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# FERNS TIDY TOWN NEWS

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

Litter picks have been organised for all the approach roads and the town starting in April. We are asking that all residents keep 100m of roadway at either side of their homes litter free. We would really appreciate your help. It's not an easy task but there is satisfaction when you see a nice litter free roads. In 2018 Tidy Towns volunteers picked 286 bags of litter from the 22km of approach roads.

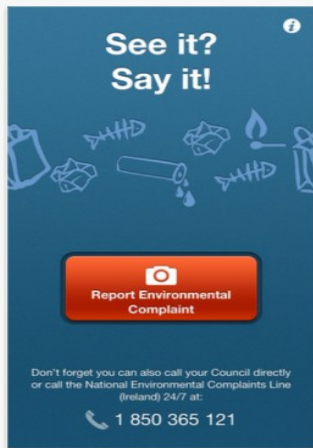


## Dates for your Diary!

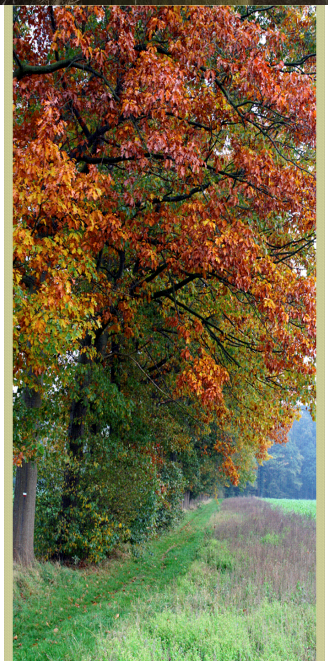
Times and dates of litter picks throughout April will be posted on our Facebook page and sent via our texting system. If you would like to receive a text notification please get in touch.

Litter pickers, gloves, hi-viz jackets and compostable bags will be provided. Children must be accompanied by an adult!





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 can also be found on [www.fernsvillage.ie](http://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!

## New Pollinator Friendly planting project!

We are delighted with our latest planting project which was very kindly sponsored by Tommy Roche of [Roche's Bus Hire](#), Ferns.

After several consultations with the landscape gardener who helped to design the planting scheme at St. Aidan's Church we came up with a very exciting bee/pollinator friendly planting design for the roundabout and the area alongside Mace to help make Ferns a pollinator friendly village.

We decided on a combination of Rudbeckia, Helenium, Verbena bonariensis, Lavanders, and Grasses to provide food and shelter for our declining pollinators. The Lime Green Hydrangea will also help add a splash of colour and interest throughout the Summer months right through to the end of Autumn and the Buxus balls were planted to add interest and structure during the winter months while we're waiting for the Spring bulbs to appear.





## Say NO to Single Use Cups.

In Ireland we estimate that we dispose of over 200 million non-recyclable cups annually. These cups are virtually impossible to recycle due to the combination of plastic and paper in their design. We are encouraging individuals to carry their own re-usable cup. Local businesses in Ferns ([Courtyard Ferns](#) and [Applegreen](#)) have come on board to support Ferns Tidy Towns and the [Conscious Cup Campaign](#) to help reduce the number of single use non-recyclable coffee cups being used by offering a discount or incentive to everyone that uses a reusable cup for their coffee.

We believe in 'People Power' and it is you that can make a difference. Go on, take the pledge and invest in a reusable cup. Not only will you be making savings on your coffee you'll also be helping the environment by saving our valuable resources that are used to make single use coffee cups.



### Things you can Recycle At the Enniscorthy Recycle centre

- Newspapers etc
- Glass bottles
- Drink cans
- Tetra pack cartons
- Cardboard
- Rigid 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



## Conscious Cup Campaign

-  Disposable cups cannot be recycled in Ireland
-  200 Million+ are disposed of each year in Ireland
-  Single use items contribute to climate change and resource depletion
-  Pledge to Carry a Cup

Use your reusable cup at participating Cafés and receive a discount or incentive







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When you refuse to reuse it's our Earth you abuse - so join the reuse race and make the world a better place 😊

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**Ferns Village Poster Free Zone:** This May we're calling on all candidates to go poster free (plastic free) during the 2019 Local and European elections. Ferns Tidy Towns will be joining with Tidy Towns groups, villages and towns around Ireland in requesting that NO election posters be erected along the green areas or within the town limits on all approach roads to



## Ferns Village Poster Free Zone

Water.....you seeing here?

Yes.....a brand new public water bottle refill station and its located on the Main Street across from the roundabout.

Every minute, one million plastic water bottles are purchased and disposed of around the world. While many of these bottles are sent to recycling centres, many others are added to growing litter piles on our roads and in our public parks.

With the impact of plastic pollution in mind Ferns Tidy Towns began taking preventative action last year with projects aimed at helping to reduce single use plastic and making Ferns Plastic Free. Last year the committee contacted Wexford County Council and Gorey Municipal Council with a proposal to install a drinking water fountain to replace the unsightly broken tap at the roundabout. Keeping the heritage of Ferns in mind it was decided that a cast iron heritage water fountain would enhance our village streetscape and help in our fight to reduce plastic waste by giving people the option to refill their reusable water bottles with fresh, clean drinking water.



**PLASTIC...  
NOT SO  
FANTASTIC!**  
Bring your own reusable cup  
or bottle to reduce daily waste

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