

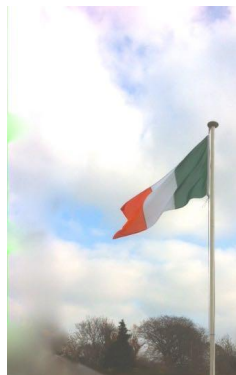


NEWCASTLE NEWS

March 28, 2016

People Get Ready!

For the next few Saturdays we will be making a gigantic effort to get Newcastle ready for spring with a big clean up, between 10 am -1pm. It will start this weekend, on Saturday, 2 April, and will continue on 9 April. We gather at the Pub car park at 10 am. Gloves, bags and litter pickers will be distributed. A list of priority areas for attention have been drawn up.



The National Flag erected in village for recent celebrations.

It can appear daunting at first, and some large scale work such as power hosing has already been undertaken. There is a lot that remains to be done. If you would like to undertake to do any of these jobs listed below in advance of Saturday, please contact us now. For example, in **The Village**

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Don't Miss
Next Day of Action
Saturday April
2nd,
10am-1pm

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

For all aspects of making Newcastle an even better place to live.

We are interested in hearing from you.

Everybody's ideas are welcome. Contact us now to get started. Or call Michael @ 0872381060

The grass seeding on the sides of the new footpaths will be done this coming week.

- the big flower bed needs to be cleaned and the shrubs clipped. . .
- the layby wall needs to be repaired and hedge to be cut.
- all signs need to be washed.
- at the playground, the new hedge needs to be trimmed and ivy removed from wall.
- plant a creeper at the back of the Milestone.
- the low wall to be repaired at the community centre
- clean and tidy around the stile
- litter picked to Blackditch and all signs washed

On Sea Road

- The entrance to Castle Manor, (the red brick piers) we need to clean tops of them
- beech hedge at the treatment plant trimmed and topped.
- clean riverbank
- paint the fence at the Station
- all litter picked and all signs washed.

Newtown road

- clip hedge up to Millbrook.
- footpath cleaned up to the church
- all litter picked and all signs washed.

Church Lane

- all litter picked and all signs washed to Pack Horse Bridge

Children's Art

Poster

An anti litter poster competition will be undertaken in the school and 4 prizes to be awarded in each of the four class rooms. Details to be announced through the school after the Easter break.

Country market

Every Sat 10.30-12.30

The coffee pot is ready and the kettle on the boil and the tables full of fresh homemade brown bread, vegetables, soups and much more.

Come, chat, have a cuppa, browse. We would love to catch up with everyone.

Car boot Sale

Newcastle Community Centre

10am - 3pm

Gates open for sellers at 9am. Cars: €10 Vans:€15

Contact: 086 060 6511 / 087 695 6096

to reserve your place.

Next meeting

Residents' Association

Monday April 4th,
at 8pm in Community Centre

All welcome

Kilcoole road

- all litter picked and all signs washed.

Next Action
Saturday April 2nd,
10am-1pm

Next Meeting of Residents'
Association
April 4th at 8pm



Newcastle "Not an Area High in Drug Crime"

Garda Cíarán Gormley of Newtownmountkennedy came to our last meeting to explain the community alert system. He was careful to point out that "*a lot of talk about crime is creating fear of crime*" but in reality, the incidences of crime is reducing all the time. About the Community Alert scheme, he made the following points:

- The scheme involves the community backing up the Gardai * very few locals are committing crimes
- One in four cars are left unlocked
- The capture of burglars is very low - they are in & out in three minutes - seeking jewelry and cash.



- He explained Neighbourhood Watch -basically an urban system and Community Alert is a rural base system. The process for becoming involved includes a survey of the area, a public meeting from which a number of coordinators are selected. If you are interested in becoming involved, [contact us now](#)

He was asked about drug dealing in our community. He said there is high use of drugs everywhere and it is part of the modern youth culture. But he did not believe that Newcastle was an area that was high in drug crime.

He concluded by saying that hope for the future lies in DNA - samples taken now will stay on file forever. Therefore, crimes committed today will be solved in the future.

More information is available on www.Garda.ie
