

SuperValu Tidy Towns

Entry Form 2025



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About Clonmel Tidy Towns

Name of your Town: Clonmel
Name of your Town in Irish: Cluain Meala
County: Tipperary
Region: South East
Specify your Local Authority: Tipperary County Council
Last Year of Entry: 2024
Organisation Name: Clonmel Tidy Towns
Contact Name: Deirdre Murray
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Estimated Location:

Clonmel lies in a valley of the **River Suir** on the border between Tipperary and Waterford. The River Suir divides the town though the majority is located on the north bank. To the south, the town is surrounded by the **Comeragh Mountains** with **Slievenamon** to the northeast. To the north, east and west is some of Ireland's richest farmland, known as the Golden Vale. Clonmel is the largest town in County Tipperary. **52.3558° N, 7.6903° W**



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Population Category:

Please enter your actual population: **18,369**

Prize Category Population:

Village	☐ A (Under 200)	Large Town	☐ E (5,001 to 10,000)
	☐ B (201 to 1,000)		☐ F (10,001 to 15,000)
Small Town	☐ C (1,001 to 2,500)	Large Urban Centre	☒ G (15,001 to 25,000)

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Signed (on behalf of entrant) **Deirdre Murray** Date: 12th May 2025

Community - Your Planning & Involvement

Number involved in your Committee: 3

Number not on committee but who volunteer: 15

Please indicate the level of voluntary commitment (number of TidyTowns meetings, community meetings, general involvement of the community, new residents, etc.):



1) Litter picking for the Clonmel Show, July 2024. 2) Receiving our awards in Ballykisteon Hotel, April 2025. 3) Setting up our stall at the Clonmel Together Community day in the Central Technical Institute Hall, April 2025.

- Tidy Towns members sign up for a minimum of 3 sessions a month.
- We meet on Saturday mornings from 10:30am to about 12:30..
- We take time off in January and February.
- A flexible calendar is offered to participants of our **Clean Clonmel Collaboration** to encourage as many groups as possible to take part.

Applications for new members opened in March.

- Members of the committee meet with the local Borough Council every 6 weeks.
- Board members meet regularly, often after the Saturday morning session.
- A number of projects have required meetings between groups to discuss collaborations going forward. These take place as required.
- We use the messaging Apps **WhatsApp** and **Slack** to communicate with members on a weekly basis. Each month all members receive an email updating them on the outcomes of meetings, grant applications, and the session sites for the following month as well as the progress of ongoing projects. They are also offered choices on upcoming possible projects and asked to vote on what they would like to do.

This year we have accepted an invite to be part of the **Clonmel Town Team**, a group set up in December 2023 to help deliver the Clonmel Town Centre First Action Plan in collaboration with Tipperary County Council and various other stakeholders such as The Chamber of Commerce, the Hospitality Sector and Festival Representatives.

Please list all of the agencies, bodies and businesses that have supported your activities through sponsorship, resources, funding, advice, etc.):



❖ Department of Rural & Community Development ❖ Clonmel Town Team

❖ Old St. Mary's Church Community ❖ Old Bridge Community Group

How do you communicate with your community?



Website: clonmeltidytowns.com



Facebook account: facebook.com/clonmeltidytown



Instagram account: instagram.com/clonmeltidytown



YouTube channel: youtube.com/@clonmeltidytowns2087

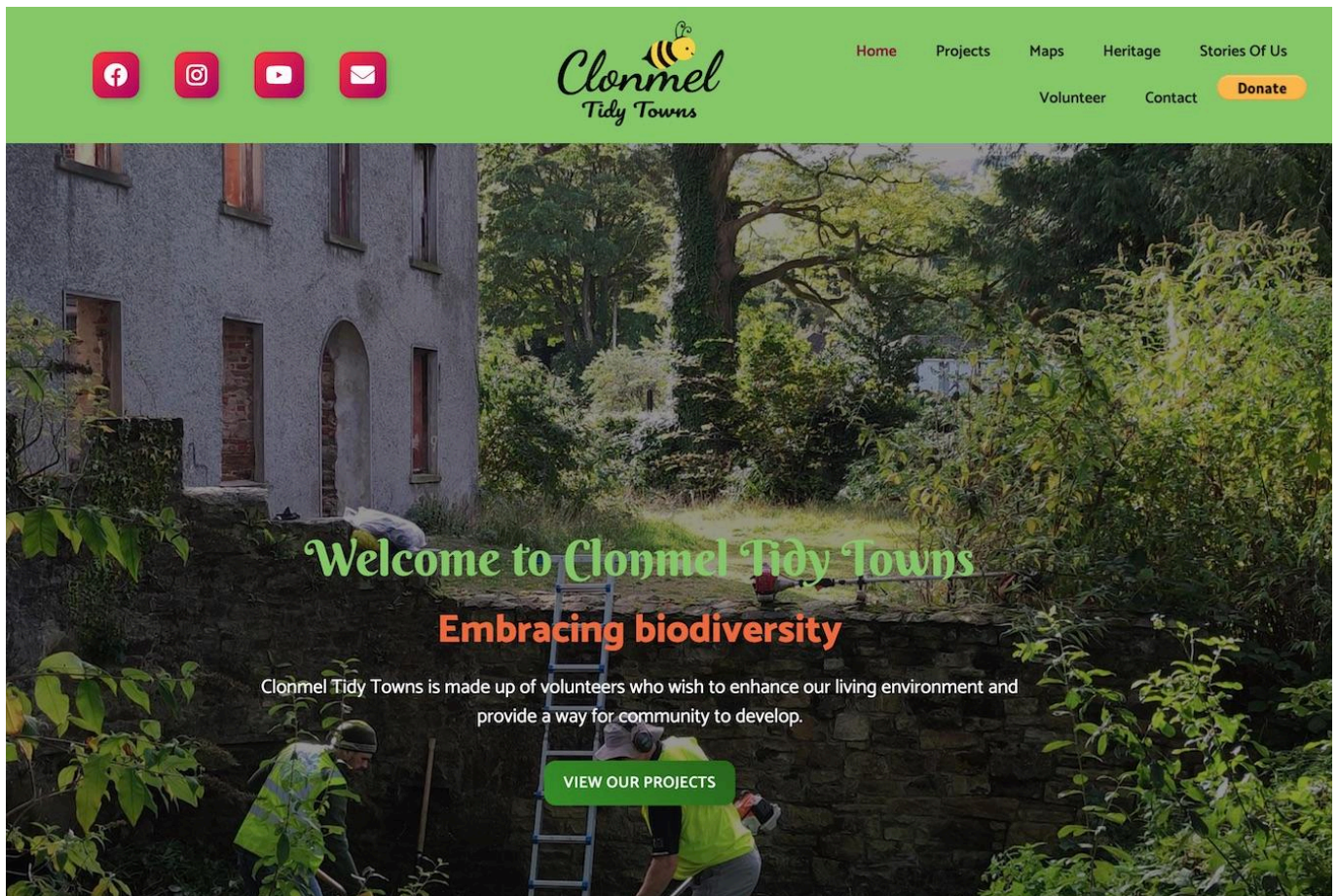


Bluesky account: <https://bsky.app/profile/clonmeltidytowns.bsky.social>

We communicate using Social Media with **Facebook** (3,034 followers), **Youtube**, **Instagram** (1,418 followers), our website and local newspaper. This year we also set up on **Bluesky** and have joined with other groups using the Starter Pack to form an umbrella group of Tidy Towns users.

