

Carrigallen Tidy Towns Action Plan

Category	Proposed Action	Steps	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Overall Development Approach	❖ Prepare 5 Year Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consult, draft and publish Carrigallen Tidy Towns Plan Review/ Update Tidy Towns Plan 	*	*	*	*	*
	❖ Strengthen local committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Target groups, estates, etc., and identify potential new members, invite to join Establish formal links with each estate, club (e.g. Foroige, scouts, GAA, etc.) Conduct publicity and fundraising activities Utilise email/text communication with local residents 	*	*	*	*	*
	❖ Green Flag School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish formal Tidy Towns link with each school/ Green Flag committee Work in partnership with schools to progress Green Flag and Tidy Towns projects 	*	*	*	*	*
	❖ Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish formal contact with Co. Council and meet with Local Engineer regularly Continue to liaise with other Tidy Towns committees, host joint events 	*	*	*	*	*
Built Environment	❖ 'Millstream Walk' Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liaise with landowners, Council, residents and wider community in relation to establishing of a 'Millstream Walk' path network with designated wildlife areas Identify and agree route and location of proposed wildlife/amenity areas Conduct tidy up of route of 'Millstream Walk' and its environs, remove litter and mow/manage edge of area to denote it is being managed for wildlife Identify costs for required works to develop/enhance walk, e.g. drainage, surfacing, signage, landscaping, fencing, etc., and apply to Leader for funding Develop and signpost 'Millstream Walk' in partnership Council, landowners and local residents, link with existing streets to form pedestrian networks Plant/ re-furbish native hedgerows, create focal points of holy well, forged gates Maintain and enhance walk 	*	*			
	❖ Barrack Well	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider potential for seating/picnic area, and historical signage, cost same Carry out planned works and landscape area as a focal point for the walk Maintain and enhance well area 	*	*	*	*	*
	❖ Derelict Properties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish list of derelict/abandoned/ at-risk properties in village Liaise with owners to address upkeep/ tidiness issues where possible/ agreeable Consult with Co. Council in relation to extreme cases Corrugated shed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consult with owners in regard to dismantling/ removal/ relocation of shed Research history of the structure, conserve structure if deemed historical Barbershop - consult with owners to tidy/safeguard structure, paint gate/fences Remove/replace hoarding at site adjacent to Corn Mill Theatre 	*	*	*	*	*
	❖ Heritage features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carry out repair works to Presbyterian churchyard walls Erect historical signage at Cofl Church and other notable areas, e.g. graveyards Identify examples of old forged gates, sewer vent pipe, etc., clean and paint 	*	*	*		

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Landscaping	❖ Tree/ shrub Planting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold annual tree day/week planting with local schools & wider community • Delineate and enhance town boundaries/entrances with specimen tree planting along approach roads, e.g. Mohill road • Soften/screen 'hard areas' in vicinity of the Credit Union/ Chemist's • Re-establish/renew native hedging along proposed route of 'Millstream Walk' 	★	★	★	★	★
	❖ Floral displays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refresh and renew existing planters/display areas using only peat-free compost and introducing wild-life friendly shrubs and perennial flowers • Identify new areas for strategic plantings, community garden schemes • Encourage businesses/homeowners/estates to develop and maintain 'environmentally-friendly' floral displays, community garden schemes • Encourage/support local schools to plant trees and grow plants for Tidy Towns • Maintain and enhance displays/planters, place bark at base of trees on Main St. 	★	★	★	★	★
	❖ Longford Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify and remove dead/damaged plants and trees along embankment between church and school , and tidy both sides of road especially where new fencing has been erected by removing excess concrete spoils and level soil • Replant area with native shrubs and trees, renew hedging adjacent to Garda bks 		★	★		★
	❖ Lough amenity area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace and renew existing fixtures, e.g. steps, signs, seating, etc. and tidy site • Enhance with native planting, interpretive signage and picnic table(s) • Safeguard slope with planting of hawthorn, etc., to prevent/reduce access 	★	★		★	★
Wildlife & Natural Amenities	❖ Biodiversity Plan/Wildlife Audit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consult with NPWS and others in carrying out a local wildlife/habitat survey • Liaise with local schools to assist with biodiversity/wildlife surveys • Prepare survey report and share findings with community through public event, website, local newspapers, etc. • Organise an annual wildlife awareness raising event, e.g. bat walk, etc. • Install interpretive signs at lough amenity area, Millstream Walk, Mass Path etc. 	★	★		★	★
	❖ Protect natural habitats/biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support schools in construct bug hotels & nesting boxes using waste materials • Protect and enhance habitats identified through survey work • Establish & signpost new wildlife area at 'Millstream Walk' (beside Barrack Well) • Establish wildlife 'corridors' linking habitats throughout the village area • Inform and encourage planting of wildlife friendly plants, i.e. nectar & pollen producing species, and educate about importance of using peat-free products 	★	★	★	★	★
	❖ Mass Path	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consult with parish regarding carpark, tidy Mass Path & conduct wildlife survey • Cost works to enhance access, e.g. surfacing, signage, etc. and source funds • Carry out works and erect interpretive signage • Conduct Mass Path wildlife walks/ talks for local school children 	★	★	★	★	★

