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### North Wexford 2K Clean.

This year we entered the North Wexford 2K Clean organised by Gorey Muncipal Council as part of the An Taisce National Spring Clean. We are delighted to announce that we have won a Silver Standard Award plus a special award for our contribution to the North Wexford 2K Clean for picking over 5 roads. We are also one of 5 finalists going forward for the overall prize where the winner will be announced at the Environment Awards later in the year.



## **Dates for your Diary!**

Saturday morning litter picks will continue throughout the months of June and July starting at 9.00am. Litter pickers, gloves, hi-viz jackets and compostable bags will be available. Clean-ups will continue on Thursdays starting at 7.00pm. We meet at the Cathedral.



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:



**Second Green Flag.** Congratulations to the Green Schools Committee, students and teachers of Scoil Naomh Maodhóg on being presented with their second green flag. The theme under the Green Schools programme for the second green flag was energy.

As with litter and waste, there are four stages to tackling energy: 1. Analyse the problem. 2. Devise an action plan 3. Measure success 4. Maintenance. The most difficult thing is maintaining the reduced energy consumption levels, in particular as it is not as visible an issue as litter and waste.

The flag was proudly raised on the 4th June. The theme of the 3rd green flag is Water.

## Summer Colour



Wondering what to do with all those old tyres? Why not reuse them to add a splash of colour during the Summer months. A nice little project to keep the family busy!





## Coffee morning

Our coffee morning was a great success. Thank you to Richie and Mary Cotter who very kindly allowed us to use their lovely home and garden for the event. Also a huge thanks to everyone that came on the day, baked delicious cakes and helped out in any way. Your help was much appreciated. All funds raised will go to Tidy Towns projects throughout the year.



# Hanging Basket Fundraiser

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the businesses in the town who gave so generously to our recent fundraiser. Your kindness and generosity surpassed all our expectations. It enabled us to put some beautiful Summer planting throughout the town. The hanging baskets, tubs and new flowerbeds will look spectacular in the coming months and will make a lovely welcome to all our visitors throughout the Summer months.





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Recycle At the Enniscorthy & Gorey Recycle centres

- Newspapers etc
- Glass bottles
- Drink cans
- Tetra pack cartons
- Cardboard
- Plastics
  - Textiles, curtains, Blankets, shoes
- All Metals
- Drink & Food Cans
- Batteries
- 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



Have you news for our Newsletter?

If you would like to receive our newsletter by email please send email to marygethings@gmail .com or call (087)2327902





Tidy Towns Competition! A massive thank you to everyone for all their hard work especially over the last couple of months. We were busy planting, weeding, painting, sweeping, strimming etc to get our town looking well. Adjudication for the Tidy Towns competition began on the 13th June and we are expecting the first visit from the judges in the next few weeks so we still need all hands on deck to help keep up the high standard we have set. Simple things like sweeping outside your business premises daily, picking litter when out for a walk will make a huge difference. We appreciate your continued support.



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: On average, wasted food costs each Irish household €700 a year. For some households this can be over €1,000! This is an unbelievable waste of money and food - think of the holidays you could have instead of throwing all this food out!



ALWAYS try and use a SHOPPING LIST

you get WHAT YOU NEED and you'll WASTE LESS