All the projects on our application are available to browse in more detail on our website.

<https://www.clonmeltidytowns.com/>



How do you engage with your local schools, youth clubs, etc.? How do you involve youth in your work, do you have a Junior TidyTowns, is there youth representation on your committee?

Our primary contact with young people is through the Scouts. We are fortunate to have strong contacts with crossover volunteers. This has allowed us to work on specific tasks including **Paths and Accessibility**, providing a mutually beneficial experience for all. **Clonmel Clean Collaboration**, involves many of the 170 cubs, scouts and venturers as well as their leaders. We continue to provide support for their own contribution to the **#alittlepatchofgreen** project on King Street.

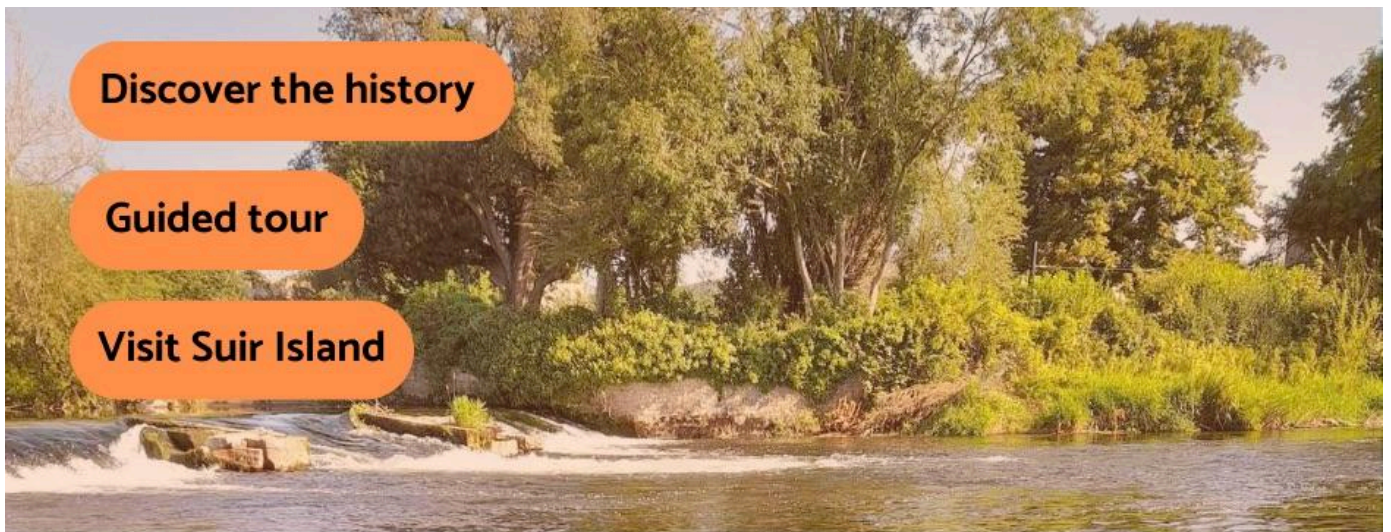


Our connection with local schools is two-way. They reach out to us if they need something such as bulbs, connections or information and we reach out to them if we see something interesting that we might be able to support them with. We also share any of our projects that we feel might interest them. We continue to encourage our members into the role of schools officer.

Venturers clearing steps by Gashouse Bridge Aug 2024, Scouts litter picking for Clean Clonmel Collaboration April 2024, Cubs litter picking in Denis Burke Park April 2025, their own #alittlepatchofgreen on King Street 2024.

Briefly identify ONE specific project where particular effort was applied since June 1st, 2022.

Project - Suir Island Heritage & Biodiversity - N



Discover the history

Guided tour

Visit Suir Island

Biodiversity, Wildlife & Built Heritage of the River Suir, Clonmel - Guided Tour

HERITAGE WEEK 2024
Tuesday 20th August
11.00AM - 12.30PM
Old Bridge Parking, Clonmel, E91 TW30

Funded by
An Chomhairle Oidhreachta
The Heritage Council

CLONMEL
Tidy Towns

Local Authority
Waters
Programme



Watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BWSRo4drnjo>

As part of Heritage Week 2024 we were delighted to arrange a Guided Tour of the River Suir as it flows along by Suir Island. We invited Shay Hurley, a local Historian and Greg Roche of LAWPRO, (Local Authority Water Program) to speak about the built heritage and biodiversity of the area. The event was sponsored by LAWPRO and we were delighted to welcome people to the event that were new to our group.



Greg and Shay in action, August 2024.

Approximately how many years has your community entered the competition? How has your community benefited from involvement in the competition?



Clonmel Tidy Towns Committee November 1985, Committee April 2025, a relaxed meeting after a busy Saturday morning, May 2025.

Clonmel first entered the National Tidy Towns competition in 1985. In the past 40 years, through multiple projects, engagement and collaborations, the Clonmel Tidy Towns has had a massive and long-lasting impact on our community, and the place that we call home. In recent years, this has included biodiversity projects which have helped inform the community about their local environment. In addition, we have instigated and continue to manage projects which have helped reclaim and instill a pride of place for areas of the town that had previously been overlooked or forgotten.

Entering the competition each year has brought many benefits to our small **community** of dedicated volunteers. Throughout this past year, we have attended **workshops**, **webinars**, reached out to other groups within our community and beyond. We have met local business people, communities and group leaders. Our widening interests have encouraged us to experience things as a group, making new friends and learning new skills. To mark both our important anniversary year, as well as to recognise the incredible, life-long connections that have been made throughout the past four decades, we have initiated a project to gather stories from our community, asking them to share experiences, anecdotes and memories of Clonmel Tidy Towns since 1985. Below is just one of the memories collected as part of the ongoing project: **Stories of Us.**



“ Already before I even moved to Ireland, I knew I wanted to join Clonmel Tidy Towns. Following their Instagram posts, I knew straight away this is gonna be my crowd. For me it all started during Covid, I mean what a strange time but meeting the fun tidy townspeople. Painting Boundary signs while getting free History Classes from Denis or catching up about life with Meadhbh, it was always the best time. More and more projects started, it got so diverse from planting trees and flowers or going on gravestone hunt to map St. Stephens Cemetery, nature classes, Orchards, river clean ups, bee mapping or wildflower promotion and planting. Tidy Towns didn't just mean work to me, it turned into the most beautiful friendships. ” ~ Marli

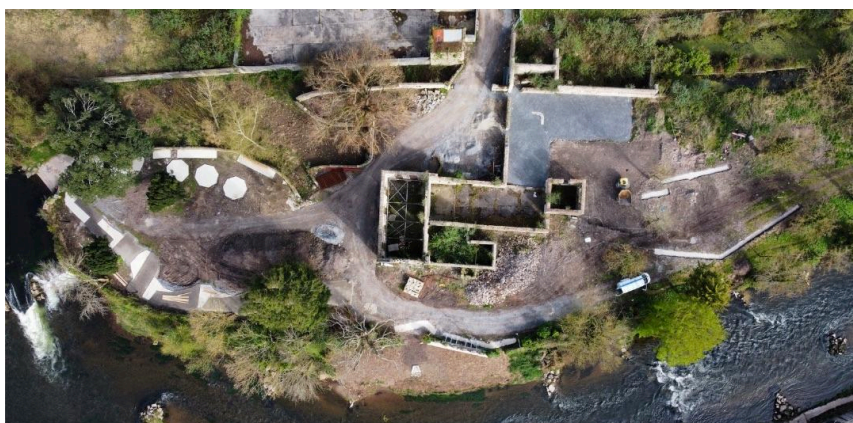
Streetscape & Public Places

Project 1 - Suir Island Gardens - N

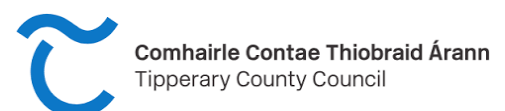
Wonderful work is progressing on Suir Island with the development of a public amenity which is aimed at bringing people back to the island that was once part of the industrial heart of the town. Before that work started, we had an opportunity to explore the site and do some work ourselves.