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Litter Control	❖ Spring Clean	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organise and conduct annual village-wide Spring Clean in consultation with An Taisce, Co. Council, etc. Advertise and promote Spring Clean activities Organise and conduct Spring Clean Poster competition with local primary school Coordinate and support schools, residents associations, sports clubs, and other groups in conducting Spring Clean events Collect and segregate all waste collected, organise pick-ups Measure and inform community of Spring Clean outputs, e.g. amount collected, numbers taking part, annual reduction litter, etc. 	★	★	★	★	★
	❖ Litter Audit/Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carry out an audit/survey of litter in the community, e.g. identify litter 'hot-spots', litter bin locations, bin emptying schedules, etc. Review results of survey and use in preparing of a Litter Plan for the village, update plan annually Liaise with Environmental Officer to address litter problems Recruit neighbourhood/estate residents, clubs and businesses to form local litter patrols, support and encourage local responses Encourage those on litter patrols to report full bring banks, pull weeds, etc. Report annual reductions in local litter levels/overall impact of local efforts 	★	★	★	★	★
Waste Minimisation	❖ Waste Audit/Seminar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recruit youth to carry out an survey of waste generated by the community Present results of survey as part of a waste management seminar, with support of Council's Environmental Officer Inform community of local waste reduction efforts, i.e. recycling levels, etc. Liaise with Environmental Officer to address village's waste management issues 	★		★		★
	❖ Rainwater harvesting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inform community of need to conserve water & promote rainwater harvesting Identify areas where water is required for Tidy Towns planters, displays, etc., and investigate potential for harvesting rainwater in close proximity to these Install and utilise rainwater harvesters, encourage others to do the same 		★	★	★	★
	❖ Encourage Minimisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote sustained use of communal composting facilities Provide composting information and use compost facility for 'how to' workshops Segregate, for recycling, all litter waste collected locally Organise Christmas Decoration contest, using recyclable waste, with local school Organise annually, with Co. Council, local collections of recyclable waste material, e.g. paints, electric goods, etc. Support school book schemes, bring & buy events, use of text/email, etc. 	★	★	★	★	★

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Tidiness	❖ Signage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct audit of all public & private signage i.e. dirty, broken, excessive, illegal, etc., in village area, along streets, on shopfronts, at approach roads, etc., Liaise and consult with businesses, Co. Council, Waterways, residents, etc., to remove/improve signage Remove illegal/ abandoned signs Enhance and improve remaining public signage, advise private signage 		★		★	
	❖ Problem areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify areas with re-occurring tidiness problems, e.g. building sites, open ground area, e.g. petrol station corner, beside Theatre, hotel parking area, etc. Identify and remove pedestrian obstacles, e.g. signs, etc., to facilitate all users Work with property owners to address problems by repainting, tidying, etc.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Old forge building (repainting, etc.) & petrol station (signs, tidiness, etc.) Former cabinet factory (clean/repaint façade, doors and windows) Clean/repaint/make safe/ enhance barbershop building & adjacent car park Repair/paint derelict shed opposite vocational school 	★				
	❖ Bring Banks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce number and consolidate location of clothing banks in village Consider plans to enhance/improve bring banks Plant/enhance Bring Bank generally, compete for Tidy Towns awards, etc. 	★				
Residential Areas	❖ Tidy Towns Contacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify residents/groups as points of contact for each estate/neighbourhood/street, liaise with in regard to Tidy Towns Identify estate developers/ owners and liaise in regard to Tidy Towns activities Encourage and support Tidy Towns and Spring Clean involvement, landscaping projects, tree plantings, adopt-a-roadside, etc. Encourage estate signs in Irish and English in appropriate local stone or other medium 	★	★	★	★	★
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Roads, Streets, and Back Areas	❖ Approach Roads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review locations of blue Carrigallen signs on all routes into the village, and enhance impact of signs, i.e. remove clutter, establish planters, tree and shrubs planting, etc., to create visible and attractive focal points Plant native specimen trees and shrubs along rural approach roads, especially along Mohill road in vicinity of GAA grounds Survey local area to identify existing examples of forged field gates and clean and paint to form focal points/ draw attention to their heritage value, re-erect/re-use gates where necessary and permissible Liaise with businesses along eastern end of Main St. in enhancing and softening their street frontages, e.g. tidying up, hedge planting, climbers on fencing, etc. 	★				
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