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1. Part 1 News & Updates

1.1. Climate Action

1.1.1 Community Climate Action Programme (CCAP)

A portfolio of thirty-one (31) projects totalling **€1,000,265.28**. was submitted to Department of Environment Climate & Communications (DECC) for approval in May and was fully approved by DECC on the 9th of July last.

Grant agreements in place with 29 of 31 projects, all of which formally commenced on **15th August 2024**. 2 projects are awaiting final permissions, which we hope will be obtained in the next couple of weeks. All projects must be completed in 18 months.



Breakdown of the current project allocation is as follows:

Project Size	Total CCC	Total North Cork	Funding Approved CCC	Funding Approved North Cork
Small (<€20,000):	13	2	€139,316.44	€24,325.00
Medium (€20,000-€50,000):	11	7	€300,841.55	€194,892.30
Large (€51,000-€100,000):	7	5	€560,107.29	€397,728.88
TOTAL:	31	14	€1,000,265.28	€616,946.18

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Projects approved for funding under Call 1 of the CCAP 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.

There are 14 of these projects from the North Division, with approval for €616,946.18 in funding. Projects approved for funding in the North Division included those involving:

- Installation of bike racks/public seating from repurposed retired wind turbine blade to enhance active travel facilities.
- Installation of solar PV panels and battery storage on community building to reduce energy costs and upgrade of internal lighting to LED.
- Upgrade of existing lighting (to solar) around a pitch walkway and the installation of water-filling stations to promote reuse and a reduction in single-use plastics.
- Installation of solar PV panels for Group Water Scheme (GWS) to reduce energy costs.
- Energy retrofit of inefficient historic community building to improve energy efficiency and reduce heat loss and associated costs.
- Installation of solar PV panels and battery storage on sports building to reduce energy costs and LED lighting for existing walkway.

CCC proactively engaged with DECC regarding the surplus of €240,734.72 from the first allocation of funding and have submitted a request to DECC to run a short supplementary call in December 2024. This proposal was approved by DECC on 26th September 2024, and it is planned that the supplementary call (CCAP Call 1, Part B) will open for applications in December 2024, for a period of six weeks (Dates TBC). Further details regarding eligibility and programme target themes TBC.

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1.1.2 Climate Action Team at Council Innovation Showcase Event.

The council's **Climate Action Support unit (CASU)** exhibited at the Innovation Showcase Event as part of Public Service Transformation Week in County Hall which took place on the 21st of October.

At the event, the team spoke and engaged with staff, elected members and members of the public on a range of climate issues, showcasing innovative community climate projects and initiatives throughout the County.

Mallow: Sustainable Recreation Infrastructure Project

Project Description

- Repurposing Decommissioned Wind Turbine Blades to create 3 no seats and 2 no picnic tables all with built in cycle stands in Mallow Town.
- Funding of just over 12K was awarded by DECC to carry out this project under the Community Climate Action Programme.
- This project is being undertaken by Mallow Tidy Town's.

Project Aims

- Repurposing retired wind turbine blades for various uses in public spaces, thereby completing the circular economy and reducing waste.
- Promote walking / cycling / recreation with the associated health and climate action benefits.
- Exemplar for similar climate action / sustainability projects in towns and villages across the County.

Sample Bike Stand Picture

Sample Picnic Table Picture

Sample Bench Picture

WE'RE TAKING CLIMATE ACTION

COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION PROGRAMME

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Community-Led Climate Action Projects in County Cork to Share Over €1 Million in Funding

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1.2. Air Quality

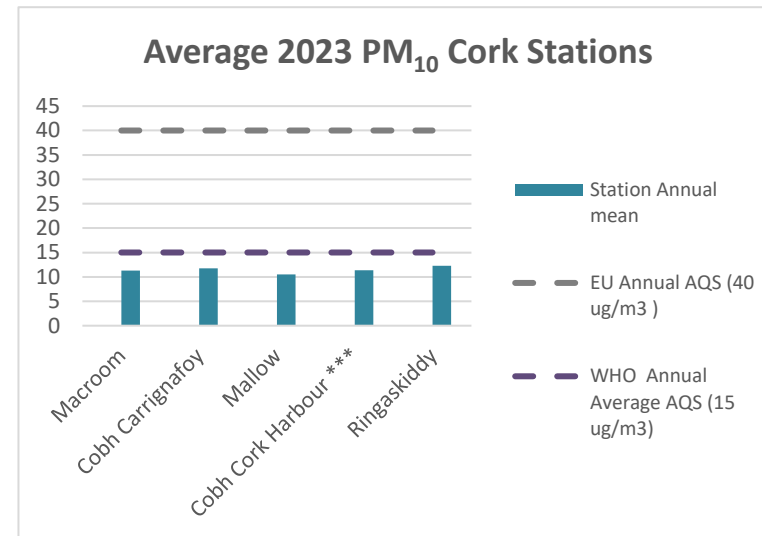
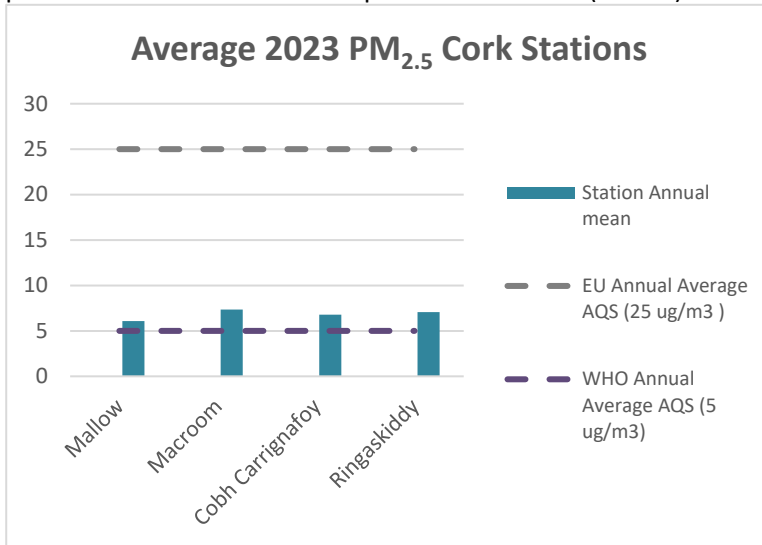
1.2.1 EPA calls for strong application of Solid Fuel Regulations.

In their recently published [Air Quality in Ireland Report 2023](#), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has called on Local authorities to facilitate proactive choices on both home heating and travel, through strong application of the Solid Fuel Regulations and supporting alternatives to car travel.

The report again highlights that air pollution can be a major environmental risk to people’s health, with approximately 1,600 premature deaths annually in Ireland due to poor air quality.

Ireland’s latest monitoring shows we are in compliance with current EU standards, and Air Quality in Ireland is generally moving in a positive direction. However, Ireland has committed under the national Clean Air Strategy to achieving the more stringent World Health Organisation (WHO) guideline values by 2040 which will be a challenge.

The main pollutants of concern are fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) from solid fuel combustion and nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) from vehicle emissions/traffic.



Further information available at www.airquality.ie

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1.3. Waste

1.3.1 Phasing out of the Levy Exemptions for Construction and Demolition Waste.

The phasing out of the waste recovery and landfill levy exemptions for construction and demolition waste came into effect on 1st September 2024. The changes will reduce construction waste and encourage the construction industry to use by product (Article 27) classification as an alternative. The introduction of the levy will reduce construction industry costs and help Ireland achieve its overall waste performance and EU targets. There are four phases commencing on 1st September 2024 for recovering the Waste Recovery levy. The phased approach gives the construction industry time to engage with the Article 27 self-declaration process and ensuring materials are recycled and reused for longer



Links to the recent Regulations are below:

[S.I. No. 441 of 2024 – Circular Economy \(Waste Recovery Levy\) Regulations 2024](#)

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1.4. Water Quality Programme.

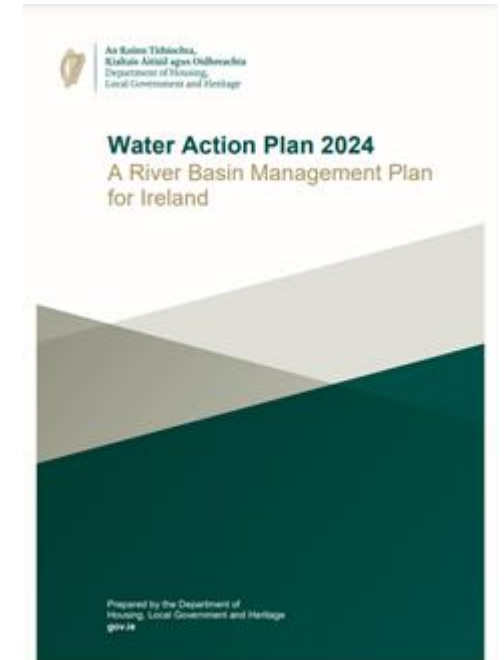
1.4.1 *Water Action Plan 2024: Ireland's third River Basin Management Plan launched.*

On the 4th September last the **Water Action Plan 2024** was launched. The plan which is Ireland's 3rd River Basin Management Plan covering the period 2023 – 2027, sets out a roadmap to restore Ireland's waterbodies to 'good' status or better, and protect against further deterioration, through an integrated catchment management approach.

Key actions in the Plan include tighter controls on the use of fertilisers that impact water quality, a greater focus on compliance and enforcement with over 60 new staff at local level, and a target of 4,500 farm inspections nationally per year. In addition, continued investment in wastewater infrastructure will see Uisce Éireann investing a multi-billion Euro budget over the period 2025-2029 to reduce impacts on water quality, a new national River Barriers Mitigation Programme will ramp up efforts to remove river-blocks that impact on species like salmon and lamprey swimming upstream to spawn, and a review of arterial drainage requirements and the underpinning Arterial Drainage Act will be undertaken in the context of land use.

The Plan aims to see an additional 300 waterbodies achieve 'good' status by 2027, with targeted measures to improve over 500 more. A Community Water Development Fund is to be provided for 2025, which will provide financial supports to local projects and initiatives.

