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An Taisce National Spring Clean & North Wexford Clean 2K.

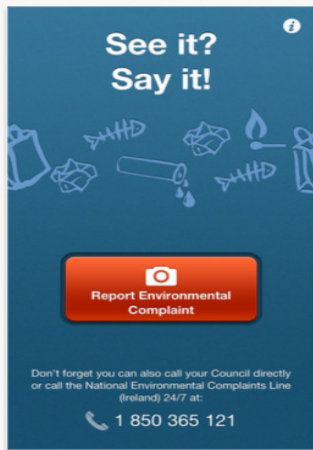
This year we entered the An Taisce National Spring Clean event and the North Wexford Clean 2K. Litter picks were organised for all the approach roads and the town throughout the month of April. We would like to thank everyone who managed to come out and help. It's not an easy task but there is satisfaction when you see nice litter free roads.

During the North Wexford Clean 2K volunteers picked 12Km of approach roads. A total of 170 bags of litter plus car tyres, car parts, electrical goods etc was collected. Like other years 90% of the litter picked consisted of recyclable materials. Please help us keep our roads litter free by being responsible and taking home your litter to put in your recycle bins.



Dates for your Diary!

Saturday morning litter picks will continue throughout the months of May, 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.

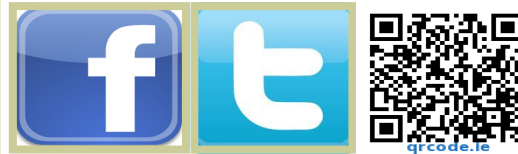


Online presence

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:



The Grotto Project.

Last year saw the beginning of the grotto transformation with the removal of the dead hedging and old boundary fencing and the removal of 3 skips full of builders debris. A new stone wall was built to replace the hedging and a new boundary fence and seat were designed and installed.

Over the last few weeks we have been busy working on the next stage of the Grotto project. The new wheelchair accessible pathway has been completed. We are really delighted at how the sandstone crazy paving turned out. Thanks to Kevin for all his help. Hope everyone likes it !



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!



Coffee Morning Fundraiser

We are hosting a coffee morning on Saturday 23rd May from 10.30am to 1.00pm at the home of Richie and Mary Cotter, Tincurry, Ballycarney. A raffle will also be held on the day. If you would like to donate a prize please contact a member of the committee. Directions: Turn left at The Big Tree heading for Ballycarney, take the next left for Tincurry. Follow the signposts from here. The house is on the right hand side.



Things you can
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

Coffee Morning Everyone Welcome



Keep Wexford Beautiful Presentation

We had a great night at the Wexford County Council Environment Awards 2014 - Keep Wexford Beautiful. This year we entered the Grotto in the competition and won 3rd prize in Best Heritage Preservation and Conservation Project. Well done and thank you to everyone that helped with this project.



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Rooted in the Community!

'Rooted in the Community' is a mosaic art project that involved the local Community Art Group. The mosaic design is based on a tree with its roots symbolically firmly rooted in the community of Ferns. The tree represents the tree of life, the tree of growth and of renewal. It's branches spread out along the wall as the local Community of Ferns reaches out from the village. As each branch uncurls at the end it reveals a symbol enclosed within the circle. Each symbol reflects the theme of Mary and the Marian shrine alongside garden themes emphasising Mary's link with nature. The art will celebrate the beauty of the garden and creation. It will make a beautiful addition to the Grotto project.



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!

