



## *Dromiskin Tidy Towns*

Welcome to issue eight of our Tidy Towns Newsletter  
– a lot has happened in the last six months!

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### Siúl na Manach

The official opening of our new greenway took place on 3rd May and we were delighted to welcome former EU Commissioner Mairead Mc Guinness, Chief Executive of Louth County Council David Conway, Vice Chairman of Louth County Council Cllr John Reilly and Cllr. Sean Kelly Chairman of Dundalk Municipal District to help us celebrate our achievement, in delivering this amenity, which was blessed on the day by Fr. Gerry Campbell. A lovely community celebration with a cuppa and a chat for local residents and invited guests to mingle and salute the efforts and hard work of our tidy towns volunteers.



### Outdoor Library Enhancement



May also saw the installation of a themed sculpture at the site of our Outdoor Libraries, in the Centra Complex, with the overall project also including a bespoke sign highlighting the benefits of sustainable reading.



# Mosaic

Our collaboration with Darver Dromiskin Foroige Youth Group resulted in the creation of a wonderful, nature themed mosaic which is prominently displayed in Ginnety's Pond Nature Park and awaiting a new frame which will be in place very soon.



## Sustainable Urban Drainage System



Funded under Louth County Council's Climate Action Fund and with support from James Hallinan we were able to deliver our second SuDS project. Located at Centra much of this project consists of underground drainage works but is also aesthetically pleasing with three trees, decorative tree guards and castles paving.

## Bat Talk

In celebration of National Biodiversity Week 2025 a very successful Bat Walk was organised on 24th May when the inclement weather failed to dampen the spirits of the large attendance who enjoyed learning about nocturnal wildlife in Ginnety's Pond Nature Park.



## Summer Planting

A lot of effort went in to bringing colour to our community through the planting of our Flower Towers, Hanging Baskets and containers.

# Window Display

Have you noticed our display of Awards in the window of Mulligans Shop? A nice reminder of the recognition we have received for our Tidy Towns Programme in recent times!



## Community Green Flags

As the only voluntary group in the country to have been awarded two Community Green Flags last year we were delighted to welcome the Green Flag judge to the Heritage Park and Ginnety's Pond on 6th June. We're keeping our fingers crossed that we will retain these prestigious global symbols of excellence when results are announced next month.



## Pride of Place

We were honoured to be nominated by Louth County Council to represent the county in the All Ireland Pride of Place Awards and to showcase our community to the judges on 9th July. Thanks to St. Joseph's GFC, St. Peter's AC, St. Peter's NS, Cuchulainn Celtic Strings and all the organisations in the community that helped us put our best foot forward on the day. We'll keep our fingers crossed for a good result on 7th November!



## Swan Sculpture

Seamus did it again! This upcycled public art feature is proving to be very popular with visitors to Ginnety's Pond and was crafted by Seamus from electrical and packaging waste.



## Mural Upgrade

Orlagh and Denise put their skills to good use to upgrade our heritage themed mural opposite the graveyard and also found time to touch up the Linencare Sunflower Mural and the Floral Mural at the Credit Union. We think they all look great in the village.



## Biblical Garden Upgrade

After a quarter of a century and a couple of failed attempts to deal with box blight we felt that we had no option but to totally replant this unique landscaping feature. We maintained the same bespoke design but replanted with yew plants and upgraded the decorative gravel to give the garden a fresh new look.



## Leaflet Dispenser

How great does our new leaflet dispenser in the Phone Box Information Point look? Crafted by the woodwork class of St. Aidan's CBS it displays our recently produced Parks and Gardens of Dromiskin and Sculpture Trail leaflets as well our many other productions. Why not check it out?



## Walking Bus

We're always so happy to collaborate with St Peter's NS on environmental projects of mutual benefit the latest of which was the Walking Bus on September 24th – a great initiative that is always so well supported.



## Credit Union Sign

Our local Credit Union has been a loyal supporter of our work for many years so we were delighted to salvage the name sign from the original building and display it in the Heritage Park. A sign is planned outlining the history of the Credit Union in our Parish.

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## Seabank Clean Up

Our volunteers were out in force on Saturday 20th September for a Clean Coasts litter blitz of Seabank and delighted to be joined by our colleagues in Annagassan, Castlebellingham and Stabannon as well as local residents to ensure the entire stretch of coastline was gleaming.

## New Lawnmower

Thanks to a grant under the Local Enhancement Programme we were able to purchase a new lawnmower to add efficiency to our increasingly demanding maintenance programme.



## Farewell to Frank

Ending on a sad note we gathered to wish Frank a happy retirement from the CE Scheme where he contributed so much to our tidy towns programme. He will be greatly missed but we'll be doing our best to encourage him to volunteer with us next year and build on the legacy he has left in the village!