A copy of the plan is available to review online at www.gov.ie/RBMP



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1.4.2 Closed Period for Slurry Spreading

All are reminded that **no slurry spreading is permitted between 1st October 2024 and 12th January 2025**. Anyone wishing to report illegal spreading can do so via [YourCouncil.ie](https://www.yourcouncil.ie), by email to environ@corkcoco.ie or by phone to 021 4532700.



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1.4.3 EPA Water Quality Report

In July The EPA published its annual report on Drinking Water Quality in Private Group Schemes and Small Private Supplies – 2023

https://www.epa.ie/publications/compliance--enforcement/drinking-water/annual-drinking-water-reports/EPA_DWQinPGS_and_SPS_2023_Final-Report.pdf

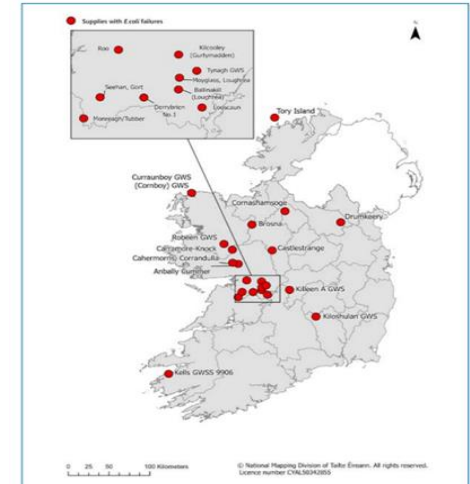
- All private suppliers *should* register with their local authority so their supplies can be monitored annually.
- All registered supplies *must* be monitored by local authorities annually to protect public health.



22% of the SPS on EPA register are in Co. Cork

KEY FINDINGS IN 2023 Report:

- Only 1,665 Small Private Supplies (SPS) are registered with local authorities across the country. Consumers may not be aware that they could be drinking water from an unmonitored supply, potentially putting their health at risk.
- 1 in 20 small private supplies and private group schemes failing to meet *E. coli* standards in 2023. Compliance levels have not improved from 2022 and actions must be taken by suppliers to resolve these issues.
- The number of private group schemes with *E. coli* failures increased from 13 supplies in 2022 to 22 supplies in 2023, impacting approximately 4,600 people.
- 21 PGS supplying 22,000 people failed the standard for Trihalomethanes impacting 14,000 people. (THMs are formed when organic material from the source reacts with chlorine used as disinfection).
- €38.5 million of government funding that could have been invested in improvements to private supplies between 2019-2023 was not used. The new cycle of the MARWP 2024-2026 was launched in January 2024. Improvements in the application process should make it easier for group water schemes to access funding and deliver improved drinking water quality.



Private GWS failing for E.Coli

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1.5. Community Environmental Awareness Programmes

1.5.1 Cork GAA Community Clean Up Day

In September, the County and City Councils supported Cork GAA in their very first Community Clean-Up Day. The GAA including Cork Camogie and Cork Ladies Gaelic Football Associations were delighted with the overwhelming success of this inaugural event, which saw the association mobilise thousands of club members across the county come together to enhance their local communities. The Council supported the event by supplying litter picking equipment and by facilitating disposal of waste collected at Civic Amenity Sites and at other agreed locations around the county. Municipal District, Area Engineering and Environment Directorate staff were closely involved in planning the delivery of the project. All Civic Amenity Sites across the county remained open later than usual on Saturday 21st to facilitate delivery of the litter collected by GAA volunteers.

Throughout Saturday September 21st, volunteers from all corners of Cork donned gloves, grabbed litter pickers, and set about cleaning up parks, streets, beaches, and public spaces. The event was a true testament to the strength of GAA clubs at a grassroots level, with players, coaches, families, and supporters working side by side to clean up their localities working in tandem with the Tidy Towns Committees, Garda Siochana and local support groups.

Clean-Up Day saw participation from almost 100 GAA clubs, 75 of which are county based, with thousands of volunteers covering many kilometres of streets, parks, and other communal areas. The effort yielded hundreds of bags of litter, ensuring that these spaces are cleaner and more enjoyable for all Cork residents.

With the success of this year's event, Cork GAA has indicated it plans to make Clean-Up Day an annual initiative.



Mitchelstown GAA

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1.5.2 “Take a minute before you bin it.” Campaign.

A new awareness campaign by MyWaste.ie ‘Take a minute, before you bin it!’ aims to increase awareness and knowledge to improve waste segregation. Statistics from the EPA reveals that two-thirds of what ends up in our general waste bins could have been recycled or composted with food waste being the most misplaced item, followed closely by soft plastics.

The message from MyWaste is that whether at home, at work or at play we can all play our part. As Ireland transitions to a more circular economy, this national initiative highlights how simple individual actions, can collectively boost Ireland’s recycling rate.

To keep up to date on the campaign visit www.mywaste.ie or follow our Facebook page [@CorkCoCoEnviro](https://www.facebook.com/CorkCoCoEnviro).



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1.5.3 Composting for Schools Programme.

Cork County Council is funding 11 schools across the County to take part in the Composting for School Programme which is delivered by Composting Ireland. The aim of the programme is to help schools set up, start or improve composting in their school to reduce waste, save money and combat climate change. The programme is both environmental and educational.

The Composting for Schools programme is open to Primary and Post Primary schools and is delivered in a hybrid model with 1 in person workshop, 4 online workshops and 2 school visits during the 2024/2025 academic year. Each school also receives a €250 voucher to spend on composting equipment and they have access to a variety of fun and interactive activities for school children to learn about composting.

All places have been allocated but for further information contact the Environmental Awareness Office at eao@corkcoco.ie.

The schools that are taking part in the 2024/2025 programme are as follows:

1	Holy Family School Charleville	Kanturk-Mallow
2	Scoil Mháirtín, Kilworth	Fermoy
3	Vicarstown NS	Macroom
4	Firmount NS	Macroom
5	Rusheen N.S.	Macroom
6	Clondrohid National School	Macroom
7	Coachford NS	Macroom
8	Gaelscoil Dhochtúir Uí Shúilleabháin, Skibbereen	West
9	CBS Secondary School Charleville	Kanturk-Mallow
10	Loreto Secondary School	Fermoy
11	Carrignafoy Community College	Cobh



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1.5.4 Rubbish Film Festival Videos Update.

As part of Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) week, which took place from 20th - 29th September, the Rubbish Film Festival films from the Cork County winning schools, Schull Community College, Kinsale Community School and De La Salle Macroom, were shown at cinemas across the county (Bantry Cinemax, Clonakilty Park Cinema, Gate Mallow, Gate Middleton and The Regal Cinema Youghal). The promotion began on Friday 13th September and will run for a 4 week period with the videos rotating at every showing.

All of the videos from the Cork County Council schools that participated in the programme were also posted on [Cork County Council's Environment Department Facebook](#) page throughout the week.

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1.5.5 Environment Department Newsletter

The latest Newsletter from the Environment Department has just been released! It features many sustainability initiatives available to schools, clubs and communities and is available to read here <https://lnks.gd/2/2xMW272>.

Keep up to date on all environmental related news from the Environment Department by subscribing to our newsletter here [Cork County Council \(govdelivery.com\)](https://www.govdelivery.com).



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1.6. National Broadband Plan (NBP)

1.6.1 Digital Connectivity Strategy Update

In September the DECC released their latest Digital Connectivity Strategy update. The key elements were as follows:

- Commercial Rollout
 - **Fibre Rollout - national**
 - Eir is in the process of building a FTTP (Fibre To The Premises) network to 1.9 million premises, with over 1.3 million premises passed to date.
 - SIRO recently passed over 615,000 premises with full fibre, and they are on track to reach 700,000 premises by 2026.

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- Virgin Media Ireland is committed to a €200m network upgrade to full fibre, which is continuing to 2025 and will support speeds up to 10Gbps. They have recently reached a milestone of enabling 281,000 premises with full fibre.
- **Commercial Deployment of 5G - national**
 - Eir's 5G network rollout continues to expand, offering coverage to over 70% of the population and encompassing 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 Q2 2024, there were 1,708,294 5G mobile subscriptions.
- **National Broadband Ireland Progress – National** (see 1.6.2 for Cork County Council progress)
 - 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 is 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 100,609 full fibre connections have been made by NBI across all counties and demand remains very strong where fibre is available. Over 4,200 connections are being made each month.

1.6.2 National Broadband Ireland (NBI) - 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, Fermoy, Hare Island, Kanturk, Long Island, Middleton, Rathmore, Tallow, Templemartin, and Youghal DA's. Deployment in the Abbeyfeale, Clonakilty, Eyeries, Killavullen, Kinsale, Meelin, Mitchelstown, Schull, Skibbereen and DA's is ongoing. Survey works are complete in the

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Bantry, Ballingeary, Bere Island, Cape Clear/Sherkin Island, Charleville, Dunmanway, Dursey Island, Grenagh, Horse Island and Kilcrohane DA's. Survey works are being undertaken in the Cape Clear, Sherkin Island and Grenagh DA's. Survey works are pending at the Carriganimmy DA.

