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WELCOME

Dear Tidy Towns Committee,

Welcome to our third newsletter for 2020. We hope this finds you all well and making the best of these strange times that we find ourselves in as a result of Covid-19. We think of all our senior volunteers who cannot participate in the way they normally would due to them cocooning. We think of all our businesses who have been closed now for some time and we look forward to things returning to some sense of normality very soon. We thank our front line workers and everyone who is doing their best to help those who are finding this time difficult. We will all come through this together, if we stick together, albeit by staying apart for now.

In this packed edition, we read about the wonderful work being done by you, the Tidy Towns volunteers and how you are facing up to the pandemic by working smarter. We read of a group who have re-entered after an 18-year gap, we see publications that will assist you in biodiversity and bring you an initiative to help you work with the Sustainable Development Goals. We also bring you information on funding, currently available from the Department of Rural and Community Development. As always we welcome your stories and photographs, please keep them coming in so we can share your great work with everyone else.



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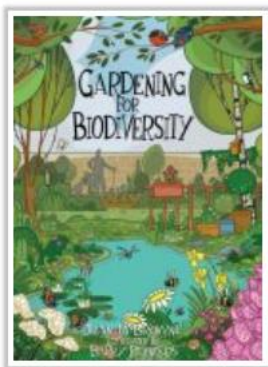


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Gardening for Biodiversity

Produced by Local Authority Heritage Officers across Ireland, with help from the National Parks and Wildlife Service and the Heritage Council, this book has been developed to assist you in Biodiversity matters in your garden.



Taking a very practical approach, the book details projects to help wildlife of all kinds under a range of headings, with tasks suitable for everyone from the total beginner to the more ambitious DIY enthusiast. With clear instructions and step-by-step drawings by illustrator Barry Reynolds, the book offers the gardener lots of options to help our biodiversity.

The book can be viewed or you can download a copy by visiting the following website; <https://www.heritagecouncil.ie/publications>

There are also some lovely coloring sheets available for our younger garden enthusiasts, this might help pass a while or give a welcome break to the home schooling.

<https://www.heritagecouncil.ie/content/images/Gardening-for-Biodiversity-Colouring-book.pdf>

TidyTowns Grant Funding announced in 2019

Michael Ring TD, Minister for Rural and Community Development, has confirmed that funding which he allocated to support the Tidy Towns groups throughout the country this year will still be available to them, even though the SuperValu TidyTowns competition has had to be cancelled this year due to public health considerations.

At the awards ceremony in the Helix in September 2019, the Minister allocated €1.4 million to TidyTowns groups to assist them in their preparations for the 2020 competition. Following the cancellation of the competition this year, Minister Ring is allowing any unspent funds to be used by TidyTowns groups in preparing for the 2021 competition. In total, the Department of Rural and Community Development has allocated over €4 million to TidyTowns groups since 2017 to assist them with their TidyTowns projects and initiatives.

We would remind all groups to retain all paperwork and receipts relating to the funding received in the event that it may be required for audit purposes in the future.

Rural Development Funding 2020

Michael Ring TD, Minister for Rural and Community Development, last week announced a funding package of €30 million under the Town & Village Regeneration Scheme, the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme and the CLÁR programme. These schemes under the Department's Rural Development Investment Programme (RDIP) are funded by Project Ireland 2040. This year, these schemes incorporate measures to address the social and economic effects of the impact of COVID-19. Further details can be found by visiting <https://www.gov.ie/en/policy/ac9ee6-action-plan-for-rural-development/latest/>

Castleknock TidyTowns – Reborn & Fired Up

In 2019, after a gap of 18 years, Castleknock TidyTowns were reborn. A public meeting in March saw huge enthusiasm, a steering committee was formed and the work began.

A Monster Clean Up was held in April involving almost 60 people with 20-25 volunteers turning out for weekly Saturday morning clean ups. High visibility bibs made volunteers recognisable, which helped to spread the word. Communication is important, posters, emails, church newsletters, Facebook, WhatsApp, local newspapers & radio etc. were all used. Very soon, the group grew in strength and it was possible to achieve more.



With the removal of overgrown grass verges as seen in the photo, paths are now 1 metre wider in places. Pollinator-friendly planting was added and local residents were encouraged to look after areas outside their homes. Castleknock TidyTowns have not only changed the physical look and feel of the village, it greatly helped the area with integration too. Volunteers range from ages 3 years to 80+.

