

NEWCASTLE

Spring is Around the Corner

For over five years now, a few old men, helped by small schoolchildren, have initiated a big spring clean in Newcastle.

They can be seen from March until mid summer scouring the ditches and pathways with their litter grabbers, bin bags and their high visibility vests.

Some of us have joined them in the effort to get tidying. Together over the years we have achieved great things, especially with the work of Ian Carstairs, Pat Carey and Pat Hempenstal.

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In a few short months Ian's term under the Community Employment Scheme may come to an end, and we are fighting hard to keep him. The other main movers describe themselves as "old men" who are fast running out of energy.

At our last meeting of Newcastle Residents' Association, we discussed if it was possible for us continue to compete in Tidy Towns. This didn't mean that we wouldn't be doing a big spring clean, but rather that we might not enter the Tidy Towns competition. By ignoring the contest we could keep our focus on what is important - keeping our village clean.

March 2016

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Don't Miss
Meeting
Residents'
Association

Monday March 7th,
at 8 pm in
Community Centre

All welcome

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

For all aspects of making Newcastle an even better place to live. We are interested in hearing from you. Everybody is welcome. Contact us now to get started. Or call Michael @ 0872381060

A lot done, and more to do

For the moment, Wicklow County Council has made safer the wall and pathway near Millbrook House the church. Efforts also to fix collapse of wall near Hunters' Leap. Work will be finished later in the year.

Landscaping will commence shortly near new footpaths, making this area a very pleasant place to stroll.

Sea Road is proving a bumpy ride following flooding. It is need of repairs and less holes.

No Butts. But it's all about water

After much effort we are almost ready to deliver some water butts, in a community effort to save one of our most precious resources. If you are interested in getting a butt, contact us now. If you can help with this project with basic skills installing these water saving solutions, please contact us now.

They won't look like this old beauty, but it reminds us that this water butt idea is not a new one, but a very old practice indeed.

Call Michael (087) 238 1060



Community Text Alerts and Senior Citizens Alarm

At the meeting next Monday night, March 7th, at 8pm in the Community Centre, we will be talking about the Text Alert scheme. "Text Alert" is designed to facilitate immediate communication from An Garda Síochána to the public. This will be achieved in a structured and consistent way in conjunction with existing Community groups.

The Gardai will provide information by text or e-mail to each registered "Community Contact" and they, in turn will forward the information by text or e-mail to all members of our "Community Group".

"Text Alert" is a one way communications system. There will not be any facility to reply to the "Text Alert" system. Contact with the Gardai must be made in person or by a telephone call, to control and verify information.

Text Alert in operation . . . Member of the public reports

incident to the Gardai (24 hour Garda District - Telephone number will be widely advertised). The reporting Garda verifies details and determines that the "Text Alert" system should be utilised.

We will also discuss a proposed and separate Seniors Alert Scheme (SAS) This scheme, for vulnerable older people in our community, provides monitored alarms for older people, enabling them to live securely in their homes with confidence, independence and peace of mind..

WE NEED YOU TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN
 Volunteers are needed to make Newcastle an even better place to live. We are interested in hearing from you.

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 or text Mary 086 8584436