

Tidy Towns | Newcastle 2010



SUMMER 2010

There has been a great deal of progress since the first Newcastle Tidy Towns 2010 newsletter was circulated. The village spring clean on Saturday the 17th April was well attended and the skip provided by Greenstar was completely filled with rubbish gathered from the village and its approach roads.

On Saturday the 19th June the children and parents of St. Francis N.S. joined with the residents and cleaned the beach from the Breaches to Five Mile Point. Greenstar provided a skip again and John Nugent of Newcastle Airfield allowed access to the path running beside the railway line to facilitate the collection of rubbish. The result was another full skip which contained parts of a bicycle and a fridge as well as the usual debris.

Since April residents of Newcastle have been meeting regularly and quantities of ivy have been removed from walls, poles and trees. Grass verges have been strimmed, hedges have been cut back, redundant poles have been removed and various owners have made an effort to smarten up their own premises. There has been a good deal of planting as well. Newcastle is very fortunate to have had a resident in the right place when An Bord Bia decided to donate to a community some very valuable trees which had formed part of the Bloom Festival.



Our Large New Oak Tree!

Lorcan Bourke suggested Newcastle, and the Tidy Towns subcommittee were offered ten fastigate hornbeams and a large oak tree. It was decided that the best place for them was the area behind the playground. With such a warm, dry spell of weather it was imperative that they be planted as soon as possible and Michael Byrne came to the rescue. With the help of various residents he planted them in one evening and has been watering them regularly since then.

Besides the trees, low growing shrubs have been planted at the base of some of the signs for the village and a row of beech (courtesy of Coillte) has been planted to screen the water treatment plant on the Sea Road. Various signs have been cleaned and the wall in front of the Community Centre has been capped. Foróige intend to replace the previous wooden bench near Racefield with a simple granite bench which will be more durable.

Newcastle appears on the list of entrants to the Tidy Towns competition and judging takes place at any time between the beginning of June to the end of August. Residents can help by keeping their own frontage neat and litter free and by turning up to work on Mondays between 7 and 9 pm, meeting at the Castle Inn car park.