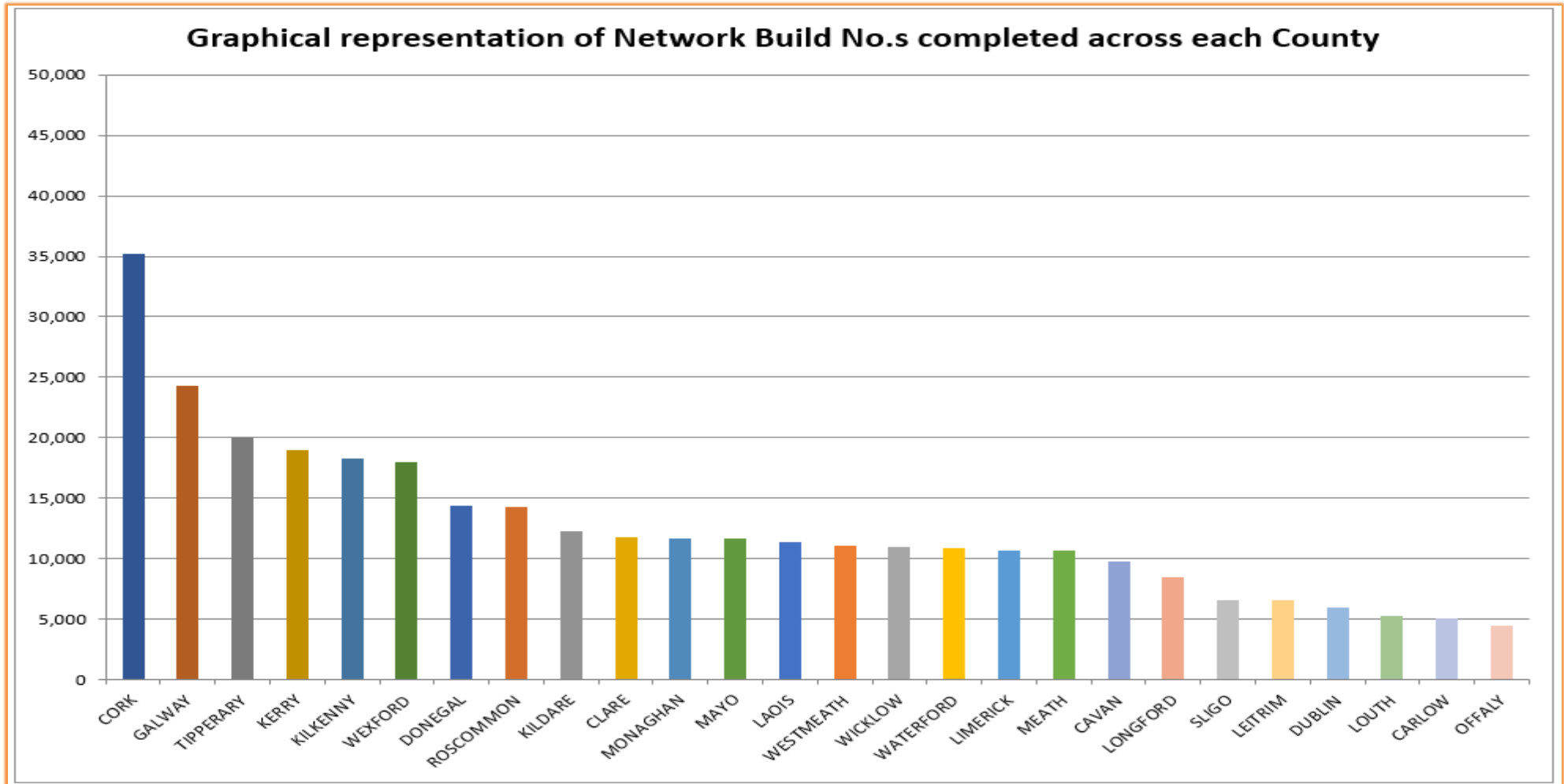
Approx. 77,000 premises across Cork County will ultimately benefit from access to high-speed broadband constructed under the National Broadband. Broadband connections can now be obtained at approx. 33,000 premises in the intervention area and network build at a further 23,000 premises is ongoing.

DECC advise that any consumer in a broadband non-intervention who is experiencing difficulties in obtaining high speed broadband, defined as minimum speeds of 30Mbps download and 6Mbps upload, should contact their broadband service provider to investigate the issue and to determine the reason why broadband speeds are below these thresholds or why a service is not being provided. Where a satisfactory response is not received the Department advise that the matter might be referred to them for investigation.

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 across the country is summarised in the 2 graphics below. Whilst the greatest number of fibre deployments to premises have been achieved across county Cork, there remains the greatest number of premises in Cork where deployment is awaited.

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Status Deployment Area	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 2026				45			45
BALLINGEARY	SURVEY_COMPLETE	January 2026 - December 2026			874				874
BANTRY	SURVEY_COMPLETE	January 2026 - December 2026			3925				3,925
Bere Island (CK)	SURVEY_COMPLETE	October 2025 - December 2025			250				250
Cape Clear/Sherkin Island (CK)	SURVEY_COMPLETE	March 2025 - May 2025			279				279
CARRIGALINE	Available to Order/Pre Order	Available to Order/Pre Order			1			3679	3,680
CARRIGANIMMY	SURVEY_PENDING	January 2026 - December 2026	4061						4,061
CHARLEVILLE	SURVEY_COMPLETE	January 2026 - December 2026			2227				2,227
CLONAKILTY	NETWORK_BUILD_IN_PROGRESS	April 2025 - June 2025				4507	1217		5,784
Default OLT	DA_NOT_ASSIGNED		1174	12					1,186
DUNMANWAY	SURVEY_COMPLETE	January 2026 - December 2026			4393				4,393
Dursey Island (CK)	SURVEY_COMPLETE	July 2025 - September 2025			18				18
EYERIES	NETWORK_BUILD_IN_PROGRESS	July 2025 - September 2025				1792			1,792
FERMOY	Available to Order/Pre Order	Available to Order/Pre Order				27		3793	3,826
GRENAGH	SURVEY_COMPLETE	January 2026 - December 2026			4189				4,189
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				26		4074	4,100
KILCROHANE	SURVEY_COMPLETE	January 2026 - December 2026	1		497				498
KILLAVULLEN	NETWORK_BUILD_IN_PROGRESS	January 2026 - December 2026				3175			3,175
KINSALE	NETWORK_BUILD_IN_PROGRESS	January 2026 - December 2026				3555			3,555
Long Island (CK)	Available to Order/Pre Order	Available to Order/Pre Order					27		27
MEELIN	NETWORK_BUILD_IN_PROGRESS	January 2026 - December 2026				1992			1,992
MIDLETON	Available to Order/Pre Order	Available to Order/Pre Order			10	5		8800	8,815
MITCHELSTOWN	NETWORK_BUILD_IN_PROGRESS	January 2026 - December 2026				1589			1,589
RATHMORE	Available to Order/Pre Order	Available to Order/Pre Order			1	5		2132	2,138
SCHULL	NETWORK_BUILD_IN_PROGRESS	January 2026 - December 2026				2225			2,225
SKIBBEREEN	NETWORK_BUILD_IN_PROGRESS	January 2026 - December 2026				3503			3,503
TALLOW	Available to Order/Pre Order	Available to Order/Pre Order					886		886
TEMPLEMARTIN	Available to Order/Pre Order	Available to Order/Pre Order			18	198		5940	6,056
YOUGHAL	Available to Order/Pre Order	Available to Order/Pre Order				3		2231	2,234
Totals			1,175	4,073	30	16,659	22,607	32,838	77,388

Tabular Representation of NBI Deployment across DA's

1.6.3 Broadband Connection Points (BCPs)

A National Hub Strategy is presently being drafted by Dept. of Rural and Community Development. Broadband Connection Points are being considered as significant pillars in the strategy document as they are considered to have significant value at the level of communities where users might not yet feel ready to engage with the commercial remote working hubs or with the enterprise hub sectors.

In keeping with the importance attaching to BCP in the National Hub Strategy, DRCD are presently assessing tenders for upgrade of hardware equipment at BCP's. A reconfiguration of backhaul routing will then follow at BCP's. It is anticipated that such upgrade works will facilitate enhanced functionality at BCP's while maintaining digital security around the operation of the BCPP's.

DRCD advise of an intention to maintain the BCP infrastructure for a period of approximately 3 years as they see them as important launch pads for various Arts and Science thematic programmes.

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 (DRCD). 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.

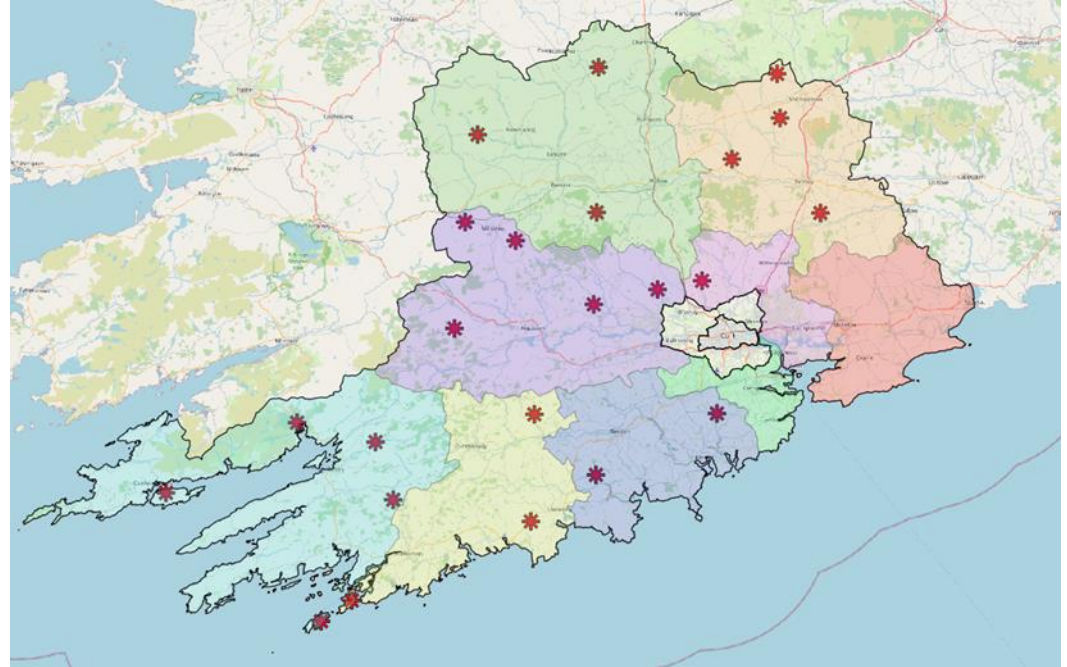
A total of 25 BCP's are now completed across the county and are operational. 23 of these facilities continue to operate as BCP's. Remote working is being accommodated at a number of BCP's.

Owing to the exit of Inch Community Centre from the BCP initiative, the inclusion of a candidate BCP is being considered at the present.

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The current 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, Lisavaire Community Centre, Mealagh Valley Community Centre and Sherkin Island Community Hall, Caheragh Community Centre and Glengarriff Community Centre.



