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Welcome

Welcome to our Spring 2019 Tidy Towns newsletter. We aim to provide you with useful information regarding our work and how you as our neighbour can help us enhance and improve our town and surrounding areas for all our benefits. In so doing we hope to contribute to efforts across the country to combat the effects of climate change and also to better our annual markings in the Tidy Towns competition.

Judging Category	Points Available	2015 Score	2016 Score	2017 Score	2018 Score	2019 Score ???
<i>Community Your Planning & Involvement</i>	60	38	39	40	41	?
<i>Streetscape and Public Places</i>	50	34	37	38	39	?
<i>Green Spaces and Landscaping</i>	50	35	36	37	38	?
<i>Nature and Biodiversity in Your Locality</i>	50	32	33	33	35	?
<i>Sustainability – Doing More With Less</i>	50	13	14	16	17	?
<i>Tidiness and Litter Control</i>	90	50	51	52	54	?
<i>Residential Streets and Housing Areas</i>	50	23	24	24	26	?
<i>Approach Roads, Streets and Lanes</i>	50	28	29	30	32	?
Total Points for Edgeworthstown	450	253	263	270	282	?

Spring Clean

Our annual Spring Clean will be held on Saturday March 23rd. As usual all our volunteers will be out throughout the town. Come and join us for the afternoon. We would especially like to see groups of neighbours and their children litter picking and cleaning up in their estates, roads and streets. Contact us beforehand to arrange hi-viz vests, pickers and bags. We will arrange collection of full rubbish bags.

Annual General Meeting

We will hold our A.G.M. on Wednesday March 27th at 8.00 p.m. in the Old Schoolhouse (Ballymahon Road). Non members are welcome to come along and discuss our aims and work with us.

This Year's Projects

Some projects we hope to work on during the coming year in addition to our regular litter picking:-

- In co-operation with Longford County Council the grass margins alongside the N4 will have an unmown strip left on the inside. This will allow native wildflowers to grow and provide pollen for bees.
- We will plant native wildflowers at the Maria Edgeworth statue, on the roundabouts and on the Granard Road (at the Rectory and at St. Christophers).
- we will replace the hoarding in Pound Street with a new metal, weather resistant one

Some Resources

As climate change becomes evermore real it is not just governments that must act but also each one of us, as individuals, as families and as a community, must play our part to preserve and expand insect habitats, promote pollinator friendly flowers, conserve energy and reduce waste.

Home insulation:	Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland Longford Warmer Homes
Recycling:	Recyclinglist Voice of Irish Concern for the Environment
Pollination:	All Ireland Pollinator Plan 2015 – 2050
Beekeeping:	The Federation of Irish Beekeepers Association

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