

The background of the image shows a scenic view of Wicklow town, Ireland, with a stone bridge over a river and houses on a hillside. The logo for the Wicklow Town Team is overlaid on the image. The word 'WICKLOW' is written in a large, white, stylized font with a wavy underline. Below it, the words 'TOWN TEAM' are written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font.

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MAKING WICKLOW TOWN A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE, WORK & PLAY

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What is Wicklow Town Team:

Wicklow Town Team was established in 2017 with a mission to make Wicklow Town a better place to Live, Work and Play. The Town Team initiative is to encourage more collaboration, communication and cooperation between the Council, business and the wider community and to develop one voice from one team for each town. To date we have received over €700,000k in grant aid towards projects for Wicklow Town. WTT is a company limited by Guarantee (CLG) and made up of volunteers from the local community.

Who are Wicklow Town Team:

Chairperson – **Dave Shannon**

Secretary – **David Porter**

Financial Officer – **Fiona Doyle**

Tourism & Hospitality – **Pascal Burke**

East Coast Greenway – **Ciarán Lally**

Public Realm & Heritage – **Myra Porter**

Arts & Culture – **Evelyn Murray**

Environment / Sustainable Energy – **Andrew Lawless**

Wicklow Municipal District Cathaoirleach – **Paul O'Brien**

Outgoing Wicklow Municipal District Cathaoirleach – **Gail Dunne**

Wicklow Municipal District Town Manager: **Breda McCarthy**

Wicklow Municipal District Administrator: **Joan Sinnott**

Wicklow County Council Advisor: **Christine Flood**

The above steering committee manages groups of volunteers who work on various projects.

If you have some spare time and would like to get involved, please sign up today or if you do not have the time but have an idea for a project, please let us know.

Projects Completed:

East Coast Greenway from Wicklow Town to Greystones Feasibility Study – Carried out by Atkins and showed several potential routes.

Heritage Walk – created a 24-location historical walk through the town. It covers many historical stories and landmarks, bringing locals and tourists on a journey through time with interactive visual retelling at various stops. Walking tours available every Saturday at 11am from Fitzwilliam Square from late Spring to early Autumn.

Outdoor Dining in the Market Square – Awnings, Tables, Lighting and Heating installed.

WicklowTown.ie –

A website highlighting all Wicklow Town has to offer.

Féile Chill Mhantáin – A three-day Irish Festival (Music, Dance, Yoga, Literature and more).

A consumer and retail survey – Carried out by iReach Insights to improve the retail experience and gain insight into consumer and retailer perceptions.

Parking and Traffic flow recommendations report – Sent to Wicklow Municipal District (WMD) with some recommendations agreed and completed such as signage for long term car park and the trialling of a one-way system.

Abbey Grounds – Brought previously developed plans by Wicklow Parish for the Abbey Grounds to Wicklow County Council (WCC) and worked to ensure a leasing agreement with the various stakeholders which has resulted in Fáilte Ireland funding this project.

Feasibility study for a Youth Theatre in Wicklow Town – this identified the Assembly Hall as a credible site. Discussions ongoing with WMD.

Bus corridor from Wicklow to Dublin and a Park & Ride – Proposals were brought to the National Transport Authority (NTA) and it has been agreed and subject to finance, TII, NTA & WCC will proceed with this project. Proposals from WTT for a Park & Ride are also being considered by all stakeholders.

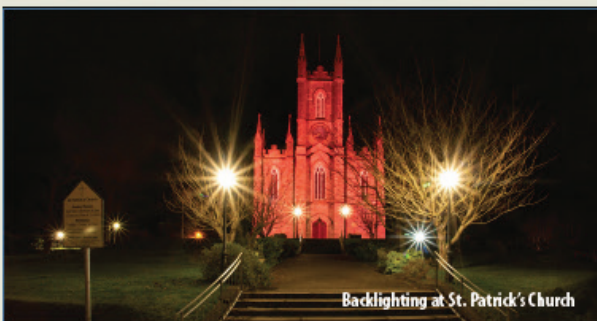
Codling Wind Park – Worked closely with Codling Wind Park to show the benefits of Wicklow Port as a base. Codling have announced that Wicklow Port is their preferred location for an Operation and Maintenance base.



Opening of The Heritage Walk by Minister Humphreys



Outdoor Dining in the Market Square



Backlighting at St. Patrick's Church



Proposed Greenway between Wicklow Town and Greystones

Projects in Progress:

Backlighting Historical Sites – Funding secured for the backlighting of the historical sites in 2018 and works are underway.

East Coast Greenway from Wicklow Town to Greystones

– Continue lobbying for funding for this project with the various Government and local representatives which helped WCC in securing substantial funding for an Environmental Impact Study. (Report due Autumn 2023)

Wicklow Courthouse

– Lobbying for the reopening of the Wicklow Courthouse or a decision on its future. This has been ongoing with various Government departments and our public representatives for 18 months. Some exterior cleaning and painting have been completed by the OPW.

South Quay Connectivity

– Secured substantial funding for connectivity between the Main Street and South Quays (Dr Steps / Salt house Lane, Quarantine Hill). Work to commence in Spring 2023.

Pilgrim Walk

– Working with Councillor Mary Kavanagh and Cormac McGrane on a pilgrim walk from Wicklow to Glendalough. Details of the route have been presented to WCC and County Wicklow Outdoor Recreation Committee (WORC). Work has commenced with WORC on finalising plans for the walk.

Murrough Running Track

– Continue working with WMD for a running track on the Murrough at the request of Indhear Dee Athletics Club. This can be used as a lakeside walk by the general public. Using the natural terrain with no construction work required.

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Upcoming Projects:

New Members – A concerted drive to recruit new members to ensure a broad cross community representation. We are looking for Team Leaders and Team Members of all ages and backgrounds.

Pump Bike Track on the Murrough – Project approved in principle and awaiting pending licence and planning.

East Coast Greenway – Continue to support WCC in the provision of a Greenway from Wicklow to Greystones. Once EIS is completed and if signed off by TII, this project should be brought to planning stage.

Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Energy – A submission has been presented to WCC, Minister Harris and KWETB to develop a centre of excellence for sustainable energy and also an opportunity for Marine Based Training.

Street Painting Scheme – Several years ago a palette was created for the main street through Wicklow District & Chamber of Commerce but due to lack of funding at the time the project did not progress. This project is at a very early stage, if approved, funding streams will then be explored by WTT.

Town Gateways (Entrances to the town) - Improve the Gateways into the town e.g., Flowerbeds, artistic installations etc.

St. Patrick – Develop St Patricks association with Wicklow Town. Work has started on this proposal by the tourism and hospitality group. It has the potential to be a strong visitor attraction for the town.

Irish Coast Guard Rocket Cart – Currently housed at Wire Ropes, it is a priority for WTT and Councillor Paul O'Brien to secure funding to find a suitable home for the Rocket Cart so it can go on public display.

The Town Team could not carry out the work outlined without the support of WMD and WCC for which we are indebted and grateful. We would also wish to acknowledge the funding streams at national and local level, Wicklow Partnership (LEADER), Department of Rural and Community Development (Town & Village Renewal) and Fáilte Ireland.



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