Neighbours, living on the same street for 20 years, got to know each other for the first time, strangers became friends. Schools, local sports and youth clubs got involved. Everyone was welcomed and more and more people are constantly coming forward to take part.

A taskforce set about addressing the graffiti on utility boxes. This coordinated approach resulted in the boxes being repainted by the utility companies. Over 100 instances of graffiti in all were removed and happily, none of it returned. Well done to all involved on this project.



Local businesses were supportive in providing meeting space after clean ups and for providing refreshments. The nicest tea and scones on offer by the look of it, we will all be over!!! Many businesses in the village also made financial donations and offered spot prizes for a quiz night.

In 2019, over 4,000 hours were given by volunteers across the village. As a result, Castleknock was chosen as the 'Best Presented Village in Fingal' at the Fingal County Council 'Greener Communities Awards' in September. Everyone looking well pleased with their awards here. ➡



The work is paying dividends during quarantine as people out walking see a clean and tidy village with a heart-warming return of wildlife. Covid-19 did little to halt the group's ability to keep in touch. New Zoom and WhatsApp skills were picked up, this kept the volunteers close. The group has great plans for the future including new planting schemes, partnerships with schools and a number of exciting biodiversity projects.

To find out more about the group, visit; www.castleknocktidytowns.com

Like a phoenix from the ashes, Castleknock TidyTowns is reborn and fired up for the future! We are delighted to have them back on board. Keep up the great work.

Pollinator Award Newsletter

You will all be familiar with the special awards that form such a valuable addition to the competition each year and raise awareness of many important topics. One of these is the Local Authority All Ireland Pollinator Award. This award has been an intergral part of the competition now since 2016.



This award is sponsored by the Heritage Office and the Biodiversity Office of the Local Authorities across Ireland in partnership with the National Biodiversity Data Centre. A very informative and beautifully presented newsletter has now been produced by our partners in the Biodiversity Data Centre with special thanks to Juanita Browne and Una Fitzpatrick. It gives helpful hints and tips that TidyTowns groups can use when planning for next years competition.



The sponsors tell us they are delighted with the number of applications that have been received for the Pollinator Award over the last 4 years and have noted a year on year increase in the quality of the applications, especially last year in 2019. They say it is so heartening for them to see how TidyTowns groups have really embraced and support pollinators, have put a huge effort into their projects and programmes and so many have adopted the All Ireland Pollinator Plan. This too is referenced by so many of our TidyTowns adjudicators who remark on the pollinator signs, wildflower meadows and other initiatives to support our Pollinator friends.

You can access the newsletter at this link; <https://www.biodiversityireland.ie/2019-local-authority-pollinator-award-newsletter-published/>

It also has some wonderful articles written by the winners of the awards in 2019 - it's always helpful for TidyTowns groups to hear advice directly from other groups, and it might spark a few ideas, so as always, we would love to hear from YOU!!!

Read interesting and informative pieces from Sinéad Ní Bhroin from Buncrana TidyTowns who were the overall Large Town winner in 2019 and as the piece says, “ Buncrana are still Buzzing about the Bees” or read the interview with Geashill TidyTowns who were the overall winner in the Small Town category in 2019. Pat Foley and Caren Carruthers explain the groups success, who also received the national Pollinator award in 2017 and a regional pollinator award in 2018 - the people of Geashill know a thing or two about the bees.



We celebrated Word Bee Day on May 20th and we read a comment on social media recently in support of our Bees, which was put very nicely but was a stark reminder to us to look after our little friends, the punchline read;

“Remember, when we go, we are taking you with us”

Cloontuskert Heritage Sculpture Garden, Co. Roscommon

The Heritage Sculpture Garden in Cloontuskert is to highlight an original Bord na Móna housing scheme and surrounding unique natural heritage. The surrounding landscape is dominated by tracts of bog-land. In 1953 the scheme was officially opened as one of the original Bord na Móna villages, which catered for the families of workers who came from all over Ireland to gain employment on the bogs.



On realising the site's potential as a unique community space, the TidyTowns committee set about bringing the Sculpture Garden to where it is today. The site previously featured some dangerous trees and with assistance from the Sliabh Bawn Community Fund, the services of renowned chainsaw sculptor, Will Fogarty from Co. Limerick were called upon. Two wood sculptures from leftover tree trunks after their safe felling were transformed.