1.6.4 STEM & STEAM Projects at BCPs

In line with the EU Digital Decade targets set for 2030, Dept. of Rural and Community Development (DRCD) are engaging with various bodies to promote STEM & STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics) activity through the Broadband Connection Point (BCP) networks. A Microsoft DREAM Space activity day was recently hosted at the Whitechurch BCP at which children from local National Schools participated.

Various BCP's have engaged with The Ark, Microsoft Dreamspace and OurKidsCode programmes.

The OurKidsCode programme has gained some traction across the Cork BCP network with programmes conducted at BCP's in Castlelyons, Castletownkenneigh, Ballindangan, Laharn and at Whitechurch. There are plans at present to have follow on OutKidsCode programmes at Ballindangan and at Castlelyons.

There are also plans to commence OutKidsCode programmes at Bere Island Heritage Centre, at Mealagh Valley Community Centre and at Riverstick Community Centre.



OurKidsCode is a research project based in Trinity College Dublin, funded by Science Foundation Ireland, the Department of Education and the Department of Rural and Community Development. The core aims are to increase parental involvement and promote greater diversity in computer education, by providing STEM opportunities for families with primary aged children, particularly in rural communities.

A Family STEAM Fun day event on November 16th in Thurles (<https://www.ourkidscode.ie/ourkidscode-family-steam-fun-day/>) is planned to promote the programme further nationally.

The Irish Independent recently published an article entitled “STEAM initiative boosts digital skills and regenerates rural communities in County Cork”. The article is available at <https://m.independent.ie/regionals/cork/news/steam-initiative-boosts-digital-skills-and-regenerates-rural-communities-in-county-cork/a120320140.html>.

1.6.5 More on Commercial Operator Activity

SIRO report of continuing deployment across the county and of having approximately 30,000 premises passed with fibre and of their intention to pass a further 16,000 premises with fibre by end of 2025. The principal areas where SIRO have been working and the numbers passed in each area include Bandon-(1,667), Carrigaline-(6,041), Carrigtowhill-(423), Crosshaven-(403), Fermoy-(799), Little Island-(6,916), Mallow-(5,349), Middleton-(5,045), Skibbereen-(1,873) and Youghal-(1,816),

Imagine Broadband advise that the take up of fibre connections to the NBI network has made it commercially unviable for them to continue providing fixed wireless service in certain regions. As an immediate response, Imagine will be closing fixed wireless broadband network broadcast masts in Lisgould North on the 30/10/2024 and on Bandon Hill on 09/01/2025. Imagine have been key to providing many rural dwellers with high-speed broadband when wireless broadband was the only option for many households. Imagine are providing helpline services to those who will be affected by the shutdown of their broadcast masts and will assist their customers in providing information on the alternatives now available to them.

Vodafone continue to shut down their 3G network across Cork County. Vodafone advise that this shut down of the 3G network has been successfully undertaken in many other parts of the country. For people with older phones (pre smart phone models) they will seamlessly transfer to the 2G network that will continue to be maintained by Vodafone.

The Vodafone shutdown of the 3G network primarily affects Vodafone customers but it should be noted that Clear Mobile and An Post also use the Vodafone network, so this means that 3G services for Clear Mobile and An Post customers will also be retired. The move by Vodafone is part of a worldwide trend to abandon the 3G network which is considered uneconomic to support. Further information can be obtained on ComReg website at [3G Retirement | Commission for Communications Regulation \(comreg.ie\)](https://www.comreg.ie/3G-Retirement) and ComReg lists some other devices that may be affected.

The shutdown of 3G networks by other providers is expected to continue.

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1.7. Emergency Services

1.7.1 Major Emergency Management (MEM) Training.

Following on from the “Introduction to Emergency Management” courses held earlier in the year, a further 33 people from the principal response agencies (An Garda Síochána, HSE, Cork County, Kerry County & Cork City Councils) attended a third round of the course which was held on 15th August 2024 in Cork County Hall. Over 200 people have now attended this new course in 2024, which was developed by the MEM Region South Training sub-group to support Major Emergency Management preparedness across the Region.



2. PART 2 – WORK PROGRAMME REPORTS FOR Q3 2024

2.1. Fire and Building Control

2.1.1 Fire Operations for Q3.

Fire Operations	Whole County	West
Total number of turnouts to fires	300	50
Average of turnout times	302.27secs	266.04
Average of response times	905.63secs	936.72
% of calls with a response time of less than 10 minutes	40%	36%
% of calls with a response time of between 10 and 20 minutes	20%	31%
% of calls with a response time greater than 20 minutes	20%	33%
Total number of turnouts to non-fire emergencies	370	63
Average of turnout times	274.65secs	253.10
Average of response times	861.25secs	785.40
% of calls with a response time of less than 10 minutes	39%	50%
% of calls with a response time of less than 20 minutes	40%	33%
% of calls with a response time greater than 20 minutes	21%	17%

Fire Prevention

2.1.2 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. *(excludes invalid applications)*

Month	No. Fire Certificates received	No. Fire Certificates decided
July 2024	41	40
August 2024	22	27
September 2024	34	28
Total	97	95

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Building Control

Commencement Notices and 7 Day Notices *(excludes invalid applications)*

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)
July 2024	213	94
August 2024	113	82
September 2024	1091	103
Total	1417	279

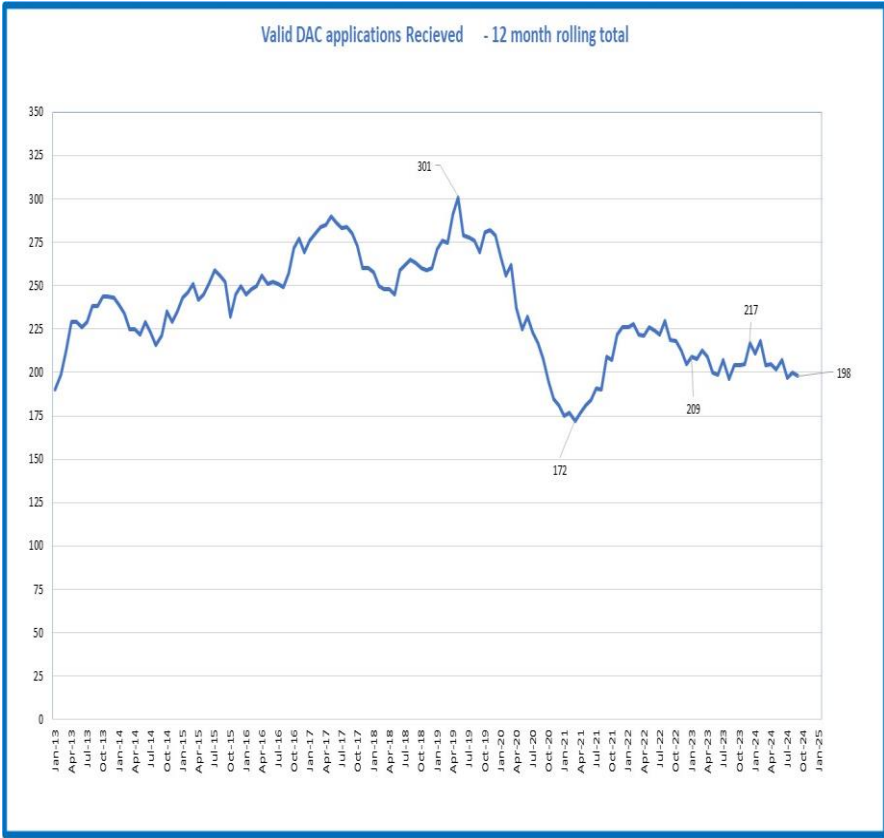
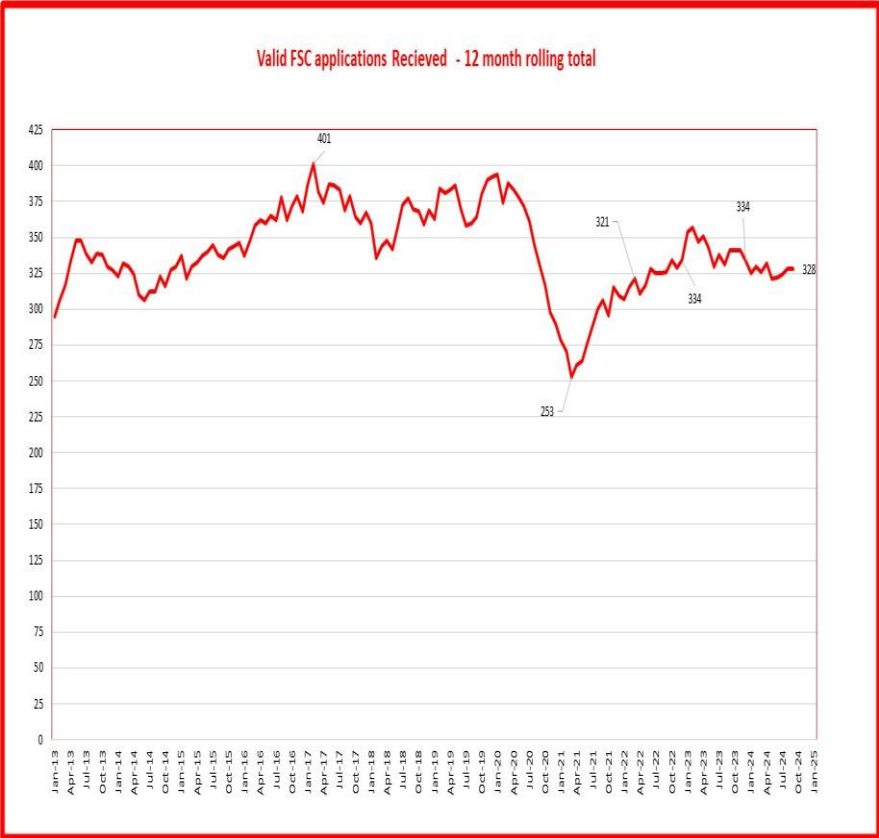
NB : the difference between the number of Notices and buildings is mostly accounted for by housing estates.