Clearing overgrowth from the sluice channels, September 2024.

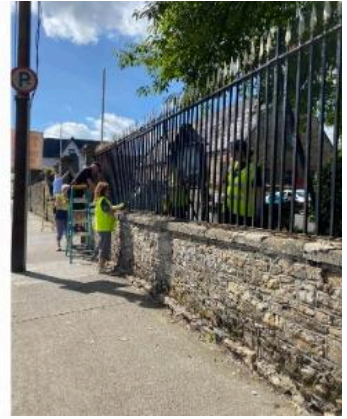
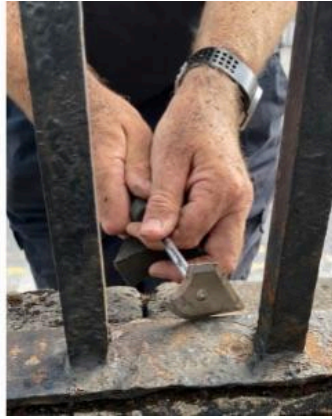


This public amenity is supported by the Sláintecare Healthy Communities project and Tipperary County Council. Much consideration has been given in relation to public safety, durability, visual and ecological sensitivity, budget and maintenance in the choice of materials for the paved areas, amenity areas, seating and pathways. The gardens are due to open to the public in Summer 2025 bringing a new outdoor public space to the people of Clonmel.



Above: Drone photo and accompanying Council plans of works in progress on Suir island, March 2025.

Project 2 - Old St. Mary's - M



Painting the railings, August 2024.

This year we changed tack and assisted the Church community with the painting of the railings. This is a huge job that is very labour intensive. We spent a number of sessions there. The work needs to be completed so we shall continue when we return to clear the walls later in the year.

Safe Route to School



2024 saw the redevelopment of Cantwell St. under **The Safe Routes to School** initiative. Consultation with the parents of the Gaelscoil, whose main entrance accesses that street, showed that improved safety was paramount. It was also an opportunity to improve walking and cycling infrastructure, thus encouraging more families to choose either of these active methods to get to school. The enhanced route serves three primary schools in the immediate area.



New one way system on Cantwell Street under the Safe Routes to School initiative, May 2025.



Actions taken on Adjudicators Report 2024

1. Following on from the Adjudicators report for 2024, we contacted An Post regarding the post box on Parnell Street. They have committed to adding it to the National list of Post Boxes to be painted. Hopefully this is completed by the time you arrive.
2. Dry Bridge continues to be a source of discussion but no funding stream has been identified to redesign or replace that part of the bridge.
3. Due to the flow of early morning deliveries and the narrowness of the streets, Mitchell St will not see any type of planters until such time as it is redeveloped. Past efforts to brighten up the street have been attempted with umbrellas, but it being a bit of a wind tunnel, these rarely last long.
4. At least 5 planters have been committed to Irishtown.

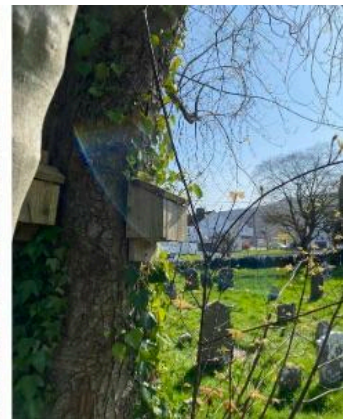
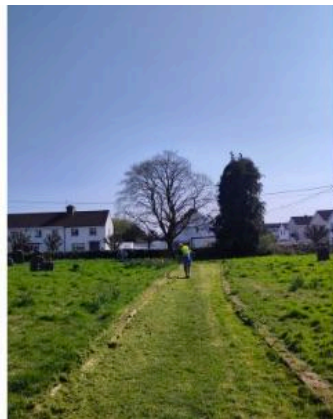
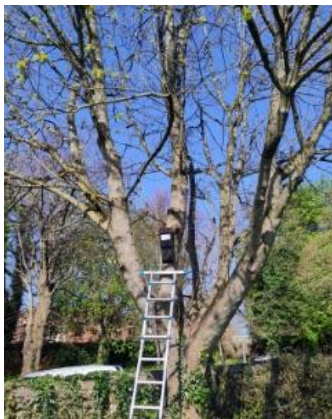
Project 3 - Toberaheena Well - M



Maintaining paths and encouraging biodiversity, September 2024.

In March 2025 we applied for the Heritage Council Adopt A Monument Scheme - A scheme to help communities become actively involved in the conservation and interpretation of their local archaeological and cultural heritage sites. We are particularly passionate about this site because of its unique history and its role as a focal point and gathering place for generations of Clonmel women. Ireland has many wells of significant cultural heritage and many are associated with the folklore of saints and pilgrimage. Toberaheena Well however was a washing well and a place of refuge, camaraderie and social interaction for women of the town. This story of the site has largely been forgotten and we want to highlight its history to once again make it an important and valued place for the entire community. This scheme will help us tell the story of the well and its incredible biodiversity to a wider audience, securing its future and protecting it for generations to come.

Project 4 - St Stephen's Cemetery - M



Installing bat boxes and mowing paths, April 2025.

We return to St Stephens Cemetery this Spring with a management plan for the future. Having consulted with the Heritage Council, the remains of the church will return to nature and provide a wonderful habitat for mammals, insects and birds. We reviewed the sleepers used to define the main path and have decided to leave them in situ. Small paths will reach into the cemetery to invite the public to explore this space. Referencing our past work with Abert Nolan we have installed Bat Roosts on site and continue our plant surveys which we record with the Biodiversity Data centre. Following on from recent storms a number of trees lost limbs and upon inspection were shown to be diseased. Having been removed we are in discussion about replacements. In the meantime the bark has been used to add additional material to our compost bins and the wood itself has been dispersed around our sites to add additional habits.

Green Spaces And Landscaping

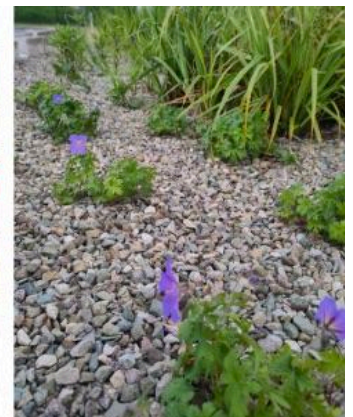
Project 5 - Hedge Laying in Greenane - M



Continuing our hedge laying activities (when not in flood!), March 2025.

