

Ideas for TidyTowns

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Limerick City and County Council
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“We are using resources as if we had two planets, not one. There can be no 'plan B' because there is no 'planet B.’”

- *Ban Ki Moon*



TidyTowns 2021 National Competition



Rialtas na hÉireann
Government of Ireland

Brought to you by the Department of Rural
and Community Development

- Competition for 2021 is confirmed
- TT groups have not been able to operate as ‘normal’
- Include actions from June 2019
- Format of the adjudication will depend on restriction levels
- Limerick City and County Council will host a webinar on the TidyTowns Application.
 - **Wednesday 3rd March 2021,**
 - **Mr. John Carney, Higher Executive Officer, National TidyTowns Unit.**



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Community – Planning & Involvement



G4G 20&19
CEAF 19/20

- 3/5 year plan and a Map
- Consider a community skills audit
- Any funding applications
- Did your community/TT group make any submissions on public consultations e.g.
 - Directly elected Mayor
 - local area plans/
 - pre-consultation of development plan

Consider an online presence

Skills audit this may suit someone not already in your group



Cobh Tidy Towns
3,570 Tweets



Cobh Tidy Towns
@CobhTidy Follows you

5 TidyTowns Gold Medals. Volunteers making Cobh a nicer and even better place to live in, work in and visit. We meet Sat 10am at Carrig House. All welcome!

Joined March 2015

967 Following 1,980 Followers



Adare Tidy Towns
1,324 Tweets



Adare Tidy Towns
@adaretidytowns Follows you

Conservation of the heritage & development for the future.

Adare, Co. Limerick, Ireland. adaretidytowns.ie Joined May 2013

588 Following 756 Followers



Castleconnell TidyT
498 Tweets



Castleconnell TidyT
@CastleC_is_Tidy Follows you

Community Organization. Aiming to make our village a better place to live, work and visit.

Castleconnell Co Limerick facebook.com/Castleconnell-...

Joined April 2016



Linkk City Tidy Town
2,477 Tweets



Linkk City Tidy Town
@LmkTidyTown Follows you

A group of Limerick citizens working together for a cleaner city

Limerick, Ireland limericktidytown.com Joined March 2013

306 Following 2,096 Followers

Followed by AllIrelandPollinatorPlan, NeighbourFood Limerick, and 194 others you follow

Tweets Tweets & replies Media Likes

Have you encouraged your village/town to shop local

Shop Local

This year more than ever is the time to Shop Local when buying products or services this winter, you will be helping local businesses, supporting local jobs, and your community. Check out your Local Enterprise Office for more information of local suppliers' *#LookForLocal*.



Remember to buy Irish, not just at Christmas and in doing so your support will make such a difference to our economy.

As we enter the festive season, our thoughts turn to food and delicious treats. There are some great websites with loads of hints and tips on food not just for Christmas but all year round, with meal planners, vegetable seasonal calendars etc.



Supports in your community

Local community centre/hall

thirdageireland.ie/seniorline

The screenshot shows the SeniorLine website homepage. At the top left is the URL 'thirdageireland.ie/seniorline'. Below it is the 'seniorline' logo with the tagline 'National Confidential Listening Service for Older People'. To the right of the logo is a search bar and two green buttons: 'Back to Third Age' and 'Support Third Age'. Below the logo is a navigation menu with links: 'Home', 'About', 'Becoming a Volunteer', 'Our Callers', 'Meet the Team', and 'Contact'. On the right side of the navigation menu is a Facebook icon. Below the navigation menu is a banner image featuring five elderly people: a woman on a mobile phone, a woman with her hands clasped, a man in a hat, a man looking at a mobile phone, and a man with his arms crossed. Below the banner image is a blue bar with the text: 'SeniorLine is a confidential listening service for older people provided by trained older volunteers.' To the right of this bar is a dark blue bar with the text: 'Seniorline Freephone 1800 80 45 91 Lines are open every day 10am to 10pm'.

