



Dromiskin Tidy Towns

Welcome to our second newsletter updating you on Tidy Towns activity in the last three months!

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Meet the Committee!



With 14 committee members it is always very difficult to get a photograph with everyone included but we almost managed it.

Back Row: Henry, Seamus, John, Ian, Gene, Niall

Front Row: Liam, Marian, Mary, Denise, Pat.

Absent from photo: Declan, Louise and Brian.

The committee will be working hard to present our village to the highest possible standard including provision of new projects and general maintenance and would love to hear from you if:

- (1) You have any ideas for new projects that you think would work in our village.
- (2) You have an occasional hour to spare and would like to join our evening work sessions – hard work but good craic in good company.
- (3) You would be willing to join our litter patrol rota – 40 minutes once a week either early mornings or lunchtime on your preferred route.
- (4) You would like to join our Clean in 15 Crew to carry out regular litter patrols on designated routes adjacent to your home.
- (5) You would be willing to adopt one of our landscaped beds for weeding and watering at times that suit you.

We would be delighted with any support you might be able to give – email tidytownsdroiskin@gmail.com or contact any committee member.

Collecting our Bronze Medal!



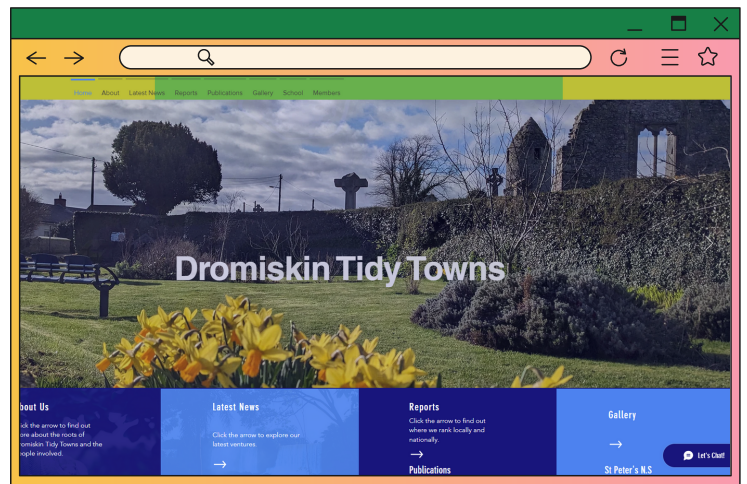
The Regional Awards Ceremony for the 2022 National Tidy Towns Competition was held in Trim, Ireland's Tidiest Town, recently and we were delighted to attend and accept our hard earned Bronze Medal.

Thanks to our volunteers, sponsors, funders and anyone who helped in any way including all who support our fundraising raffles, fashion show, table quizzes etc. – the support is genuinely appreciated.

Our New Website!

Have you checked out our new website www.dromiskintidytowns.com ? It's packed with lots of information on. and photographs of our lovely village and our ongoing efforts to present it to its very best. Massive thanks to Amy Dennis who volunteered her time and skills to design and create the website which has received much positive comment.

Thanks, as always, to Declan Costello in supporting Amy to get the website live and for his ongoing work on keeping our social media accounts current.



Phone Box Information Point



It is a project that took a long time to come to fruition but one that has captured the interest of local residents! We have had hugely positive feedback to the installation of the phone box in the village centre which adds to the streetscape while providing an opportunity to display our leaflets for the information of the wider community.

Why not take the opportunity to grab a Heritage Trail leaflet and follow the trail to learn about, or refresh your memory on the various heritage features on the walking trail?

Mini Bee Gardens!

Bright and cheerful, our container Bee Gardens arrived since our last newsletter and look great at their three locations in the village.

They demonstrate how the Pots for Pollinators concept can be adapted to suit various sites from the smallest garden pot to larger containers.

Thanks to Mens Shed for making our units, to the talented Oragh (Treacy) and Denise (Neary) for the wonderful artistic painting of the units and Denise (Mc Donnell) and Louise (Faherty) for the pollinator friendly planting.



Heritage Park Features!

Three new features have been installed in the Heritage Park thanks to a grant under the LEADER programme. Seamus and Pat put a huge amount of work into the information gathering for the Ogham Stone, Liam and Mary similarly for our new Book Sign and Pat on researching and editing the information for the Audio Sign.

We were delighted when Dr. Brigid Flanagan agreed to do the voiceover for this unit – learn about the many heritage stories by turning the lever until the recording starts – gently and with patience but it's so worth it!!!

A further Audio Unit has been provided at the graveyard – thanks to Senan Dolan and Gerry Kinahan for the voiceover on this unit – plenty of interesting information worth listening to!



Our Quirky Corner!

Have you noticed that our Herb Garden at Centra has been revamped? In addition to the installation of one of our Mini Bee Gardens we've added our Leeky Boots project and our upcycled chair planters.



Estate Entrances!

Thanks to a grant from Louth County Council under the Tidy Towns Project Fund we were able to support the residents of Church View and Bealach an Tuir to upgrade the entrances to their estates.

Not only do they look great but they're pollinator friendly so a win win for everyone!

And finally...



Judging for **Louth Looking Good 2023** is underway we have been Runner Up in that competition for the last number of years - please do what you can to help us continue this success!



National Tidy Towns adjudication is almost complete nationally with the Awards Ceremony planned for early October.



Adjudication for our Annual **House & Garden Awards** will take place over the coming weeks - huge thanks to our loyal sponsor Ardee Credit Union!



Ardee Credit Union, Dromiskin Branch, is open each Friday and Saturday morning from 9.30am to 1pm or you can contact the friendly staff at 041 6853453 or by emailing info@ardeecu.ie

More information on the many services provided in our next newsletter!