Following on from our workshops in 2024, we returned to Greenane late last year and early this year to expand our work on laying the hedge. The annual flooding of this wonderful floodplain got in our way but the work we did is blooming and we will return in the autumn.

Nature Based Solutions



1) Cashel Road, April 2025. 2) Cantwell Street, May 2025. 3 & 4) Suir Island, May 2025.

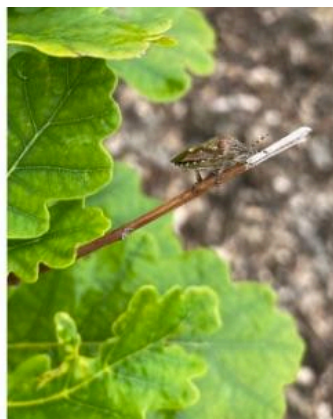
As part of the Tipperary Local Authority Climate Action Plan 2024 - 2029, nature based solutions are being installed in town. As part of this work **SuDS (Sustainable Drainage Systems)** have been installed at either end of Cantwell St as part of the Safe Routes to School Initiative. There are a number of different types of Sustainable drainage including Permeable Pavements and Swales. On Cantwell Street and on Suir Island, Rain Gardens have been installed. These are shallow depressions that collect and filter rain water. This is all part of the Council's work towards meeting its own United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Rain Gardens are also being installed along with the redevelopment of the Cashel Rd. The benefits of the Rain Gardens are the reduction/slowing of the column of water entering the drainage system. It also reduces pollutants from entering that system. They allow for enhanced biodiversity in places that would previously not have been considered for planting.

Project 6 - McDonagh Crescent - M



August 2024 brought a crop of apples and pears that were enjoyed by the residents of McDonagh Crescent. Pollinators continued to enjoy pollen from the numerous wild flowers on site.



September 2024: The Copse continues to flourish attracting lots of biodiversity including (3.) Shield Bugs.



Mc Donagh Crescent continues to provide us with great pleasure. There is always something to do and space to try new things. We take delivery of all types of mulch from the Council in Autumn. This cooperation is of great value to us as it has allowed us to begin the work of leveling the site as well as providing enrichment to the trees.

The copse is coming along nicely and we continue to add fruiting shrubs. We had planted lots of bulbs in the centre of the orchard along with wildflower seeds and herbs. We are experimenting with different mowing regimes in order to encourage biodiversity. We are delighted with the signs. Even the dull wet day we installed them didn't dampen our spirits.

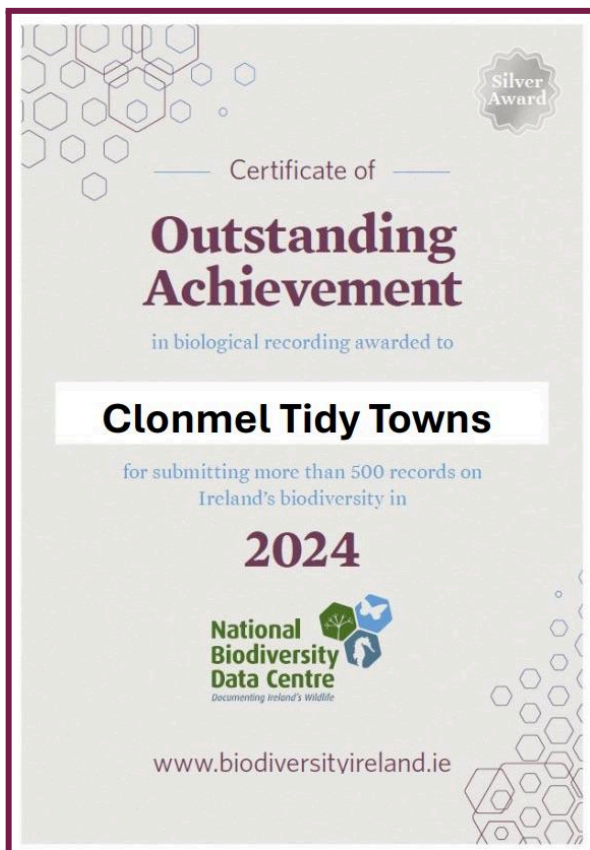
December 2024: Installing the new signage.



1 & 2) The Borough Council gives us waste plant matter, wood chippings & soil, Oct 2024. 3 & 4) We use it to level the site, Feb 2025.



March 2025: 1 & 2. We continue to develop habitats such as the Dead Hedge. 3. Frames for peas.



We regularly record biodiversity on all these sites and log our findings at the Biodiversity Data Centre. We were awarded a 'Certificate of Outstanding Achievement in Biological recording' for submitting more than 500 entries to the database in the last year. It's something we really enjoy doing and are aiming for gold this year.

Actions taken on Adjudicators Report 2024

1. We have identified 5 tree stumps in the centre of town and have requested that they be removed by the beginning of June.
2. The District Engineer looked at the position of planters, particularly in relation to zebra crossings and has concluded the line of sight is not impeded. We think it's more a congestion matter and continue to engage with the Council on this matter.
3. The blank area by the entrance of Mary St. car park has been given consideration. The Council are working on discovering ownership and once that is established, a plan of work will be agreed upon.

Nature And Biodiversity In Your Locality

Project 7 - Swifts - M



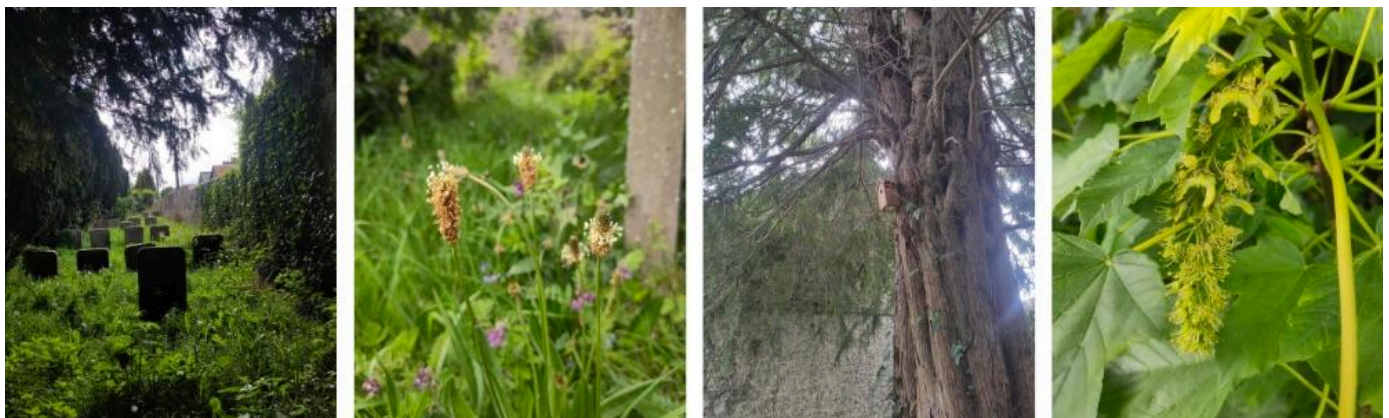
We were delighted to attend a Swift Walk in Cahir, organised by Cahir Tidy Towns. Albert Nolan provided lots of interesting information on Swifts and their habits. We have organised with Kevin Collins of BirdWatch Ireland Tipperary Branch to hold a walk and talk in May. We have invited any interested Tidy Towns Groups to join us.