VOLUNTEERING DURING COVID-19

Advice for those who wish to volunteer in response to COVID-19 >>



Society of St. Vincent de Paul



SANCTUARY RUNNERS

Green Schools Green Campus Green Business

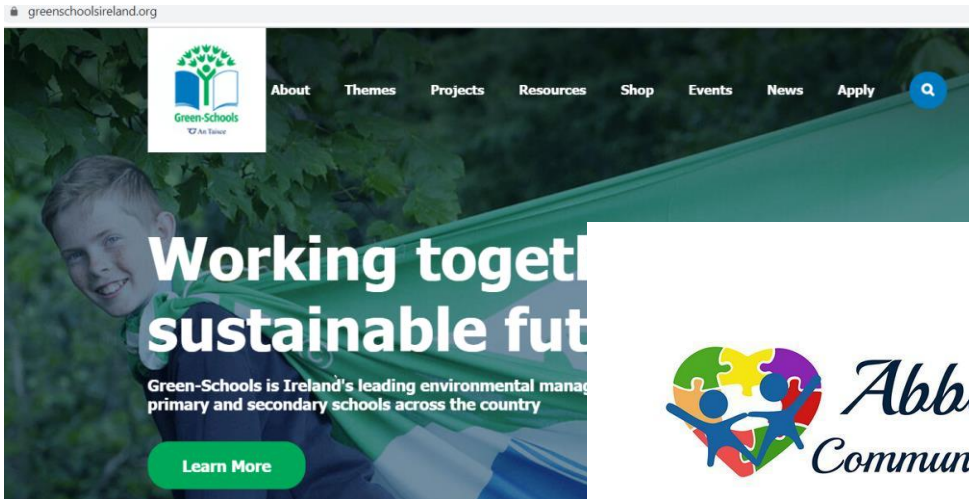
Have you made the link? Who else are you linked with?

Youth Groups / local crèche /
Homework club



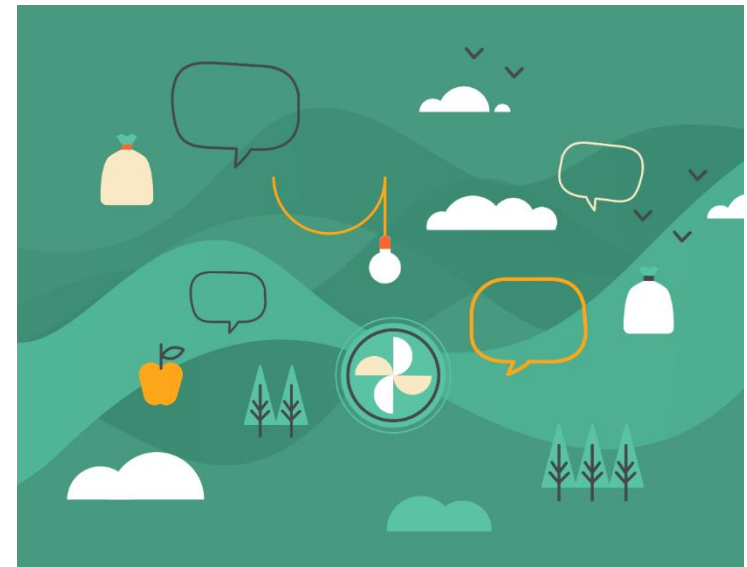
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Your community is planning an Event

- Know your impact
- Make a plan
- Make it your business to know the relevant regulations
- Consult contractors if appropriate
- *Know the waste streams*
- Start simple



Streets and Public Spaces

- Have you reported vacant/derelict sites to the Council. Cusomterservices@limerick.ie
- Murals
 - Biodiversity / history / activity
- Vinyls
 - for vacant buildings windows