The first wood sculpture highlights the natural heritage of the area while the flagship sculpture, a man cutting slain turf, is testament to the areas past as a Bord na Móna housing scheme. The surrounding stonewall built by a local stonemason aids the designation of the sculptures as the centrepiece of the Garden.



The Sculpture Garden serves as an important educational tool in the village. The educational signage details the rich history of Cloontuskert through its early monastic beginnings (in line with the area's colloquial name, "the Abbey"), its development as a Bord na Móna housing scheme right through to the present day.

To aid biodiversity, as part of the Pollinator Plan, we have created a pollinator garden; it is currently coming into bloom. Given the presence of several tree stumps, these have lent themselves as nesting sites for bees. Our Pollinator Plan was kindly created with the support of the Roscommon County Council "Let's Get Communities Buzzing".

We believe this space unites the significance of the cultural and natural heritage in a unique space that residents, locals, and visitors alike can all relax within and enjoy, particularly so given the current Covid restrictions. Well done to all involved, the sculptures look fantastic, so life-like.



Spring Alive

Thanks to Billy Flynn one of the National SuperValu TidyTowns adjudicators for bringing this piece on the Spring Alive initiative. Spring Alive is an international project that charts the progress of migratory bird species from Africa and Asia and across continental Europe. It is simplicity itself to take part. You simply go onto the www.springalive.net website and record when you first saw (or heard) the relevant species of bird this year.



This assists scientists in the various partner organisations (that make up BirdLife international conservation organisation) to create a map of how, where and when migratory birds travel. Although listed as a 'children's project' it has allowed some incredibly important data to be gathered year on year. It has become increasingly important when looking at impacts that climate change may have on these species.

How Do You Take Part?

Really easily! You will need internet access though. Go to www.springalive.net Click on the red 'add your sightings' button. You'll then get a list of questions to answer on where you are, what you saw, when you saw it and any notes to add (e.g. was it one, two or more birds, what kind of habitat etc.). You will be asked for your name, address and email etc. and that's it, your sighting has been added to an international bank of data.

What Birds is Spring Alive Recording?

There are seven species recorded as part of Spring Alive. Of these, two (White Stork and Bee Eater) are almost never seen in Ireland. However, the other five will be familiar to most of us. They are the Swallow, Swift, Sand Martin, Cuckoo and the Common Ringed Plover. The last is generally only seen on or near coastlines and Sand Martins are river specialists. The Cuckoo is unfortunately a lot rarer than it was even in recent years. However, the author has still managed to hear several every spring for the last 10 years.

Other Information

On the Spring Alive website you'll find lots of great information on the species we are recording as well as on bird migration in general. Even if you've 'missed the boat' on these species for this year or can't remember when you might have first heard or seen the bird, you'll learn lots and you'll be ready for next year.



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Sustainable Development Goals with Ennis TidyTowns








Even though we are not preparing for a competition this year, we should still be mindful of our impact of the planet. We can all make a difference in our every day lives and in doing so can assist with the Sustainable Development Goals, (SDG's).


Ennis TidyTowns are using this gap year in the competition to foster a sense of community and knowledge sharing by starting a series of Sustainability Fact-Sheets. Please see their first in this informative and pioneering initiative below which deals with their Community Cups Campaign.




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BACKGROUND TO IDEA

Ennis Tidy Towns, like most environmental groups, were conscious about the proliferation of single use plastics and wished to address this unnecessary waste stream whilst providing a community benefit. The result was acquiring 1,000 community reusable cups free to local community groups at events to reduce plastic waste.



HOW IT WAS DELIVERED


First we tried to source a manufacturer locally, then Nationally but unfortunately this was not possible. We ended up commissioning an order of 1,000 cups from www.ecoverre.com at a cost of approx €700. An additional fee of €50 was used to re-purpose our logo for the cup. We reduced the overall price by limiting the print to 4 block colours. Management of the cups is achieved through free loans to groups on the basis they are washed and returned clean for their next event.




RESULTS

- Cups are made from polypropylene plastic, because it is the most recyclable and less harmful material for the environment.
- 100 cups were donated to our local HSE Special Needs Centre which has resulted in a reduction of 45,000 disposable cups per year
- Cups have been used at 12 separate events resulting in a reduction of over 7,000 single use plastic cups or bottles
- Many groups around the country have approached us to see how this project was developed which we have happily shared - Knowledge Sharing


SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDG) ACHIEVED



12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION



13 CLIMATE ACTION



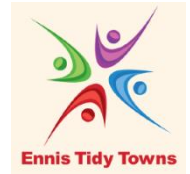
15 LIFE ON LAND

The 'Sustainability: Do More with Less' category can be difficult to gain points in and we hope by motivating others to share initiatives they've delivered in the past we can all learn from each other.