Swift walk in Cahir, 24th May 2024.

Project 8 - Quaker Cemetery - M



Clearing the path of growth, October 2024



Plant survey and checkup on bird boxes, May 2025

The only part of the Quaker Cemetery that is visible without prior arrangement is the entrance and the path. We are minded to keep this path clear and regularly return to hoe it. We have installed more bird boxes and hope over the next few years they will all be used. As part of our commitment to the Quaker Community, we have begun the work of documenting the headstones. We continue to record the biodiversity of the site and record it all at the National Biodiversity Data Centre. While we keep the immediate area around the headstones clear, the site is only mowed once a year to allow for a range of plants to flourish.

Project 9 - Volunteer Skills Development - M



Swift Walk in Cahir

21st May 2024

Albert Nolan & Catherine Seale
(LAWPRO)



Heritage & Biodiversity of the River Suir

26th August 2024

Local historian Shay Hurley & Greg Roche (LAWPRO)



Kick Survey on Suir Island

24th September 2024

Greg Roche (LAWPRO)



Printmaking & Team Building

10th Nov 2024

Aritst Catherine Keher



Hedgerows Ireland Talk

20th Jan 2025

Alan Moore, Main Guard Clonmel



Tipperary Supports Tidy Towns

8th Feb 2025

Application preparation workshop by Tipperary County Council, Thurles

Project 10 - Kick Surveys of the River Suir - N

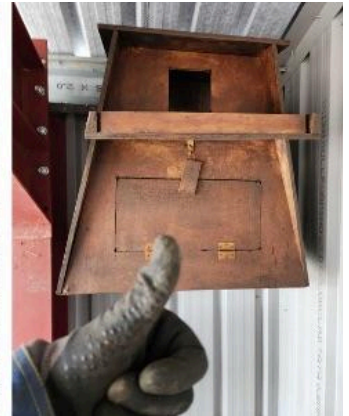


Kick Survey in progress, August 2024.

We were delighted to partner with LAWPRO to do what was our first Kick Survey of the River Suir as it pertains to Clonmel. This follows on from The eDNA Citizen Science River Suir Project we took part in in 2022. Our aim is to regularly survey the river around Suir Island where it is accessible. We are in the process of organising our next survey which we will schedule once we get kick nets from LAWPRO.

Project 11 - Habitat Creation - N

Owl Box



Construction and installation of Owl box, January 2025

Within our urban setting it is sometimes desirable to create habitats for birds and insects. Two of our members made it their mission this year to make owl boxes. Discussions with the council had already resulted in an agreement by them to install owl boxes along the Blueway. This is part of their commitment to biodiversity. We felt it was a good opportunity for us to engage with local landowners about the importance of owls to farming and so two of our members, using plans from Birdwatch Ireland, built their first Owl box. It has been installed in a barn on farmland on the edge of town following advice from Albert Nolan.

1) Bat roost installed, April 2025.



2) Fallen logs ready for drilling, April 2025.



3) New bird box installed, September 2024.



Bat Roosts

As part of the biodiversity report we received in 2022 from Albert Nolan, we have begun to install bat roosts in St Stephens Cemetery. These bat roosts have been made by a student in the CBS High School Clonmel.

Bee Habitats

Using logs from the felled trees in St Stephens Cemetery we have created additional Bumble bee habitats which have been placed in McDonagh Crescent, Loreto Park, Toberhenna Well and The Quaker Cemetery.

Bird Boxes

This year we also added additional bird boxes in St Stephen's Cemetery and The Quaker Cemetery. We will check on these regularly and hope that they will be used in the coming years.

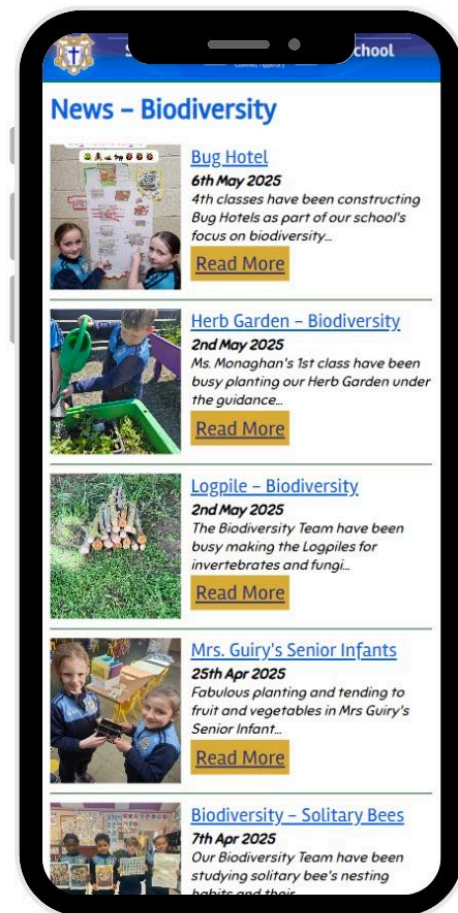
Nature & Biodiversity in Our Schools

All of Clonmel's primary schools are very engaged with the Green Schools Ireland organisation. St. Peter and Paul's Primary School and St. Oliver's Primary School are working on their fifth flag on the theme of Biodiversity. St Oliver's in particular have done some amazing class work which can be seen on the [school's website](#).

Right: A page from St Oliver's school website showing all the great work they are doing, May 2025.

St Peter and Paul's have a busy vegetable garden but have also learned all about hedgehogs and created habitats for them. We have reached out to both schools to offer any assistance they might need.

At the end of last season we were fortunate to be among the recipients of boxes of bulbs from Aldi. We used these in McDonagh Crescent and shared them with local community groups and schools.



1 & 2: Vegetable garden at St Peter & Pauls, April 2025. 3 & 4: Jigsaw Day Nursery planting bulbs from Lidl, December 2024.

Actions taken on Adjudicators Report 2024

1. 'Connecting to Nature', based in Co Waterford, supplies the seeds for the roundabouts.
2. Re herbicide use on Bulmers - we had a very proactive meeting with the Environmental & Sustainability Lead responsible for the site. While this area is outside of our map, the issue was brought to their attention and they have agreed to liaise with their landscaping provider about alternative options.
3. The mowing plan for Clonmel continues to be updated taking onboard contributions from communities, public representatives, groups such as ourselves and local businesses.

Sustainability - Doing More With Less

Project 12 - Vegetable Garden at Old St. Mary's - M



1) Delivering vegetables to the Soup Kitchen, August 2024. 2) September 2024.

The vegetable garden continues to develop. In the past year paths have been defined, beds added, and the water collection site has been upgraded. All the produce from the garden was delivered to the Soup Kitchen at the railway station. The vegetables grown are to suit the needs of the clients so lots of onions, carrots, tomatoes, beans and potatoes. This year seeds from GIY Ireland were used as part of the 'Literacy and Food Education Program'. This program is being run as a climate action, promoting food security and we are delighted to take part.



