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FERNS TIDY TOWN NEWS

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An Taisce National Spring Clean.

This year we entered the An Taisce National Spring Clean event. Litter picks were organised for all the approach roads and the town throughout the month of May. We would like to thank everyone who managed to come out and help. It's not an easy task but there is satisfaction when you see a nice litter free road.

A total of 60 bags of litter were collected. The highest percentage of this was from fly tipping and 90% of it was recyclable waste. We would ask that you please take home your litter and put it in your recycle bins.

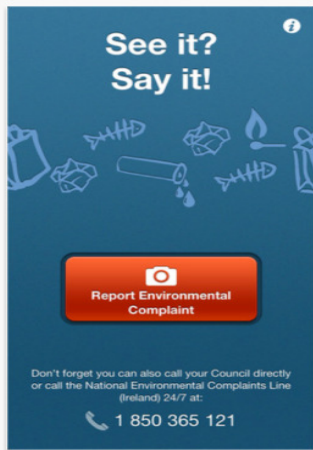


Dates for your Diary!

Litter picks will continue throughout the months of June and July on Saturday mornings starting from the Cathedral at 9.00am. Litter pickers, gloves, hi-viz jackets and compostable bags will be available. Cleanups on Wednesdays will also continue. We start at 7.00pm. We need more volunteers to help keep Ferns Litter Free!

Waste reduction presentation

A presentation on waste reduction, and home composting and water conservation by Wexford County Council will now take place in mid May. Date to be confirmed. Please keep watching the local notes, Parish Newsletter and Facebook for up-



Help in the fight to keep our town litter free. Download the new See it? Say it! App and report illegal dumping.



Online presence

Find us on Facebook and Twitter

Ferns Tidy Towns can be found on Facebook and Twitter. Like us and follow us to keep up to date on our projects, tips on how to reduce waste and save on your household bills, recycling and inventive ways of reusing items.

Ferns Tidy Towns also have a page on the www.fernsvillage.ie website:



Summer Colour



Tired of old wellies lying around the house? Why not reuse them to add a splash of colour during the Summer months. A nice little project to keep children busy!

Free Gum Wrappers — Bin it your way!

The children of Scoil Naomh Maodhog took part in an interactive presentation from the litter task force 'Bin it Your Way'. It was great to see how much the children knew about reducing litter and making sure to bring it home rather than dropping it on the street. Reducing all forms of litter is important in maintaining a tidy and appealing environment. We need to be responsible and think before we drop our gum. Remember carelessly discarded gum can be costly to remove. Gum wrappers will be available free of charge in the local shops in the coming weeks. Please use them when disposing of your gum. Together we can make a difference!



The Crazy Scientist interacting with the students



First Green Flag raised at Scoil Naomh Maadhóg

Members of Scoil Naomh Maadhóg's Green Schools Committee travelled to Kilkenny to be presented with their first Green Flag. The flag was officially raised in the school grounds in October along side the Ferns and Irish flag. It was a proud moment and a testament to the brilliant achievement of all the children, teachers and parents who worked tirelessly in helping to achieve the flag. The theme for the first green flag is Litter and Waste. Well done to all the students and teachers involved. We are very proud of your achievement.



The second flag is for Energy and the children are busy working towards this flag with the visit from the energy cabin.



Things you can Recycle At the Enniscorthy Recycle centre

- Newspapers etc
- Glass bottles
- Drink cans
- Tetra pack carto
- Cardboard
- Plastics
- Textiles, curtains, Blankets, shoes
- All Metals
- Drink & Food Cans
- Batteries, car, and 3 eclectic fence
- Electrical goods, TV's, fridges, Cookers, tumble Dryers etc
- CD's & DVD'S For Oxfam
- Mobile Phones
- Waste cooking oil Max 23 Litres
- Printer cartridges
- Waste engine oil



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Used Book Collection

The used book collection organised by Tidy Towns and the Community Centre to help stock the community library was a great success. We are still collecting books. If you have old books that you don't need please drop them into the Community Centre or contact a member of the Tidy Towns Committee and we will arrange collection. Thank you for your continued support.

'A room without books is like a body without a soul' - Marcus Tullius Cicero



Poop-Scoops!

Please keep our footpaths
clean! — **FREE Poop Scoops**
will be available in all the local
shops in the coming weeks
and from Wexford County
Councils offices.



STOP FOOD WASTE: Beware of special
deals - these are great for toilet rolls
and shampoo but bad for fruit, vegeta-
bles and salads (anything that can go
off quickly). These are the things we
buy because of a "good deal" but often
does not get eaten.

BEWARE!

Almost 50% of all salad
leaves that are bought...



...ARE THROWN
AWAY!