The Group have also included the various SDG's that their project addressed to show how these can be applied to your submissions. We can see from the Fact-Sheet that by applying the project the group have delivered on three of the seventeen goals, and in doing so have demonstrated how the goals can be easily applied to projects and initiatives that TidyTowns groups are already doing, you are all delivering on these goals, we just need you to tell us how!

We encourage you to share your experiences. Ennis TidyTowns have kindly given permission for this template to be shared and they are happy to populate it with text and images you may wish to send to info@ennistidytowns.com or to the tidytowns@drcd.gov.ie mailbox.

Make sure to watch out in future newsletters for more in the series, next month we will feature a fact sheet produced by Ennis TidyTowns on their Clean Air Award winning Car Idling Initiative.



We want to thank Cormac and all the group in Ennis TidyTowns for their initiative and for their generosity in sharing this information with us all.

Have

Your

Say !!

Public Consultations

We would like to draw your attention to three online public consultations currently running that may be of interest for you.

In particular, we would like to highlight the consultation on the **European Climate Pact** (open until 17 June). This initiative aims to engage all parts of society in climate action, and hopes to gather views from a broad range of people and organisations across the EU. The consultation doesn't require climate policy expertise, it allows all respondents to bring in their experience, ideas and suggestions for shaping the Climate Pact.

Open public consultation on the **European Climate Pact** can be accessed by visiting; <https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12219-European-Climate-Pact>

As part of the European Green Deal the Commission will put forward a comprehensive plan to increase the EU's **2030 Climate Target** in September this year. The plan will propose to increase the EU's current 2030 target of greenhouse gas emission reductions. The Commission invites all stakeholders and citizens to submit views on the EU's 2030 climate ambition increase and on the action and policy design necessary for deeper greenhouse gas emission reductions.

Open public consultation on the **2030 Climate Target Plan** can be accessed by visiting; <https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12265-2030-Climate-Target-Plan/public-consultation>

Through this consultation on the **EU's New Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change** the Commission invites all stakeholders and citizens to submit their views. Climate change impacts are here and now. Global and European temperatures have repeatedly broken long-term records in recent years, and the impacts on people, planet and prosperity are already pervasive. The recovery from the current crisis will be an opportunity to make our society more resilient.

Open public consultation on the **EU's Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change** can be accessed by visiting; <https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12381-EU-Strategy-on-Adaptation-to-Climate-Change/public-consultation>

Swords TidyTowns Volunteering during Covid-19

Like other TidyTowns groups around the country, Swords TidyTowns are coming to grips with a new way of working. Our volunteers are still active but only alone or with family members. Many of our group, litter pick around their own area whilst maintaining social distancing and within 2 km and now 5 km of their homes. Residents in our housing estates are adopting a patch outside their homes and are litter picking and planting there.



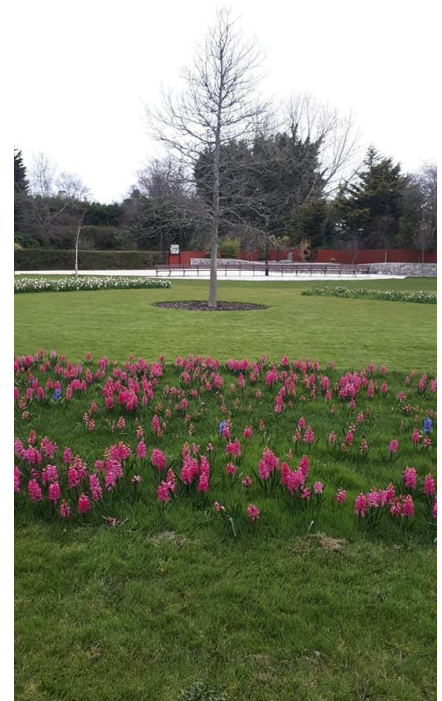
In addition, our gardeners have been out bringing colour to our town with plants they have cultivated in our polytunnel.

Three of our members have totally revamped our website and as two of them are stuck in Australia this has been done at all hours of the day and night. Check it out on www.swordstidytowns.com that's what you call volunteering – from the other side of the world!!