Memories of Bernard who recently passed away.

I met Bernard Prendergast 5 years ago as I passed through the grounds of Old St Mary's on my daily COVID walk. We spoke, socially distanced, about the church, its history, the grounds and the work involved in maintaining them. It wasn't long before Bernard donned the Clonmel Tidy Towns high viz and became a member of our group. Bernard's primary project for Tidy Towns was turning a patch of waste ground into a beautiful vegetable garden. The garden has developed over the years and is a wonderful example of Bernard's work.

Left: This picture of Bernard walking towards the poly tunnel was taken the last day I saw him in March 2025. We hope his journey forward is filled with blue skies and beautiful gardens.

A note on access: The grounds of Old St Marys are open between the hours of 8am and 6pm Mon - Fri. The Vegetable Garden on the grounds of Old St Mary's is accessible between the hours of 8am and 12 noon Mon - Fri. The caretaker will give you access.

Project 13 - Harvesting Rainwater - M



Adding a screen for the tanks based in McDonagh Crescent to protect them from sunlight, May 2025.

We are pleased to report that the new water collection is up and running. We have three containers in place with the small roof allowing for a good flow of water. With the shifts in weather patterns and extended dry periods that have been experienced over the last number of years, this system should ensure our ability to hydrate the orchard during dry periods.

Project 14 - Clonmel Allotments and Community Gardens, Cashel Rd. - M



1 & 2) Crushing and distributing egg shells. 3 & 4) Constructing and planting a frame for peas. June 2024.

The allotments have provided additional growing to the Vegetable Garden. We have concentrated on fruits and herbs for the most part though our pea frame, made by Ynyr, had to be used. While we did not get to spend as much time there as we hoped, we have taken the plot again this year and will continue to develop the fruit beds.



Video: <https://www.facebook.com/share/r/1BNQrqW7mh/>

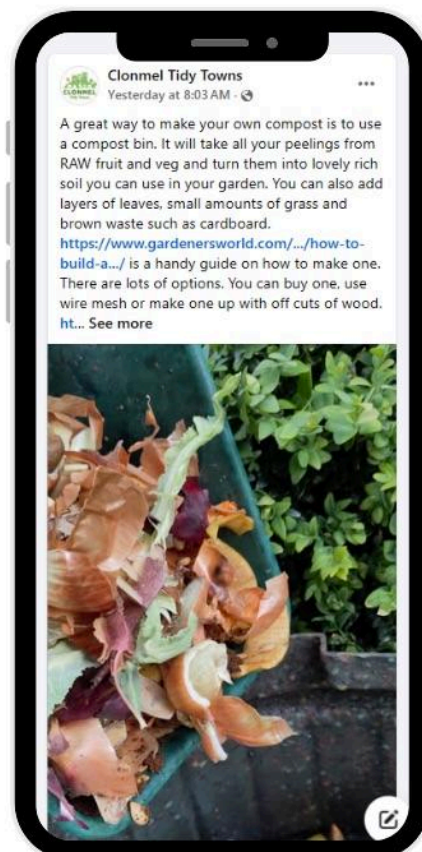
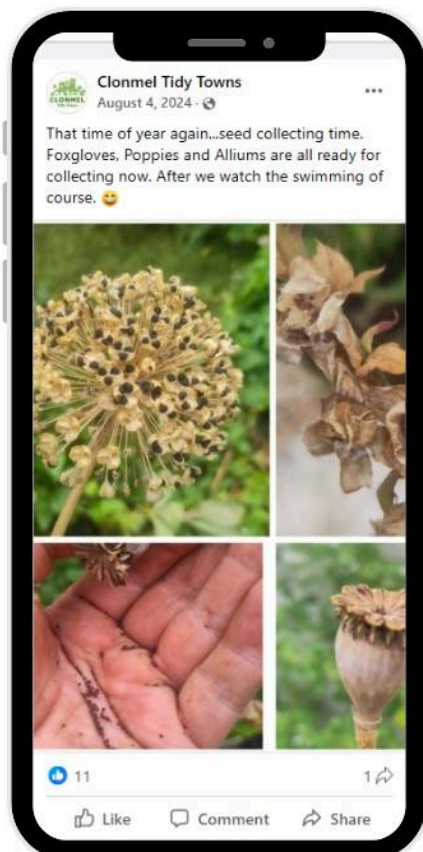
Project 15 - Composting - M



1 & 2) Leaf mulch delivered by the Borough Council, Oct 2024. 3) Wild Garlic on our compost in St Stephen's Cemetery, April 2025.

The Compost bins at both McDonagh Crescent and St Stephens Cemetery have been a great asset in helping us manage both sites. In Autumn the Borough Council regularly delivers leaf materials and plant matter that we use to help layer the bins. The three trees that were cut down in St Stephens also provide excellent mulch material to be added to the bins.

Promoting Sustainability on Social Media



Actions taken on Adjudicators Report 2024

- We use our social media platforms to promote sustainability such as composting at home and water collection.

Tidiness And Litter Control

Project 16 - Clean Clonmel Collaboration - M



Litter pick with Boston Scientific staff, August 2024.

Our Clean Clonmel Collaboration had a number of enquiries throughout the season. One of the groups that joined us for a litter pick was Boston Scientific. Boston Scientific is based on the Cashel Road so we choose a location convenient for their staff. We met at the TUS Campus on the Bypass on a lovely evening in August. It's thanks to Boston Scientific that we have a poly tunnel in Old St. Mary's and a path in McDonagh Crescent. So we were delighted to meet up with staff members all organised by Siobhan, who has recently been in touch to organise this year's litter pick.

Project 17 - Litter Data Visualisation - M

Since November of 2023 we have been recording data on the total number of bags, total weight (kg), total litres and location of litter collected from our Litter Picking initiative. Collecting the data enables us to compare month-over-month and year-over-year stats, identify regions in the town that may have been overlooked, focus on problematic regions, quantify the impact that we are having, and boost engagement by turning the litter picking experience into a competition between individuals or teams.

