mallow	Fermoy	West Cork	Bandon Kinsale	Total No. Issued as at 30/06/2024	Total 2024	Total 2023
Ordinary Dog Licenses	1456	1525	1415	1883	2240	1511	1119	797	13,745	13,745	27,976
									An Post 9,271		
General Dog Licences	3	6	1	6	9	3	6	6	40	40	87
									An Post n/a		
Life Time Licences	20	66	43	48	68	31	85	65	218	458	838
									An Post 147		

Total Number of Stray Dogs Entering Pound /Surrendered /Seized for period: 1st Jan 2024 -30th June 2024 : 74

Total No. Rehomed / Reclaimed: 62 Total No. Euthanised:,11, Total No. Natural Causes: 1

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2.5.2 Number of Lifetime Dog Licenses Purchased over past 10 years.

Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total	Ytd 2024
No. of Lifetime Dog Licenses	7	18	24	129	305	545	655	825	855	838	4215	458

2.5.3 No. of Dog Fines Issued

Licence Type	Carrigaline	Macroom	Cobh	East Cork	Kanturk Mallow	Fermoy	West Cork	Bandon Kinsale	Total No. Issued as @ 30/06/24	Total 2023
Fines Issued	4	10	6	19	15	4	5	15	78	257
Section 16(1) notices issued	58	61	55	75	89	60	86	63	547	1168
Prosecutions issued	0	2	3	10	42	4	3	0	64	76

2.5.4 No. of Registered Dog Breeding Establishments

Type of DBE	Carrigaline	Macroom	Cobh	East Cork	Kanturk Mallow	Fermoy	West Cork	Bandon Kinsale	Total No. of Registered Establishments as at 31/03/2024	Total 2023
Commercial Dog Breeders	0	0	0	0	3	2	2	2	9	9
Hunt/Harrier	1	4	0	3	3	5	0	3	19	19
Boarding Kennels	0	1	0	0	2	1	2	0	6	6
Charities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total No. Establishments.	1	5	0	3	8	8	4	5	34	34

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2.5.5 proved/Registered Food Premises

Type of premises	Cork City	Carrigaline	Macroom	Cobh	East Cork	Kanturk Mallow	Fermoy	West Cork	Bandon Kinsale	Total 30/06/24	Total Year End 2023
Slaughter houses (Active)	2	0	0	0	3	1	5	9	1	21	21
Slaughter houses (Inactive)	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	1	7	7
Meat Manf. Premises	14	1	4	1	0	1	3	3	0	27	28
Reg'd Premises	0	0	2	2	2	2	1	1	0	10	10
Totals	16	1	6	3	5	6	10	16	2	65	66

2.5.6 Control of Horses

Category	Carrigaline	Macroom	Cobh	East Cork	Kanturk Mallow	Fermoy	West Cork	Bandon Kinsale	Total as @ 30/06/24	Total 2023
Number of Stray Horses collected	0	0	4	4	14	2	1	2	27	41
Number Reclaimed	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	12
Number Rehomed (Rescues/Charities)	0	0	4	4	10	2	1	2	23	29
Number Euthanised at Pound	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number to Sanctuaries	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
No. at Pound 31/03/24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
No. Aborted Trips	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	4

*Note: Total recoupment payable by DAFM to LAs for horses for collection to disposal from 1st Jan, 2015 is €375 (Circular 2 2014 - reduction of €75).

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