Kilmallock 's Medieval Mural

Window dressing of vacant premises e.g. Schools entries to JunkKouture



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Limerick City



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Kilmallock

Consider Painting Junction box project / Hoarding Project

CITY TRIBUNE

Tracey adds a dash of colour to Galway City's streets

Published 5 days ago on February 5, 2021
By Stephen Corrigan



LCCC Carr Street Depot



Green Space & Landscaping

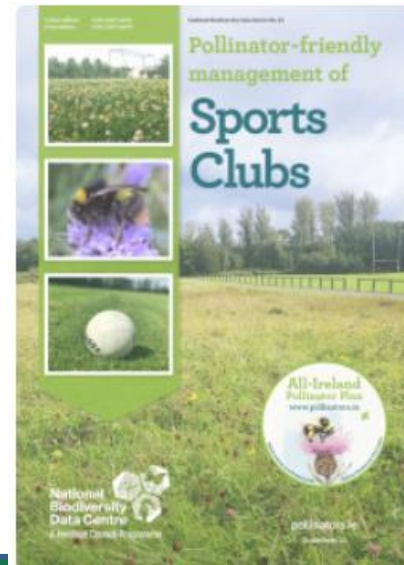
Plant Pollinator daffodils - *Narcissus pseudo narcissus* / *Narcissus obvalaris*

Move to perennials

Watch [Nature and Biodiversity in Your Locality](#) by Dr Fiona McGowan

All Ireland Pollinator Plan – plenty of resources

Talk to your local garden centres



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Let it Bee



Signage available for Limerick Groups

Hush City App



Nature and Biodiversity in Your Locality

- Webinars
 - Watch [Nature and Biodiversity in Your Locality](#) by Dr Fiona McGowan
 - [Gardening for Biodiversity](#) by Juanita Browne All Ireland Pollinator Plan
 - [Every Day Invasives](#)
- Promote BirdWatch Ireland's Garden Bird Survey
- Promote National Biodiversity Centres Flower insect timed count
- Bat Hotels / Nest boxes (garden birds swifts barn owls)

Pair build nesting boxes for barn owls in Galway

Updated / Tuesday, 9 Feb 2021 15:28



To date, 20 nesting boxes have been ordered by locals in Galway and are currently under construction

watersandcommunities.ie

Local Authority Waters Programme

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[Septic Tanks and Private Wells](#) [Annual Reports](#) [Community Water Development Fund 2021](#)

[Stories from the Waterside](#)