Total Collected: June 2024 - May 2025

132

Total Bags



559

Total kg

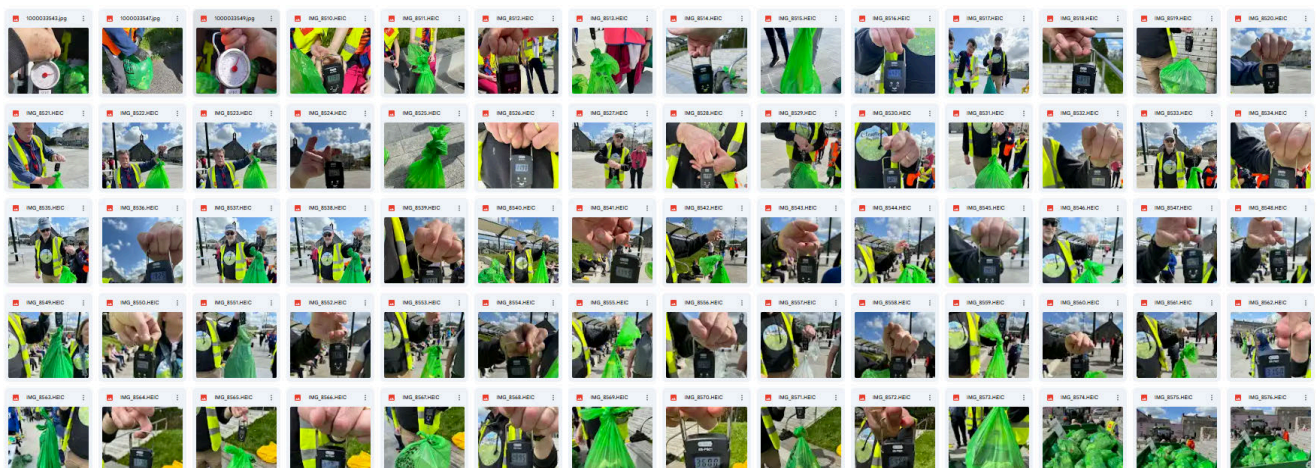
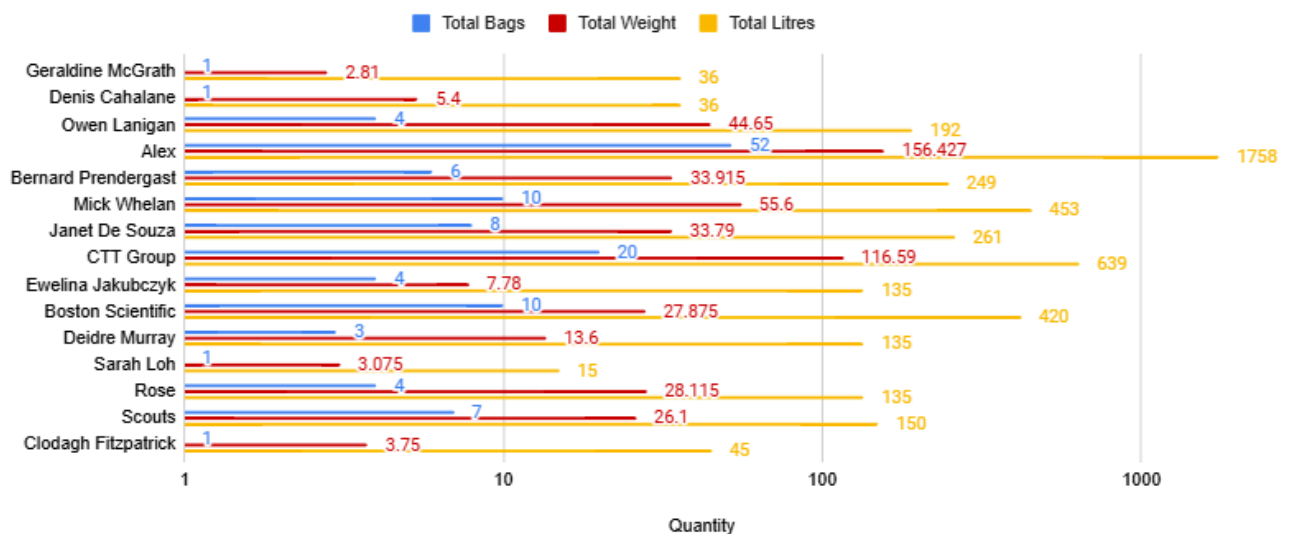


4,659

Total Litres

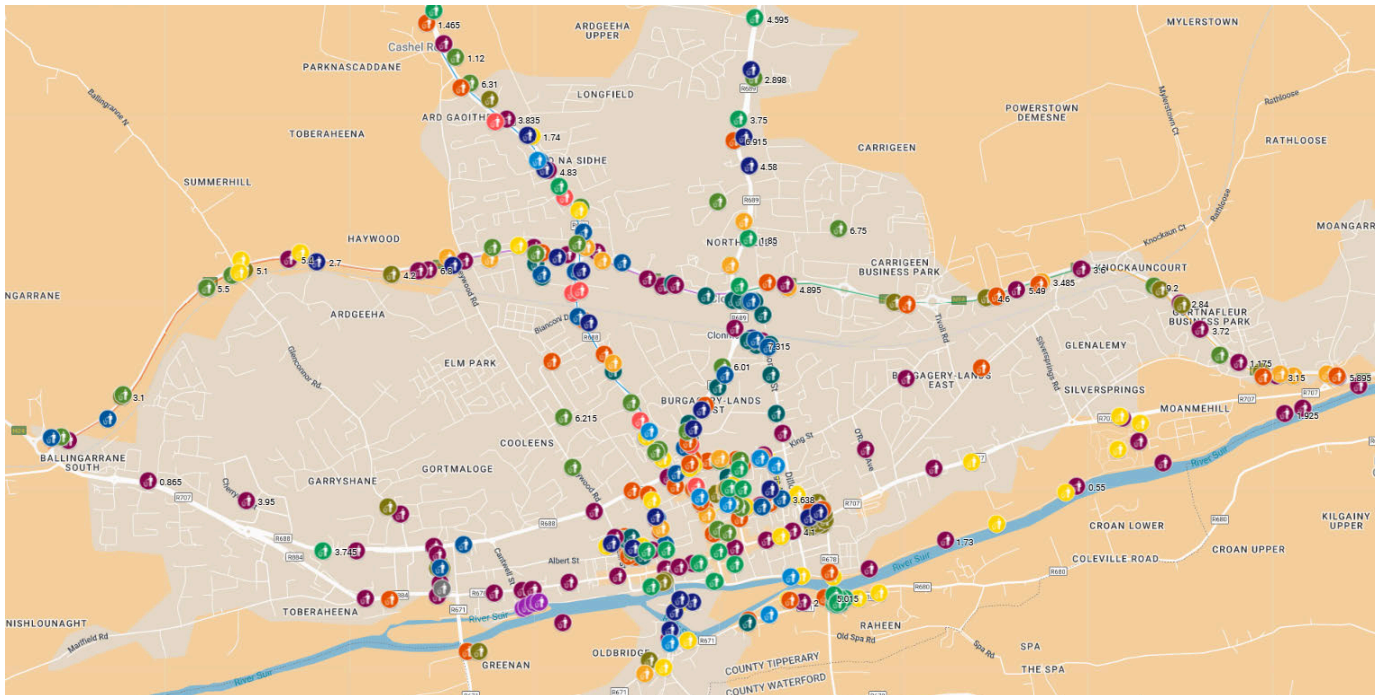


Total for Bags, Weight and Litres, by Person or Group.



Collage of photos taken from one of the Clean Clonmel Collaboration litter picking events in 2024.

Each bag is weighed, photographed and the approximate location of the collection is recorded before it is added to the database. The database is then converted into a map, showing the approximate collection location of each bag and highlighting our most active litter picking areas as well as areas that might need additional attention.



Map of All Collection Locations. Data is grouped and colour coded by month.

We mapped all our data and colour coded by date and location. The map is available to explore at clonmeltidytowns.com/maps



Project 18 - Littering Picking - M

We pick litter every week as part of our Saturday sessions.. A number of our volunteers enjoy picking litter more than anything else and do it weekly while we attend to other tasks. Some days though, we aim to clear a specific area in town. We record all our data and it has been very interesting now to have two years to compare. There are some areas we need to hit over the coming season. Below are some of the areas we concentrated on as a group.