Month	No. Access Certificates received	No. Access Certificates decided
July 2024	19	16
August 2024	13	24
September 2024	18	16
Total	50	56

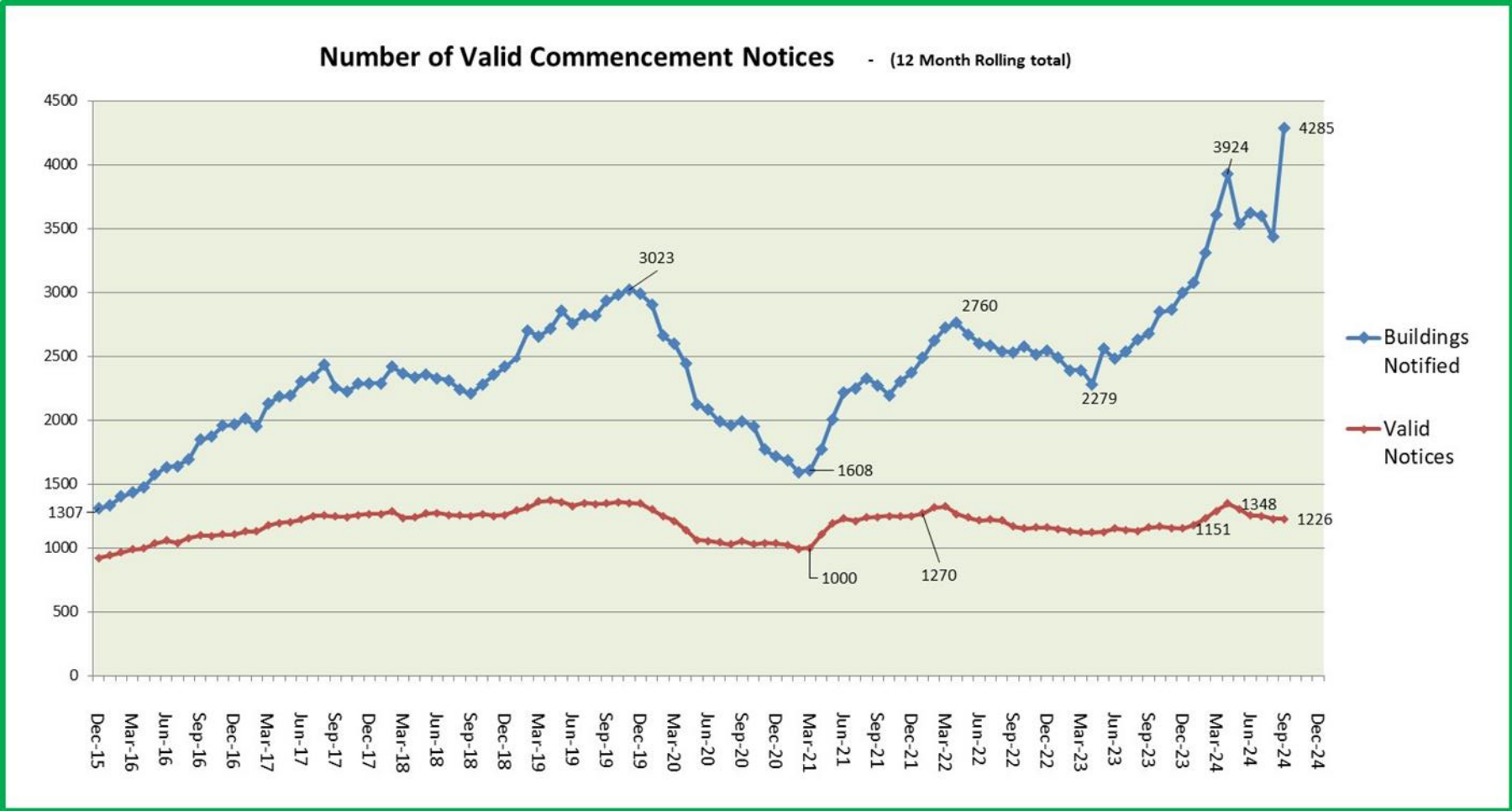
Disability Access Certificates (DAC)

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.

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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 DW supply type	No of Private DW supplies on CCC register in 2024	No of supplies scheduled for monitoring in 2024	No of private supplies monitored at least once by end-Q3 2024	No of samples scheduled for 2024	No of samples taken by end-Q3 2024	% of supplies compliant with Drinking Water Standards up to end-Q3 2024
Private Group WS	23	23	23	69	29	70
<i>Q3/2023</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>46</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>n/a</i>
Small private supplies	290 (330)*	230	237	370	322	63
<i>Q3/2023</i>	<i>396</i>	<i>139</i>	<i>130</i>	<i>245</i>	<i>164</i>	<i>n/a</i>

*At the start of the year there were 330 active small private supplies on the Cork County Council register. This number is subject to review throughout the year, and currently stands at 290.

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2.2.3 Bathing Water Compliance Programme 2024

Total No of beaches in monitoring programme 2023	No of samples scheduled for 2024 Bathing water Season (May – Sept)	No of samples taken 2024	No. of compliant samples <i>E.Coli</i> <500 AND <i>I. Enterococci</i> <100	No of non-compliant samples 2024 <i>E. coli</i> > 500 OR <i>I. Enterococci</i> >100
29	155	166	164	2
By End – 2023	155	176	175	1

Note: Bathing Season monitoring extends from mid-May to mid-September*. In addition to bathing water sampling and testing outlined below, the Water Quality Laboratory also undertakes environmental education activities as required by the Blue Flag rules.

Below table outlines the bathing water monitoring programme completed 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.

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
	Ownehincha	Yes	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
	Tragumna	Yes	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
	Warren	No BF	No	Yes	Good	Good	Good

Note: Bathing Season monitoring extends from mid-May to mid-September*.

In addition to bathing water sampling and testing outlined below, the Water Quality

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

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

*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.

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

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

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

2.2.6 Agricultural Inspection Program

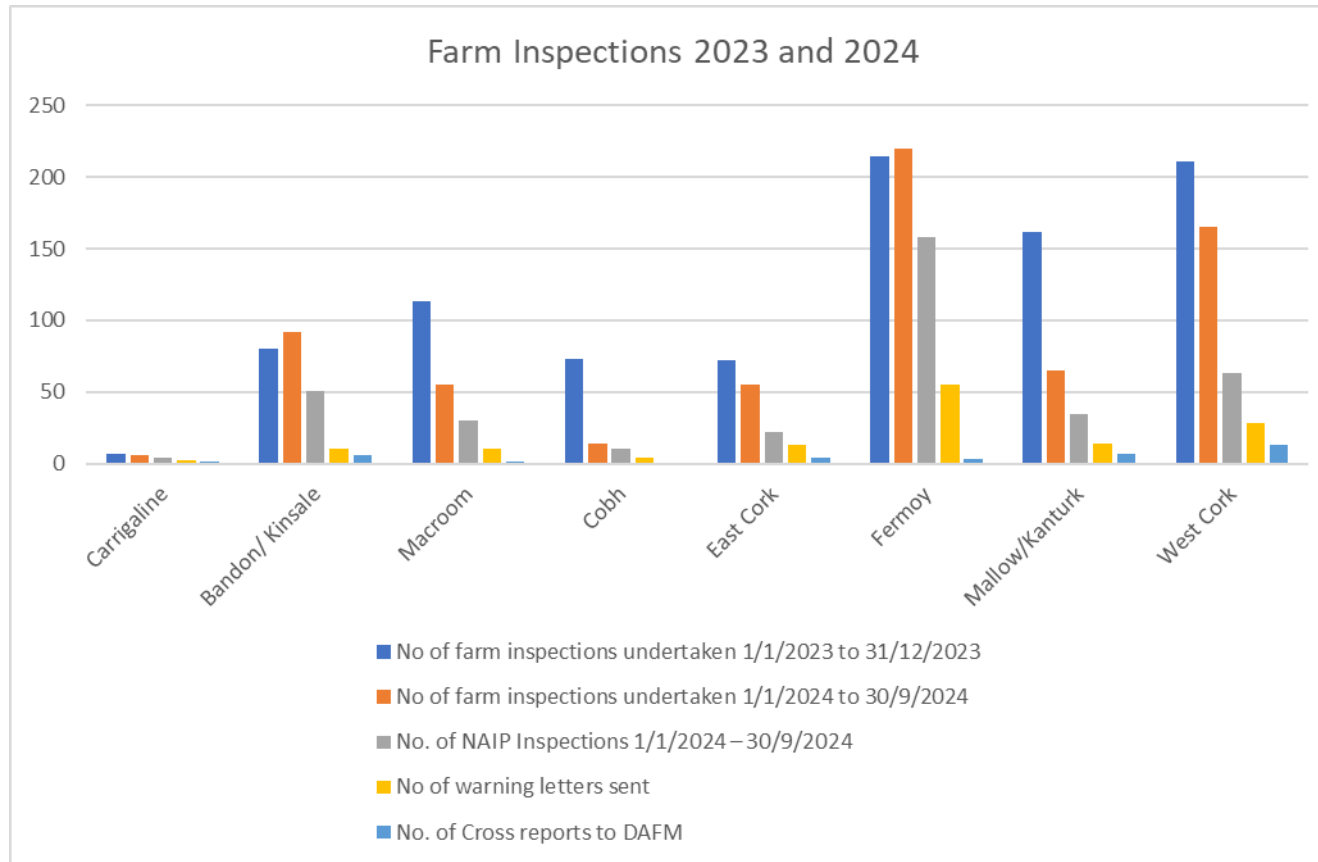
No of farm inspections scheduled for 2024	Municipal District	No of farm inspections undertaken 1/1/2023 to 31/12/2023	No of farm inspections undertaken 1/1/2024 to 30/9/2024	No. of NAIP Inspections 1/1/2024 – 30/9/2024	No of warning letters sent	% of farms with non-compliances detected	No. of Cross reports to DAFM	% of farms with Cross reports to DAFM
1085 (Including minimum 452 NAIP Inspections)	Carrigaline	7	6	4	2	40%	1	17%
	Bandon/ Kinsale	80	92	51	10	22%	6	7%
	Macroom	113	55	30	10	27%	1	2%
	Cobh	73	14	10	4	28%	0	0%
	East Cork	72	55	22	13	29%	4	7%
	Fermoy	214	220	158	55	32%	3	1%
	Mallow/Kanturk	162	65	35	14	31%	7	11%
	West Cork	211	165	63	28	30%	13	8%
	Total	932	672	373	189	28%	35	5%

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.