One of the things we miss is the social aspect of our work, even if it is just a cup of tea after our Saturday clean ups. We are maintaining the social aspect by keeping in touch on WhatsApp, virtual meetings and a fortnightly Zoom Quiz.

We have many talented people in our group and they have been sharing their work with us, three of our members are sharing their artwork, our chairperson has been entertaining everyone with his poetry and all our bakers are sending us photos of their wonderful cakes and bread. Our photographers are out capturing the wonderful biodiversity of Swords. In addition, our gardens at home have never looked so well.

So, even if we are apart, we are still very much a close-knit TidyTowns family. What a lovely sentiment, TidyTowns Family.



Cobh TidyTowns - Five Foot Walkway Revamp

Cobh TidyTowns volunteers work throughout the year on maintenance tasks, new projects and initiatives in our beautiful town. Several large projects were set to be completed for Cobh's 2020 Tidy Towns entry. Unfortunately, COVID 19 has changed how we live, but with some foresight, good luck and working together while staying apart our most visible project is now nevertheless complete.



A very popular 1 km quayside walkway, built in 1845 known as the Five Foot Way or Watersedge was upgraded by Cobh Town Council in 2003 to include a 200-space free car-park. The plants and bushes in the 21 beds along the walkway became overgrown in the last number of years. They were unattractive, devoid of colour and acted as rubbish collectors.

This car park is the arrival point for visitors to Cobh to experience Spike Island, Cobh Heritage Centre, the Titanic Experience, St Colman's Cathedral, a boat trip on Cork Harbour, to see a massive Cruise liner or to enjoy a multitude of Festivals and events. Thousands of Cruise liner passengers returning on coaches from excursions also pass through the area. Cobh TidyTowns thought the area should be presented better, so just decided to do it!

In January volunteers removed the overgrown bushes and relocated any that were of value. Due to delays beyond their control it was March before an opportunity to plant the beds with a wide variety of plants that are mostly pollinator friendly, presented itself. These will provide colour and sustainable food sources for insects throughout the seasons. With a lockdown looking likely, volunteers worked in bad weather including persistent drizzle while remaining socially distant. Round wooden stakes and rope add to the seaside theme and also as a deterrent to motorists, parking too close to the planting.



Many cruise passengers will now realise that Cobh is a destination in itself. Cobh town centre is a short stroll from the cruise ship dock with a wealth of history, architecture, hospitality, beauty and a warm Irish welcome. This project was partially funded by a grant from the Department of Rural and Community Development. The area is much more than a carpark now with its inviting flora and welcoming signage adding to the forty benches that were retrofitted with recycled plastic boards all

along the walkway last year and the beautiful butterfly mural commissioned by us. In lockdown it was a joy for people within their 2km and then 5km to venture down here and watch the seasons progress as the plants grew and blossomed and insects foraged.



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WOW!!!



As travel to 20km is allowed regular visitors who have been unable to visit for sometime will be surprised at the transformation and say "wow"!

You can see our journey here <https://youtu.be/wlLyVJrGhfE>

All-Ireland Pollinator Plan- Project Officer

SuperValu has sponsored the TidyTowns Competition for almost thirty years and is very proud of the work that is being done by TidyTowns committees to make where we are from better places to live.

The SuperValu TidyTowns competition has, over many years, played a very important role in the protection of Ireland's Biodiversity and thus making our local communities better places to live, work and play.



As part of SuperValu's commitment to Ireland's Biodiversity, they have not only signed up to the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan, but have gone one step further and very generously funded a project officer position within the All Ireland Pollinator Plan.



Commenting on the funding; Martin Kelleher, Managing Director, SuperValu said "1/3 of the food we eat is pollinated by bees yet 30% of our Irish bee population is currently in danger of extinction. SuperValu are proud to be part of this critical project and to be in a position to make an impact. The project officer is vital in the fight against the decline of our bees to ensure the initiative stays on track generating the attention it deserves."

Commenting on the funding for the position of Project Officer; Dr Una Fitzpatrick from the National Biodiversity Data Centre said "We were delighted to partner with SuperValu on their Save the Bees Schools Campaign. As a sign of their commitment to the plan and Ireland's Biodiversity SuperValu has agreed to fund the AIPP project officer position this year. We hugely thank them for this as it has enabled us to keep the Plan up and running in 2020."



