




Dromiskin Tidy Towns

Our newsletter for the third quarter of 2023 highlights how busy we have been over the last three months.

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National Heritage Week Celebration!

We were very lucky with the weather when we assembled in the Heritage Park on **Sunday 27th August** for our Community Conversations Gathering to honour heritage in our community.

We were delighted to be joined by **Colm Markey MEP, Brendan McSherry**, Heritage Officer and **Mary O'Neill**, Louth Local Development at the event which included the official unveiling of three interpretative panels funded by the Heritage Council as well as the most recent installations funded by the LEADER programme.

Have you checked out the U-Turn Audio Unit which tells so many stories from our past? And the Ogham Stone highlighting important dates in our community? Our innovative book sign provides so much information on wildlife. The event concluded with a cuppa and a chat in St. Peter's N.S. – a real community get together!



The Big Beach Clean

As part of Clean Coasts Big Beach clean initiative our volunteers travelled to Seabank on Sat 16th September to do a litter blitz and leave the area sparkling clean. Huge thanks to all those who gave up their time on the day.



Ginnety's Pond

New residents have arrived in the pond in the last couple of months and have made themselves at home and very popular. Please remember if you are feeding the ducks that bread can affect their digestive system and alternative food should be used – signage highlighting this will be installed shortly. A new home for these residents has been put in place on the pond – thanks to **Padraig and Donal Hand** and **Jim Murphy** for providing this feature.



Clothes Collection

Our clothes collection event took place on Saturday July 15th last in cooperation with our charity partner St. Vincent de Paul. The weather certainly wasn't kind to us, but we still managed to collect 145 bags weighing 750kg. Thanks as always to everyone for their support – we will be holding another collection soon – should you have bags please email tidytownsdromiskin@gmail.com





Energy Actions Exhibition

We hope that all those who visited the marquee at Centra on August 25th last found the information provided by the Energy Team useful in identifying supports available to make homes and businesses more energy efficient. If you need any further information at any stage the Energy Team can be contacted by visiting the Market House in Dunleer or telephoning 0876649430 or emailing info@energyteam.ie

Climate Action Pledge

Thank you to all who completed our Community Climate Action Pledge – we will be busy over the winter months analysing the responses which hopefully will result in a number of projects and initiatives being identified. Certainly it seems as if local residents would be interested in receiving 'No Junk Mail' stickers / signs and that is something we will follow up on – check Facebook for regular updates.

Congratulations to local resident **Breda Kinahan** who won the Eco Hamper raffled among all those who signed the pledge.



Ginnety's Site

Development works have progressed significantly on the former Ginnety's Pub site which, when complete, will contribute significantly to the improved presentation of the village centre. Over the summer months we undertook some screening works to lessen the negative visual impact of the construction site. Thank you to the staff and pupils of **St. Peter's N.S** for use of the fantastic art work produced in celebration of the 25th Anniversary of Green Schools in Ireland.



Work Sessions

Thank you to all the volunteers who turned out on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for our organised work sessions – we think that we can agree that they did a fantastic job. Obviously we have had to suspend evening work sessions for the winter months but we will be back in action next Spring. Thanks also to our daily litter patrollers and Clean in 15 Crew also doing a great job in keeping our community spic and span!!!



Credit Union Garden

Thanks to Ardee Credit Union for sponsoring the replacement Pergola in the garden. This was installed to replace the existing feature that was damaged beyond repair.

No Mow Zone Meadow

Our No Mow Zone on the Co-Op field, to support pollinators, has received its autumn cut in preparation for next year.



Jack's Hill Welcome Beds

You may have noticed that the old sleeper surrounds have been removed from the beds at Jack's Hill and replaced by lovely new decorative boundaries sponsored by Elite Form – huge thanks to Sandra and the team for this exceptionally generous support. Minimal planting has taken place until the final design and plant selection is agreed in the Spring.

And finally...



Results of the National Tidy Towns Competition on **October 6th** – fingers crossed for a decent increase in marks.



Judging for our House & Garden Competition sponsored by Ardee Credit Union took place in August and the results will be announced on **October 26th**



We are delighted that we have been shortlisted for a Louth PPN Award – the results will be announced at an Awards Ceremony in the Monsterboice Inn on the **9th November** next.



The results of Louth Looking Good 2023 will be announced at an Awards Ceremony in the Fairways Hotel on the **16th November**. We are keeping our fingers crossed for a good result.

Best of luck to Church View and Rath Bán who also participate in this competition.