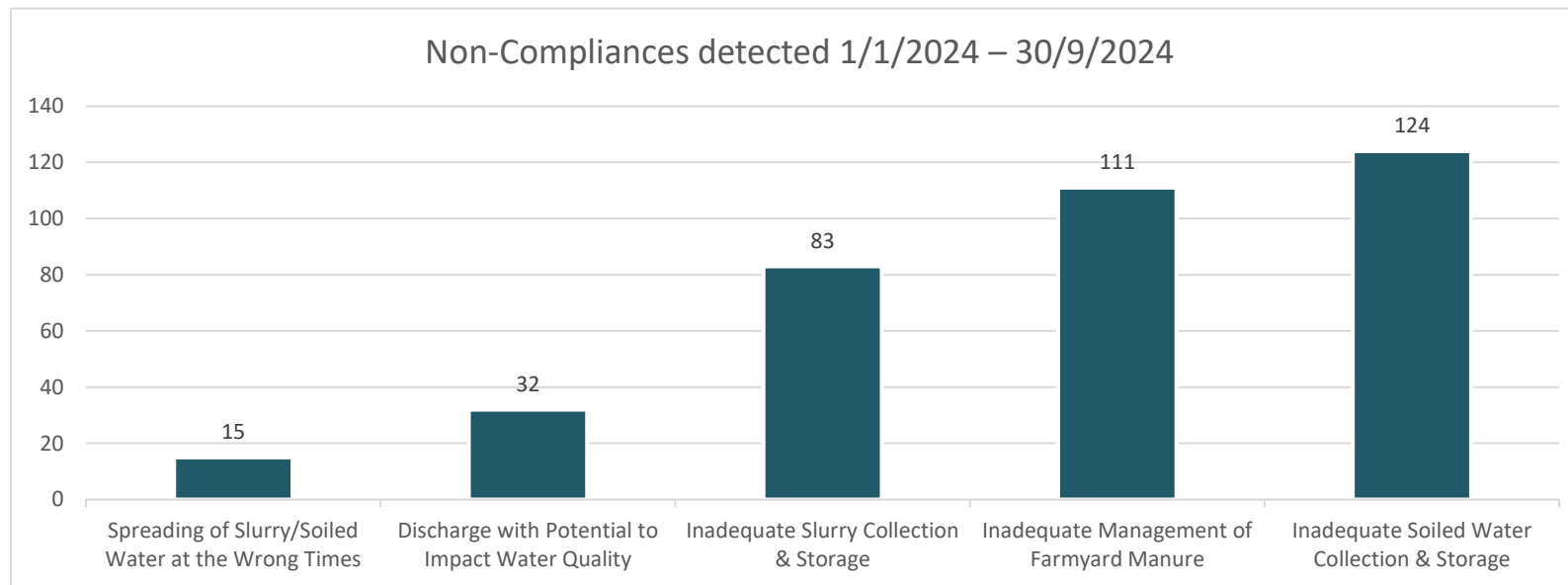
It must be noted that this is the minimum number of first-time inspections in 2024 and 2025, the council has an ongoing programme of follow up engagements and currently plans to undertake over 1,000 farms inspections in total in 2024.

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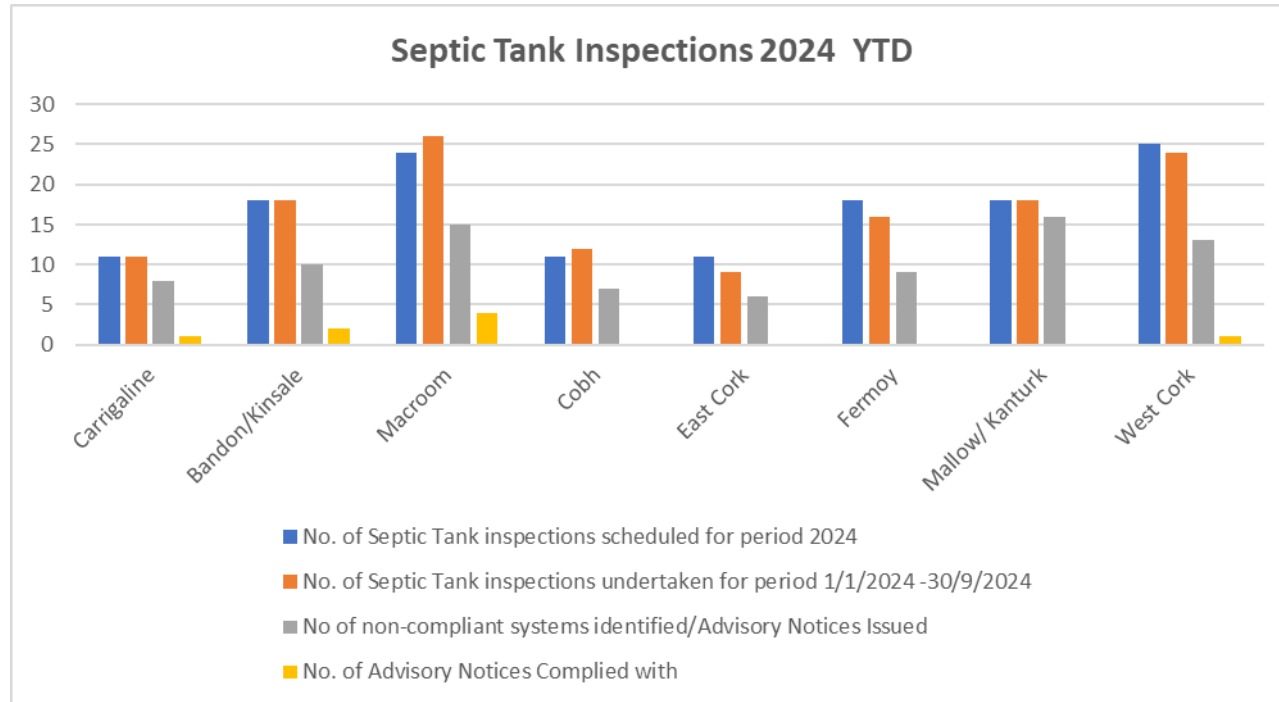
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The most frequent non-compliances (with Good Agricultural Practice Regulations) detected during the farm inspections were as follows:



Note multiple non-compliances on some inspections.

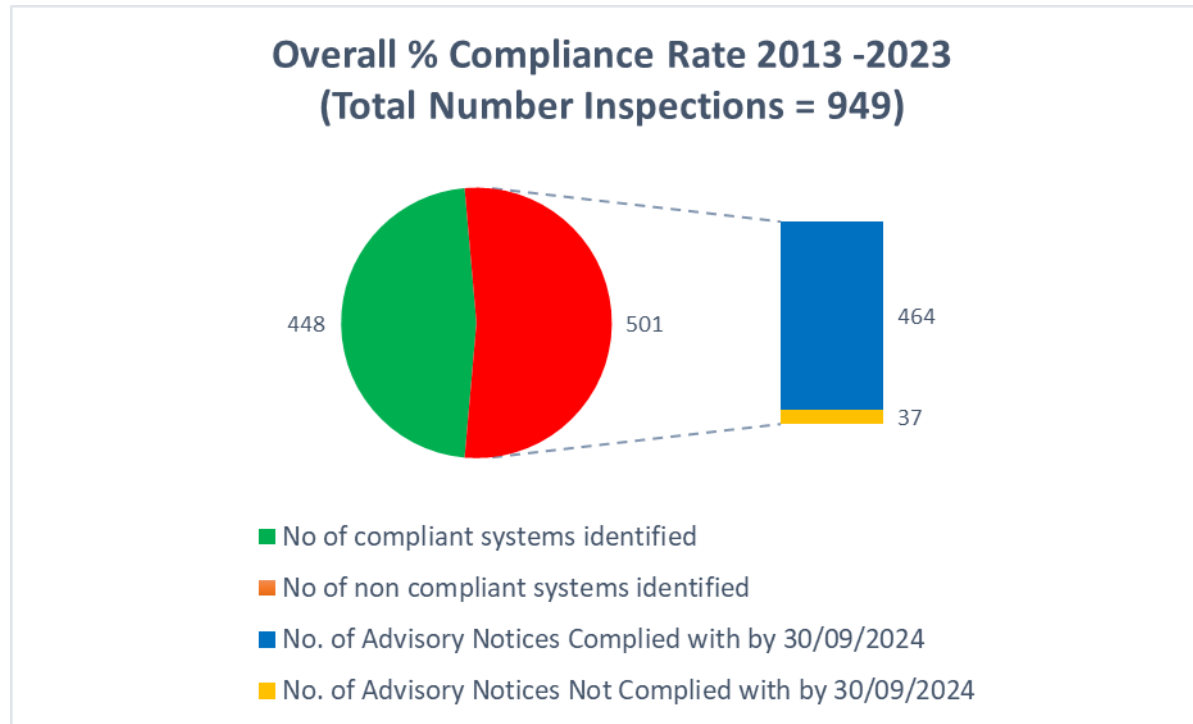
2.2.7 Septic Tanks Inspection Programme 2024.



