

Waterford Greenway crowned Ireland's 'Best Tourism Initiative'

Waterford's stunning Greenway has been crowned Ireland's 'Best Tourism Initiative' in the All-Ireland Community and Council Tourism Awards 2018 competition. But, above and beyond that, it also won the overall best national award – the "Grand Prix Award for 2018" which is a one-off special commendation for outstanding excellence.

It's a spectacular double coup as the 46km off-road cycling and walking trail edges towards its very 1st birthday celebrations on March 25th.

Paying tribute after the awards to the staff who built, maintain and promote the Greenway and the communities who have embraced it and made so many visitors feel welcome, Council CEO Michael Walsh said: "We strive for our county and our communities to be self-sufficient, to provide local employment, to enhance our local natural resources for the County's economic, social and cultural benefit and also for the benefit of future generations. We've developed the Greenway and they have come – in their droves."



"The Waterford Greenway has transformed this county. There is no doubt about that. The economic benefits are evident everywhere you go. Coffee shops, hotels and other accommodation providers, bars, shops, restaurants, bike hire companies and more all reporting a boom in trade.

"But the real winners are the people of Waterford who have been such great Greenway ambassadors as well as the families, the groups, the individuals who use our Greenway again and again and who are reaping the health and wellbeing benefits. That will be its true legacy, I believe."