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Waterford City & County Council

## Press Release

# Waterford Repair Directory launched

Lismore Tidy Towns launched the 'Waterford Repair Directory' in Lismore on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October. This directory lists various businesses around Co. Waterford that can repair a range of broken items. As more and more people are seeing the value in getting items repaired than ever before, it is important to be able to find someone who can repair your items.

Repair services such as shoe repairs, clothes alterations, lawnmowers repairs and jewellery repairs are included in the directory, amongst other repair services.

The Department of the Environment and Waterford City and County Council funded Vivienne Foot through the Local Agenda 21 Environment Partnership Fund to compile a Repair Directory for Co. Waterford. The aim is to encourage repair and reuse as a method of reducing waste.

Speaking at the launch of the Repair Directory in Lismore last Thursday, Ella Ryan, Environment Awareness Officer with Waterford City and County Council said "The aim of the Repair Directory is to make it easier for people to consider repair as an option to extend the life cycle of an item rather than just throwing it away. As well as being important to waste management, repair and reuse are also important elements of the local economy. We are delighted to launch this directory as part of National Reuse Month."

National Reuse Month is a new waste prevention initiative to raise awareness about the economic and environmental benefits of reusing everyday items and materials that would otherwise go to waste. Throughout October, there will be local and regional workshops and events all over Ireland to promote ways for families, businesses and communities to reuse.

Donating, refurbishing and repairing items are all forms of reuse and offer people a chance to save or make money, get creative, learn a new skill and do their bit for the environment. Reuse reduces the volume of waste being discarded while also conserving natural resources, energy and water.

Reuse also offers significant economic benefits by creating jobs and boosting local economies. Events and activities taking place during October for National Reuse Month include fashion and furniture upcycling workshops, local information events, fashion shows with local charity shops, business events, art workshops and many, many more. For full details of events happening all over the country during National Reuse Month, check out [www.southernwasteregion.ie](http://www.southernwasteregion.ie)

There was no cost to the businesses to be listed in the Repair Directory but Waterford City and County Council cannot advocate or endorse any particular listing.

If you have a Repair Business or are involved in the business of Repair and wish to be included in the next edition of the directory, please phone 0761 10 2938 or email [eryan@waterfordcouncil.ie](mailto:eryan@waterfordcouncil.ie)

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At the Launch of Waterford City & County Council's Repair Directory in Lismore were, from left:

Michael McBride, Lismore Tidy Towns, Ella Ryan, Environmental Awareness Officer Waterford City & County Council. Mary O'Brien and Mary McBride, Lismore Tidy Towns, Brendan O'Connor, Librarian and Cllr John Pratt.

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