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2.2.8 Update on Septic Tank Inspection Program 2013 – 2023

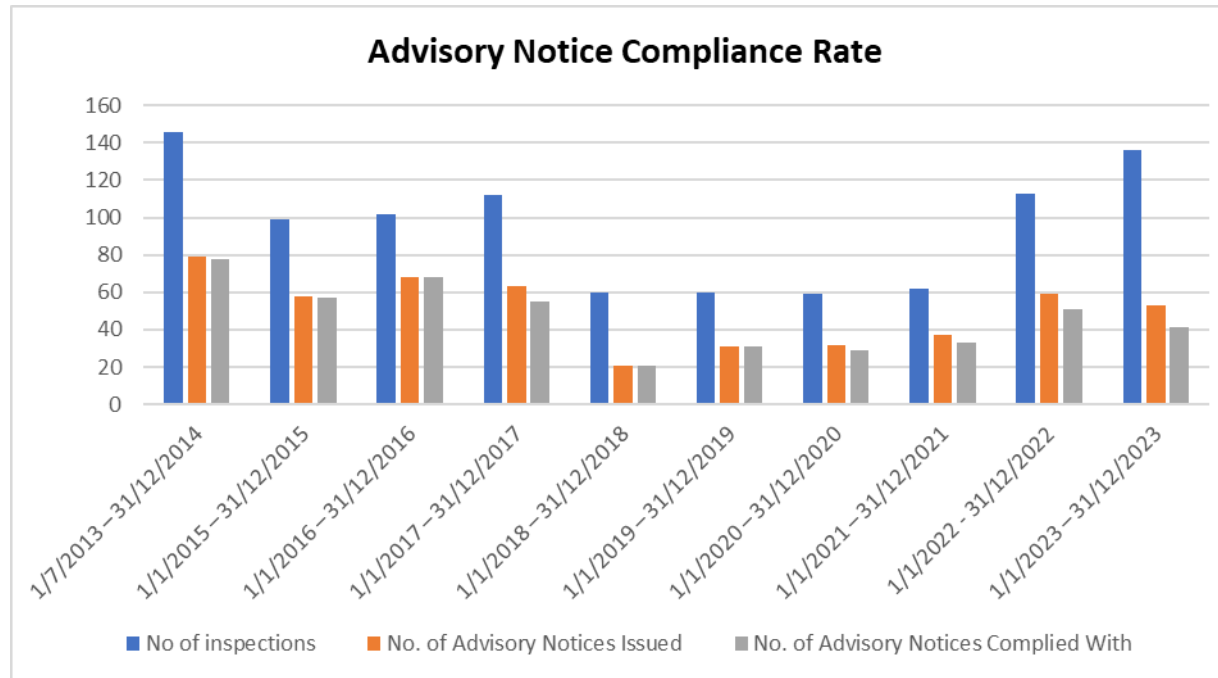
	No. of Septic Tank inspections scheduled for period 1/7/2013 to 31/12/2023	No. of Septic Tank inspections undertaken to 31/12/2023	No of non-compliant systems identified	% non-compliances identified	No. of Advisory Notices issued	No. of Advisory Notices Complied with by 30/09/2024
Total	933	949	501	53%	501	464



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.

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



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	3 Grants €9,244
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	3 Grants Paid €28,574
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

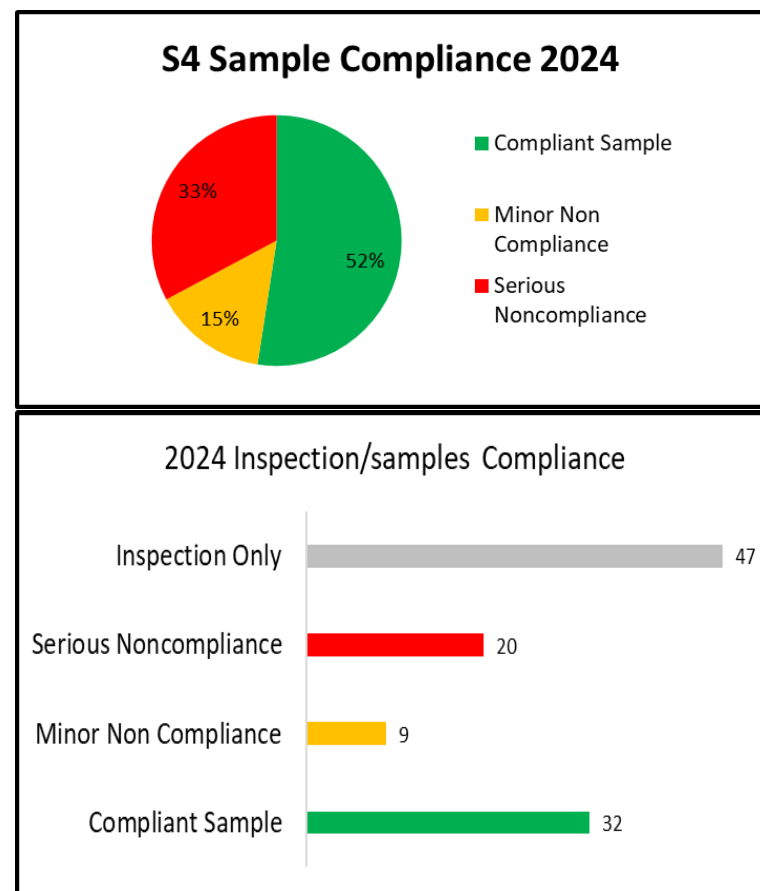
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2.2.11 Public Municipal Wastewater Sampling Programme

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				
	Target	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Σ
Carrigaline	15	0	0	0	0	0
Bandon-Kinsale	21	2	9	1	0	12
Macroom	26	6	5	6	0	17
Cobh	11	2	5	2	0	9
East Cork	21	1	8	6	0	15
Fermoy/Mitchelstown	16	1	5	2	0	8
Mallow/Kanturk	41	10	7	13	0	30
West Cork	43	3	11	3	0	17
Total	194	25	50	33	0	108
% Inspection plan completed		56%				



2.3. Air & Noise

2.3.1 Numbers of licenses under Air Pollutions Acts and related regulations.

Licence Type	Municipal District	Q4 2023	Q1 2024	Q2 2024	Q3 2024	+/- on Q4 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	3	2	3	3	1
	Fermoy	3	3	3	2	-1
	Kanturk/Mallow	1	1	1	1	0
	West Cork	1	1	2	2	1
	TOTAL		17	16	18	17
Deco Paint Regulation Certificates (spray painters)	Bandon/Kinsale	6	6	6	5	-1
	Carrigaline	3	3	3	3	0
	Macroom	2	1	1	2	0
	Cobh	3	3	3	3	1
	East Cork	10	9	9	9	0
	Fermoy	6	4	4	4	-3
	Kanturk/Mallow	6	6	6	6	0
	West Cork	6	6	6	6	0
	TOTAL		42	38	38	39

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Petroleum Vapour Certificates	Bandon/Kinsale	16	16	16	16	0
	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	15	16	16	16	2
	Kanturk/Mallow	14	14	16	17	2
	West Cork	20	20	21	21	1
	TOTAL	103	105	108	109	6
Stage II Petroleum Vapour Certificates*	Bandon/Kinsale	0	1	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	4	1
	West Cork	2	2	2	2	0
	TOTAL	11	12	12	13	2

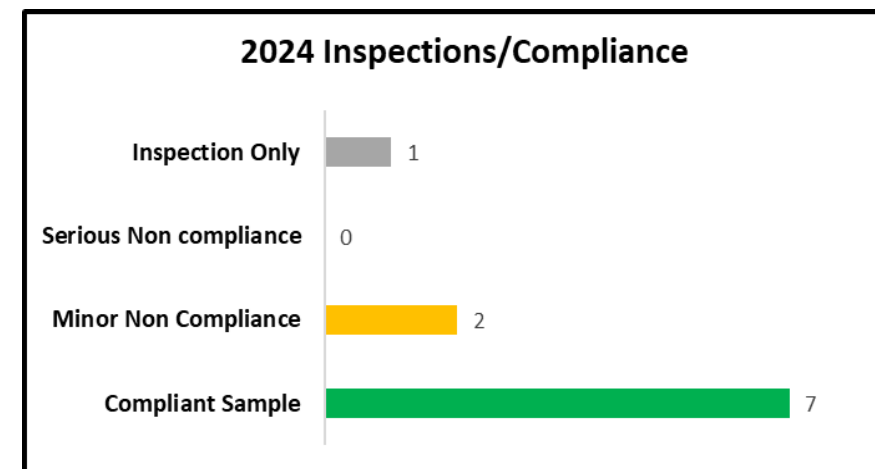
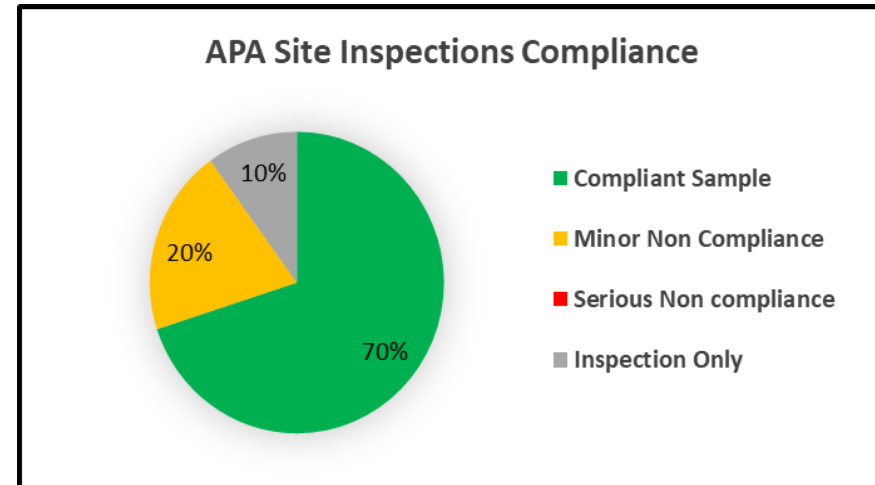
* Stage II Petrol Vapour Certification relates to the capture of vapours at petrol dispensers (pumps) during refuelling.