Community Response Forum Covid-19

A Community Response Forum to coordinate COVID-19 related community supports is there to help. Local authorities have dedicated helplines to assist vulnerable people or those who are staying at home. Contact numbers for each area are listed below;

Carlow	1800 814 300	Kerry	1800 807 009	Offaly	1800 818 181
Cavan	1800 300 404	Kildare	1800 300 174	Roscommon	1800 200 727
Clare	1890 252 943	Kilkenny	1800 500 000	Sligo	1800 292 765
Cork City	1800 222 226	Laois	1800 832 010	South Dublin	1800 240519
Cork County	1800 805 819	Leitrim	1800 852 389	Tipperary	076 106 5000
Donegal	1800 928 982	Limerick	1800 832 005	Waterford	1800 250 185
Dublin City	01 222 8555	Longford	1800 300 122	Westmeath	1800 805 816
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	01 271 3199	Louth	1800 805 817	Wexford	053 919 6000
Fingal	1800 459 059	Mayo	094 906 4660	Wicklow	1800 868 399
Galway City	1800 400 150	Meath	1800 808 809		
Galway	1800 928 894	Monaghan	1800 804 158		

ALONE, the national charity for older people is there to help. If you need to talk or are looking for support, you can call them on 0818 222 024 or your call can be directed from your local COVID-19 Community Response Forum helpline.

Burren in Bloom - Online



Wed 3 - Sat 6 June 2020
www.burreninbloom.com

Wed 3rd
7pm - *Ireland in Bloom* - a vision for people and nature – an opening talk by Jane Stout with Q&A
9pm *Farming for nature* - Inspirational short films and practical advice (Q&A) from farmers on the ground

Thu 4th
7pm – *Bedtime stories (age 2 - 8 years)* with wildlife author Shane Casey and Q&A
9pm *Islands of bloom* - a presentation by Gráinne Ní Chonghaile of Inis Oirr (Aran Islands) with Q&A
My favourite flower - a range of contributors tell us about the plants they love and why

Fri 5th
7pm - *An art workshop for all ages to celebrate Burren's flora* with wildlife artist Gordon D'Arcy (have sketchpad, pencils & colours ready!)
9pm *Tidy towns and biodiversity* - a presentation by Janice Fuller with Q&A
My favourite flower - a range of contributors tell us about the plants they love and why

Sat 6th
7pm – *Burrenbeo's Blooming Burren Family Quiz*
9pm *Semi-natural grasslands - precious resources under threat* - a presentation by Maria Long with Q&A
My favourite flower - a range of contributors tell us about the plants they love and why

Register at www.burreninbloom.com

Online talks, discussions, videos, quiz, workshops and more

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Free to view but registration essential through the link above

We would like to bring to your attention a special webinar that is taking place on 'Tidy Towns and biodiversity' by ecologist, Janice Fuller, at 8pm on Friday 5th of June as part of the online Burren in Bloom events (details below).

There are other online events that you can watch, all of which are free of charge, these include one of "Farming for Nature" containing short films and practical advice. There is also a feature on Thursday for younger nature enthusiasts looking at the life of Bombus Reilly, a very unusual Bumblebee.

Full details of the webinars which contain question and answer sessions can be found by visiting

www.burreninbloom.com

Further details are also displayed opposite on the Burren in Bloom Online poster.

Tell us "Your Story", so we can tell everyone else!!!

As referenced in previous newsletters we would like to feature some of the great work you do throughout the year, so if you have any news features or projects you have undertaken and have some photographs or video clips to share with us, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please forward any items of interest to us at tidytowns@drcd.gov.ie **please note** only forward material to us if you are happy for us to share in our newsletter or on our website or social media forums.



To reward those who share their photographs or stories with us for our newsletter, our best feature in the coming months will receive a SuperValu Gift Card. Get those stories and photographs together on how your projects and initiatives are making a real difference to your area, be it in tidiness, sustainability, biodiversity or inclusivity, especially as we deal with the challenges presented to us by Covid-19. We would love to hear from you.

As the roadmap to recovery progresses, we want to remind all volunteers to adhere to the advice issued by the Government and the HSE and to stay safe.

We wish each of you and your communities and families all the best, as we all adapt to new ways of doing things and from the encouraging and heart-warming stories above, TidyTowns volunteers continue to demonstrate their resilience and commitment to their areas and to the country, together, we will come through this stronger than ever. We are here in the TidyTowns unit to help in any way we can, so please keep in touch through the website or social media or feel free to call or email the office, we would love to hear from you.

Anne, Helen, John and all the team.

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