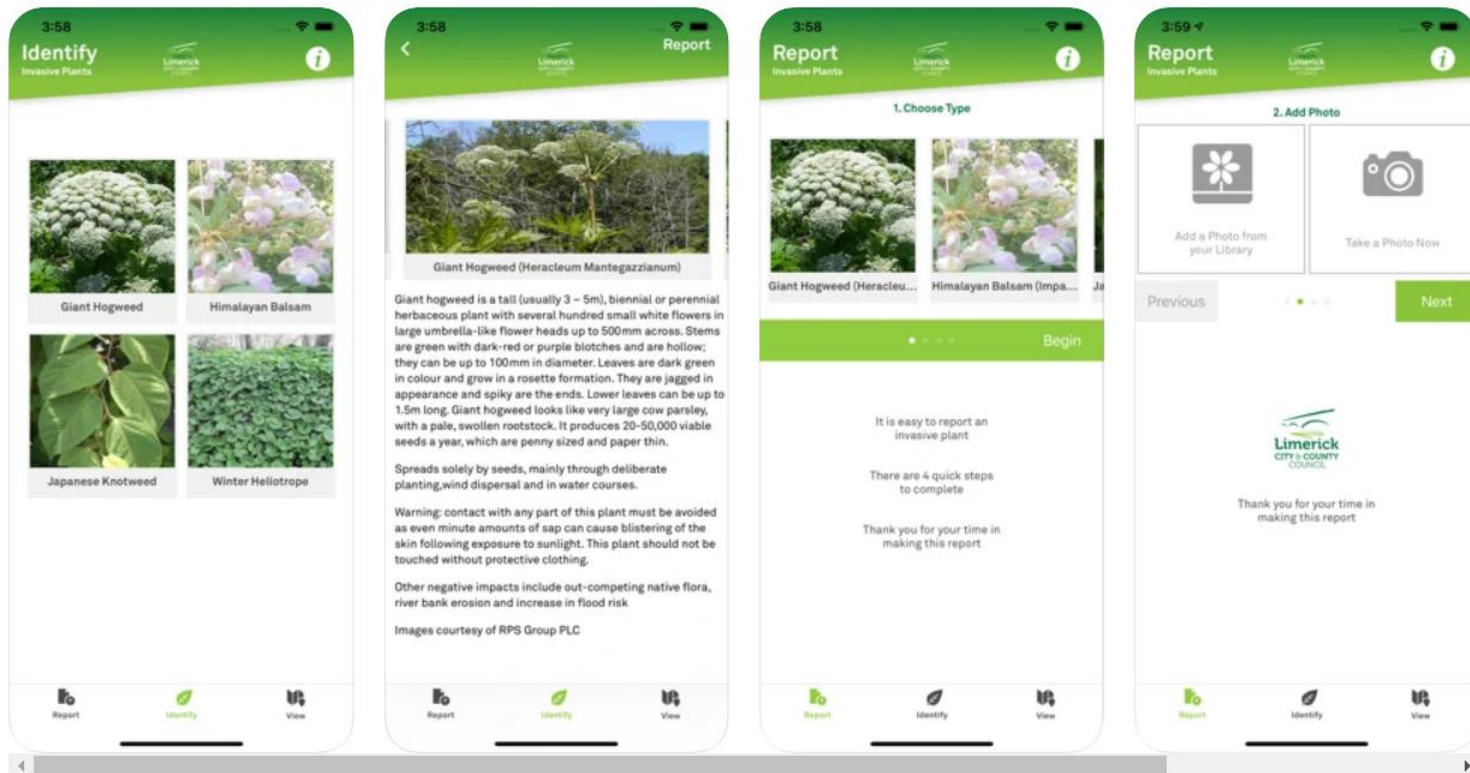
The Local Authority Waters Programme



vibrant communities | catchment assessment | healthy waters

Limerick Invasive Species App

iPhone Screenshots



Reimagining Irish Rivers: Working with Nature

March 22 & March 23

- **Online Conference** - Register at <https://bit.ly/2NZXfkS>
- Two half-day conference. Session themes include:-
- **Managing river flow**
- **Tackling biodiversity threats in our river catchments**
- **Catchment management through partnership working**
- **Achieving for rivers with small resources**
- **Organisers:** Limerick – Limerick City & County Council (European Green Leaf 2020), Local Authority Waters Programme, The Rivers Trust, Mary Immaculate College (Geography) and The Mague Rivers Trust



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Tea-set Bird Feeders



Robin feeding

Sustainability – doing more with less

Webinar on this category will be rescheduled in coming weeks

No idling campaign
Ennis / Cobh

Waste awareness social

Dozens of schools to introduce ‘no idling’ zones under campaign to tackle air pollution