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

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 2024 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 2024	Non-Compliances	Warning Letters	Enforcement Proceedings	% Overall Compliance level rel. to inspections undertaken
2024							
Q1	30	0	30	3	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	0	0	0	99%
Total	90	0	30	3	5	0	99%

2.3.4 Solid Fuel Regulations -Mobile/Multi-Agency Checkpoints

Year	No. of Inspections Planned	Advisory Letters	Inspections carried out 2024	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%

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

2.4. Waste

2.4.1 Inspections 1st January -30th September 2024.

	Municipal District								
	Bandon - Kinsale	Carrigaline	Cobh	East Cork	Fermoy	Macroom	Mallow-Kanturk	West Cork	Q3 Totals
Flytipping & Illegal Dumping	13	14	10	12	16	54	9	15	143
Waste Presentation & Backyard Burning	2	2	3	5	2	6	6	8	34
Abandoned Vehicles	3	3	0	3	10	7	1	5	32
Article 27 By-Product	1	6	2	4	0	0	5	4	22
Producer Responsibility (WEEE/Tyres/Packaging/etc.)	15	7	16	13	23	5	19	15	113
Food Waste (domestic & commercial)	6	1	8	5	4	2	0	2	28
Vehicle Checkpoints*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Waste Enforcement	6	23	13	22	3	13	1	17	98
Total	46	56	52	64	58	87	41	66	470

**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.*

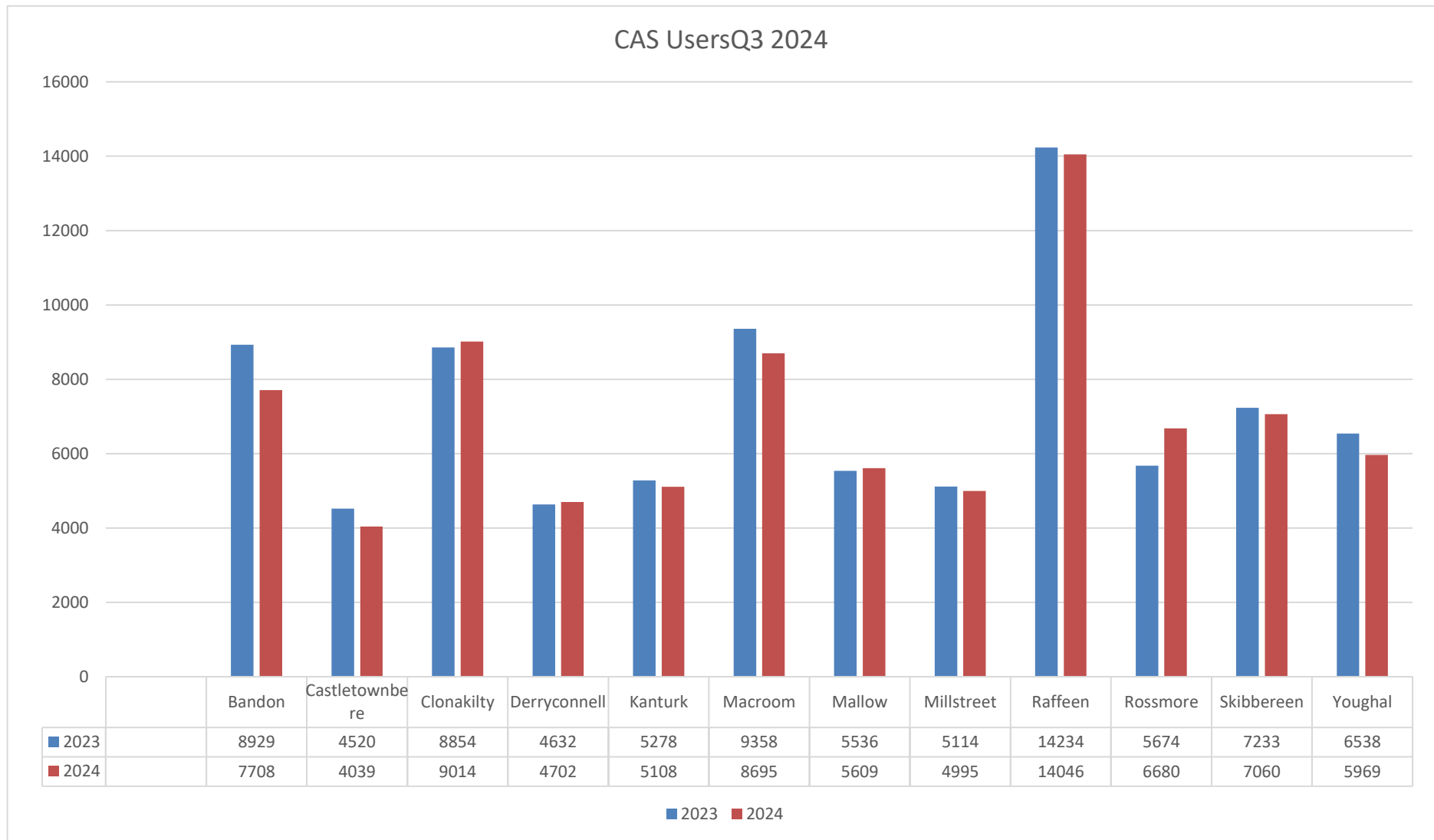
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2.4.2 Civic Amenity Sites 1st January – 30th September 2024

Zone	Location	Material	Tonnage	Tonnage	Tonnage	Tonnage	TOTAL	TOTAL
			Q1 2024	Q2 2024	Q3 2024	Q4 2024	2023	2024
1	Castletownbere	Recyclables	78.70	86.64	100.87		332.18	
		Waste	75.31	80.72	109.27		335.71	
	Clonakilty	Recyclables	205.51	220.55	221.42		817.98	
		Waste	135.74	117.84	149.40		526.40	
	Derryconnell	Recyclables	79.98	97.71	94.55		349.78	
		Waste	95.72	93.47	110.07		403.66	
	Skibbereen	Recyclables	68.21	51.76	81.33		293.95	
		Waste	50.90	34.05	63.98		209.60	
2	Bandon	Recyclables	363.93	414.39	428.49		1,480.02	
		Waste	189.26	191.00	214.78		759.28	
	Macroon	Recyclables	275.51	288.42	314.55		1,024.57	
		Waste	259.64	247.18	244.64		1,003.66	
	Raffeen	Recyclables	600.58	884.26	739.62		2,960.42	
		Waste	513.64	578.90	578.52		2,192.84	
3	Rossmore	Recyclables	365.48	300.08	503.29		1,505.33	
		Waste	382.33	276.96	415.61		1,650.98	
	Youghal	Recyclables	153.57	128.69	206.60		741.33	
		Waste	264.02	188.99	278.57		1,015.94	
4	Kanturk*	Recyclables	166.13	149.79	223.51		841.47	
		Waste	215.23	169.24	228.84		836.20	
	Mallow*	Recyclables	195.72	261.93	234.76		863.68	
		Waste	210.84	222.20	203.70		812.08	
	Millstreet*	Recyclables	138.81	148.12	152.15		578.98	
		Waste	199.90	208.68	195.37		788.79	

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2.4.3 Bring sites 1st January -30th September

Material	Tonnage Q1 2024	Tonnage Q2 2024	Tonnage Q3 2024	Tonnage Q4 2024	Total 2024	Total 2023
Glass Bottles	1,388.00	1,420.00	1485.00			5,690.00
Beverage Cans	25.80	11.37	*			77.50
Food Cans	31.61	24.70	*			97.22

- **No data received from service supplier, will update for Q4.**

2.4.4 Decisions made Waste Facility Permit & Waste Cert of Registration Applications 1st January to September 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					1			
Q4								
2024 Totals	2			1	2	1	2	3
2023 Totals	2	2	4	1	1	5	3	1

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<i>Inspections 1st July- 30th September</i>								
	Municipal District							
	Bandon / Kinsale	Carrigaline	Cobh	East Cork	Fermoy	Macroom	Mallow / Kanturk	West Cork
Waste Facility Permit	1	1		2	2	1	3	4
Waste Collection Permit				8			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			1			2	1						
Macroom																
Cobh	2	2								2						
East Cork	1	2								1	1					
Fermoy	1	2	6						1	2	2					
Kanturk / Mallow	10	9	2			1			5	4	3		2	2	6	
West Cork			1													
TOTAL 2024	21	16	10		0	2	0		10	10	6		2	2	6	
TOTAL 2023	27	19	29	8	1			1	17	17	16	4	3	5	6	8

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		9	
CCTV Section 3(2) b				
Duties of Occupiers Section 6				
Mobile outlets Section 15				
Unauthorised Sign Section 19		1	1	
TOTAL 2024	21	16	10	
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	82		
Noise	27	45	40		
Waste	378	335	236		
Waste water	23	37	29		
Water (to be categorised)	15	13	14		
Water Quality	49	28	35		
Total 2024	527	512	436		
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	37	57	41	46	48	52	74	67	14
Q4									
2024 Totals	140	176	159	157	140	139	269	222	66
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	165		738	960
Fly-tipping Cleanup Jobs	307	222	136		665	793
Fly-Tipping Units on Litter duty (Days)	35	33	25		93	106
Waste Collected (Tonnes)	48.10	72.40	32.30		152.80	147.90

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			1		2	2		2
TOTAL			1		2	2	1	2

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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 Online: 4,474		
General Dog Licences	3	6	1	6	9	3	6	6	40	40	87
									An Post n/a CCC Office: 40		
Life Time Licences	20	66	43	48	68	31	85	65	218	458	838
									An Post 147 Online: 311		
Licence Type	Carrigaline	Macroom	Cobh	East Cork	Kanturk Mallow	Fermoy	West Cork	Bandon Kinsale	Total No. Issued as at 30/09/2024	Total 2024	Total 2023
Ordinary Dog Licenses	2252	2358	2188	2912	3464	2337	3358	2387	21,256	21,256	27,976
									An Post 14,395 Online: 6861		
General Dog Licences	5	10	1	10	15	9	8	7	65	65	87
									An Post n/a CCC Office: 65		
Life Time Licences	72	98	60	70	94	38	119	90	641	641	838
									An Post 201 Online: 440		

Total Number of Stray Dogs Entering Pound /Surrendered /Seized for period: 1st Jan 2024 – 30th September 2024 : 144

Total No. Rehomed / Reclaimed: 120 Total No. Euthanised: 23 Total No. .Natural Causes: 1

Please note not all returns are in yet for this Qtr .

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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	7	21	7	27	16	18	10	30	136	257
Section 16(1) notices issued	90	94	86	116	137	93	133	97	846	1168
Prosecutions issued	0	3	3	10	45	10	3	1	75	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	1	2	2	8	9
Hunt/Harrier	1	3	0	1	3	5	0	3	16	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	4	0	1	8	7	4	5	30	34

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2.5.5 Approved/Registered Food Premises

Type of premises	Cork City	Carrigaline	Macroom	Cobh	East Cork	Kanturk Mallow	Fermoy	West Cork	Bandon Kinsale	Total 30/09/24	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	5	4	14	2	1	2	28	41
Number Reclaimed	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	12
Number Rehomed (Rescues/Charities)	0	0	5	4	10	2	1	2	24	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	6	0	0	0	6	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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