

BRIDGETOWN

Interim Flood Mitigation Measures

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Wexford County Council is progressing a programme of interim flood mitigation measures across Bridgetown, following funding approved by the OPW. The programme combines drainage clearance, additional flood storage, river backflow protection, flood walls and embankments, monitoring, pumping capacity and new stormwater infrastructure.

What has been completed?

3.6km	4	14	156m
Streams and drains/dikes cleared	Historical holding ponds cleared	Non-return valves installed	Flood walls / earth embankments
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Demountable flood walls	OPW river level gauges	New agricultural culvert crossing	Works across multiple locations

Key works completed

- Approximately 3.6 km of streams and drains/dikes on private lands cleared, including a conveyance channel through a large wetlands area west of Bridgetown.
- Four historical holding ponds cleared to provide additional temporary flood storage during periods of heavy rainfall.
- A survey of the riverbank identified 14 drainage outlets subject to surcharge during elevated river levels; 14 non-return valves have been installed.
- 156 m of retaining flood walls and earth embankments constructed on the south side of the village.
- Two demountable flood walls installed at the memorial garden.
- Two new OPW river level gauge monitors installed at the village bridge and approximately 500 m upstream at the WWTP site.
- A new agricultural culvert crossing has replaced storm pipe restrictions on the Ballycross Road.
- Storm damage repairs to the masonry stone arch bridge.



Completed flood retaining wall



Installation of a demountable flood defense wall

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Further measures are being progressed to strengthen the village drainage and flood protection system.

Two large-capacity portable flood pumps

Wexford County Council is procuring two portable pumps to provide additional emergency pumping capacity during significant flood events.

New permanent stormwater pumping station

A proposed new storm pumping station for the north side of the village is currently being designed. The proposed works are targeted for completion during 2026.

Old Co-op stormwater pipeline

A contractor has been appointed to install approximately 100m of 1,350mm diameter stormwater pipeline and non-return valves at the Old Co-op site. Works are scheduled to commence in the coming weeks.

North-side flood embankments

Over 300m of new earth flood embankments and additional non-return valves are planned.

West-side R736 Road Culvert

A new road culvert crossing is being procured to improve conveyance through the drainage network, with works anticipated to commence by November 2026.

Railway drainage crossing

Wexford County Council are in discussions with CIE regarding a proposed additional new drainage pipeline outlet beneath the railway on the north side of the railway track.



Historic Holding Pond Cleared on Mill Road



Drainage Clearance



Construction of RC Retaining Wall

If you have any observations you can email them to rmd@wexfordcoco.ie.