Clean Air Week seeks to highlight traffic pollutants caused by cars at schools

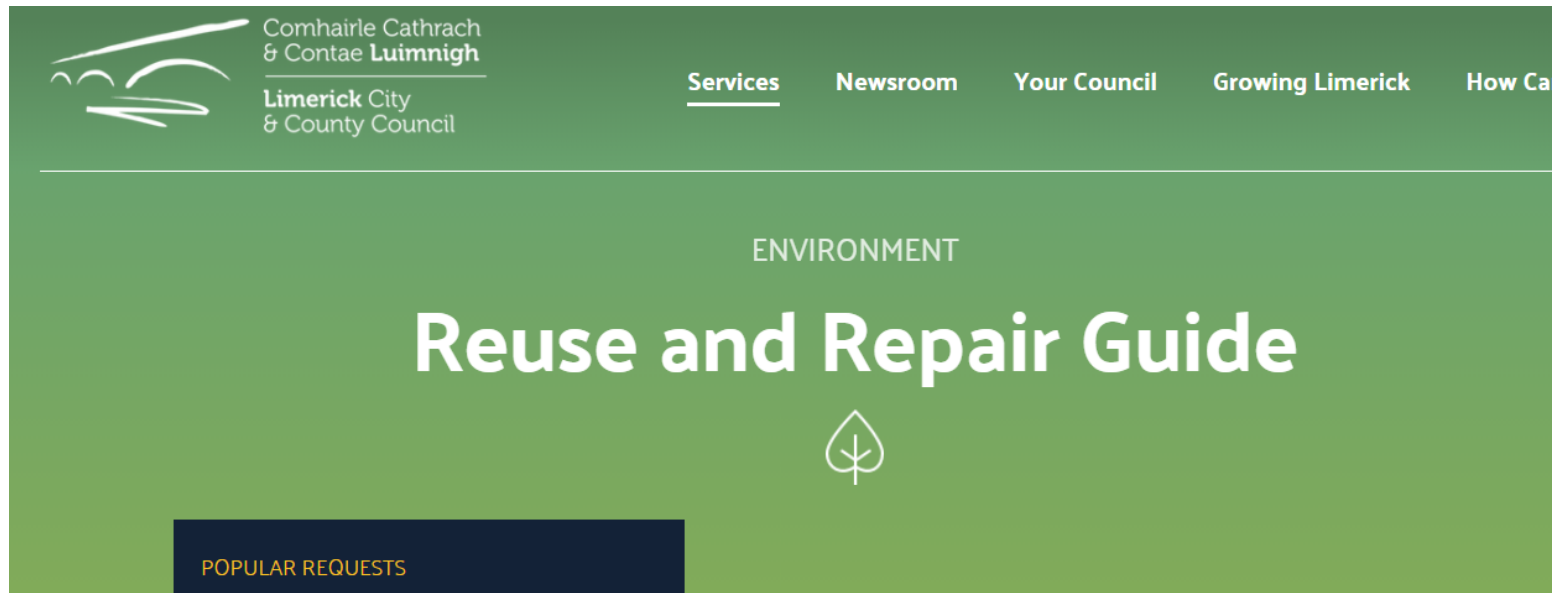
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Sylvia Thompson



Students take part in a 'no idling' campaign as part of Clean Air Week 2019

Link to local repair directory on Limerick.ie & Promote 2nd hand retail



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the Limerick City & County Council website. The logo on the left features a stylized bird or leaf design. The text next to it reads 'Comhairle Cathrach & Contae Luimnigh' and 'Limerick City & County Council'. The navigation menu includes 'Services', 'Newsroom', 'Your Council', 'Growing Limerick', and 'How Ca'. Below the navigation bar, the page is titled 'ENVIRONMENT' and 'Reuse and Repair Guide' in large white text on a green background. A small leaf icon is centered below the title. A dark blue sidebar on the left contains a 'POPULAR REQUESTS' section with links to 'Limerick Going for Gold', 'Air Quality', and 'Rehome a Dog from Limerick Dog Shelter'. The main content area on the right has two sections: 'Clothes Alterations' and 'Leather & Shoe Repairs', each with a brief description of the council's repair and reuse directory.

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ENVIRONMENT

Reuse and Repair Guide

POPULAR REQUESTS

- [Limerick Going for Gold](#)
- [Limerick Going for Gold](#)
- [Air Quality](#)
- [Rehome a Dog from Limerick Dog Shelter](#)

Clothes Alterations

Limerick City and County Council has produced a Repair and Reuse Directory to encourage people to repair and reuse to help reduce waste and protect the environment.

Leather & Shoe Repairs

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Anti-dumping communications hub

Visit our new resources centre

for more info →



Greener Gardening Guide

download here



Greener Cleaning Guide

download here



Greener Home Guide

download here



GREENER CLEANING LABELS



Greener Cleaning Labels

download here



Fairtrade.ie



WHAT IS FAIRTRADE?

WHERE CAN I BUY FAIRTRADE PRODUCTS?

FARMERS AND WORKERS

GET INVOLVED

BUSINESS & LICENSING

GET INVOLVED

HOME ► GET INVOLVED

WANT TO BECOME A FAIRTRADE SCHOOL, TOWN, COLLEGE, OR A FAIRTRADE WORKPLACE?

By choosing to support Fairtrade, your community can add its voice to demands for a trade system that puts people, not profit, at the heart of the transaction. Our voices become louder when we speak together.

Working towards Fairtrade Town or School status, or holding an event during Fairtrade Fortnight, will bring together communities, local authorities and businesses towards a common goal and a shared achievement. Becoming a Fairtrade Town is a lot of work, good fun and a great way to bring people together. It will also be an achievement everyone can celebrate and a powerful message about how your community wants trade to work.



FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 2021



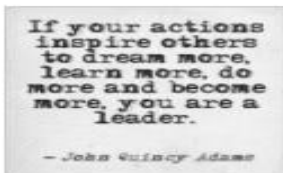
FAIRTRADE TOWNS AND CITIES

Find out how to become a Fairtrade Town



FAIRTRADE SCHOOLS

Bring Fairtrade into lessons, catering and projects



FAIRTRADE COLLEGE



FAIRTRADE FESTIVALS



FAIRTRADE@WORK

Could also be in the community section

Dance for the Oceans – Local Story Addressing Global Goal

Local dance schools could also be a link in the community section



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Tidiness & Litter Control



Litter picks

Simple Litter characterization

Include weeding schedule

Anonymous' Litter Picking Hour

Sign cleaning schedule

Window cleaning schedule on main streets



Local schools competition – on display in local community centre or one of the churches

Do a signage audit use dog poo stencils instead of signs



Is a bin always a good idea?



The Only Cure For Litter is ...?

Residential Streets & Housing Areas

Have you engaged with local residential areas

'Anonymous' Litter Picking Hour

Any Covid Volunteer related initiatives

Consider a 'postcard' to welcome new arrivals to the village/town



Approach Roads Streets & Lanes

Accessibility audits – is your school on the Travel Theme?

Accessibility modifications – lowering of kerbs etc.

Promotion work locally with local business and visitors for prevention obstruction on footpaths

Survey roads and footpath for potholes / broken paving and kerbs



Are there new road markings / Traffic signals
/ Pedestrian crossing / Cycles lanes





Registration Now Open www.teamlimerickcleanup.ie

Padraig Malone, Administrative Officer, Community Development
Directorate update



THE STATS...



8

Mr Binman crews worked on **TLC5** to clear away all bagged litter



1500+

Kilometers travelled

Almost

21,000

volunteers took part in 2019 which was 646 groups and schools all over Limerick City and County.

91

Tonnes

of litter removed which would equate to approx 3,600 household wheelie bins of rubbish. There were more volunteers out and more areas covered than ever before in 2019. However, the total litter collected is down significantly so Limerick is the cleanest it has been to date.



470

groups participated in Tea and Coffee gatherings



11,000+

volunteers attended gatherings to celebrate their clean-up



10,000

hot cross buns distributed this year



285

individual pick up locations for bagged litter gathered and removed by **Mr Binman** all over Limerick City & County

Mr Binman, using their routing technology to improve the efficiency of the collection routes, reduced the carbon footprint of the litter collections this year by

25%



Local Story Addressing Global Goal

11,000 **Real** Cups of Fairtrade Tea & Coffee

**Numbers distributed over
TLC/TLC2/TLC3/TLC4/TLC5 -
more than**

22,000

**Litter pickers
Please Reuse in 2021**


Report Illegal Dumping

Video available to
Limerick groups

Limerick City and County Council Customer Services

Phone 061556000 [Email customerservices@limerick.ie](mailto:customerservices@limerick.ie)





Limerick City and County Council is available to support Tidy Towns groups. Please ask for help if you need it?

Remember your Local Development Companies also support Tidy Towns.

National Tidy Towns Unit is also there to support.



***Stay connected
Stay Safe
Follow Covid
related
Government
Guidance
at all times
take care***

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