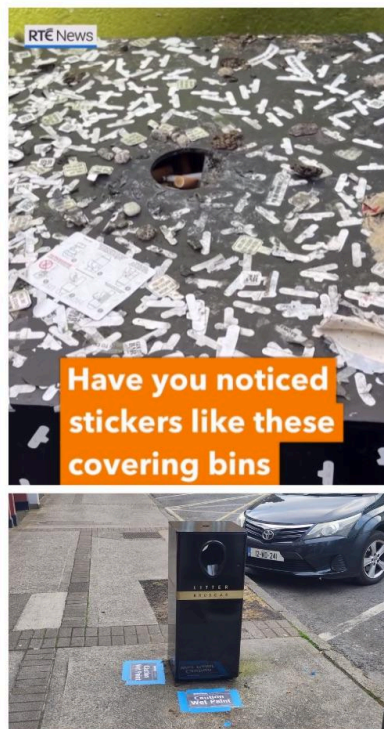
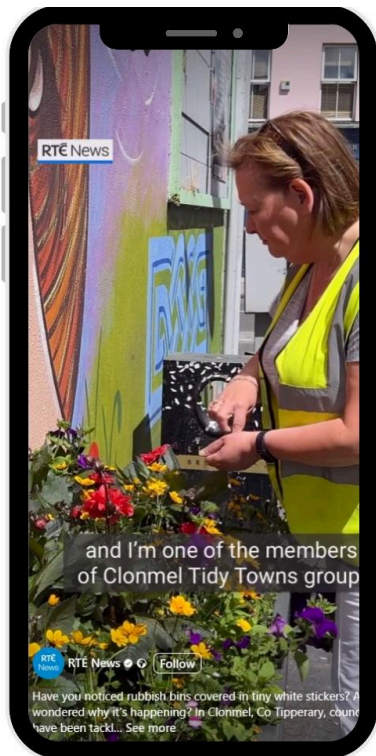


Above: Sergeant's Lane, October 2024. Below: Fethard Road, April 2025.



Above: Loreto Park, April 2024. Below: Weekly litter picks always end with a well deserved coffee! 2025 Season so far...





Our 2 Minutes 16 Seconds of Fame on RTÉ

We posted on social media about an issue with stickers covering the bins in town. This post received a lot of attention and it turned out they were stickers from disposable vapes. RTÉ News Online got in touch with us and came to Clonmel to film a feature on the topic. Members of Clonmel Tidy Towns appeared along with Council staff in the RTÉ News story.

Watch the full reel at the link below.



<https://www.facebook.com/share/r/18zca28iHp>



Actions taken on Adjudicators Report 2024

1. The issue with the Bring Centres has been raised with the Council. Additionally we have asked them to relocate the Bring Centre on the Old Bridge as the residents feel it's an eyesore in its present location.
2. Suir Island car park is under development at present.

Residential Streets & Housing Areas

Project 19 - Paths & Accessibility - M

Alongside the Council we help maintain many of the footpaths to ensure accessibility for the public.

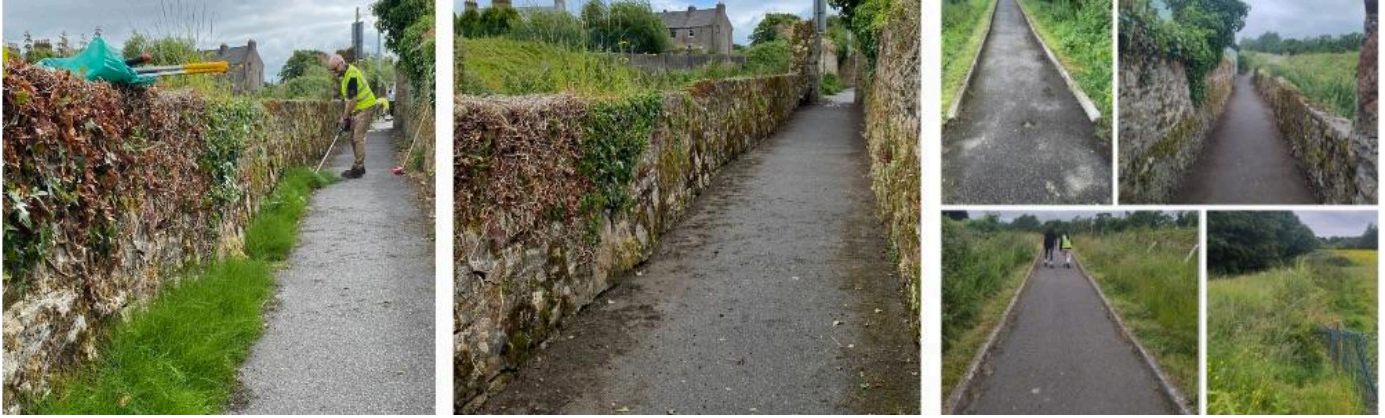


Above: Denis Burke Park (June 2024). Below: Cashel Road (September 2024)



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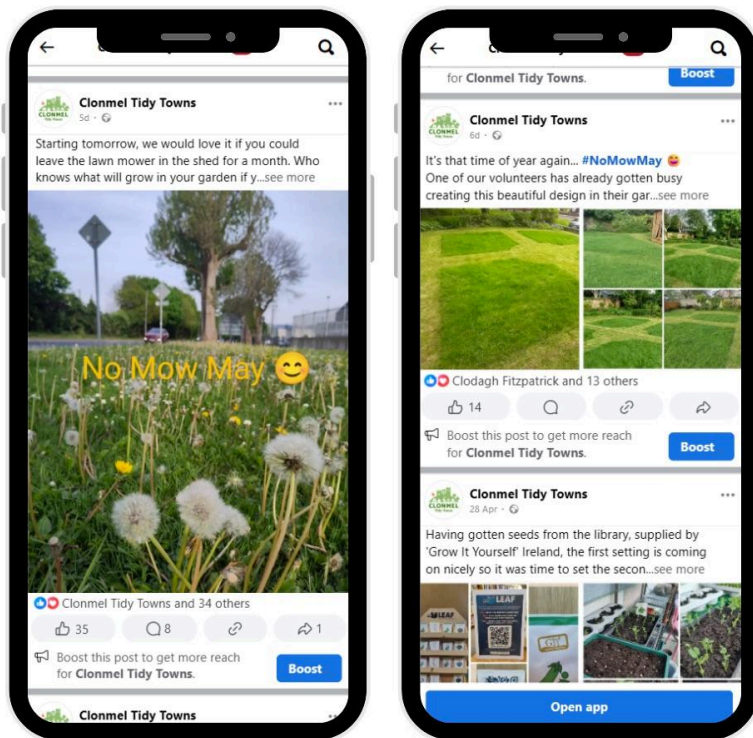




Above: Green Lane (June 2024). Below: Old Bridge & Gashouse Bridge cleared by the Venturer Scouts (August 2024).



Project 20 - Grass Mowing / Pollinator Plan - M



Now in the third year of our **Grass Cutting and Pollination Plan**, further developments continue to be made in response to feedback from local representatives, grounds staff and citizens of Clonmel.

Using our social media we continue to promote such initiatives as **#NoMowMay** as well as informing residents of the importance of our native pollinators.

We continue to encourage people to adopt their own **#alittlepatchofgreen** in their gardens to allow native pollinators to emerge.

Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes

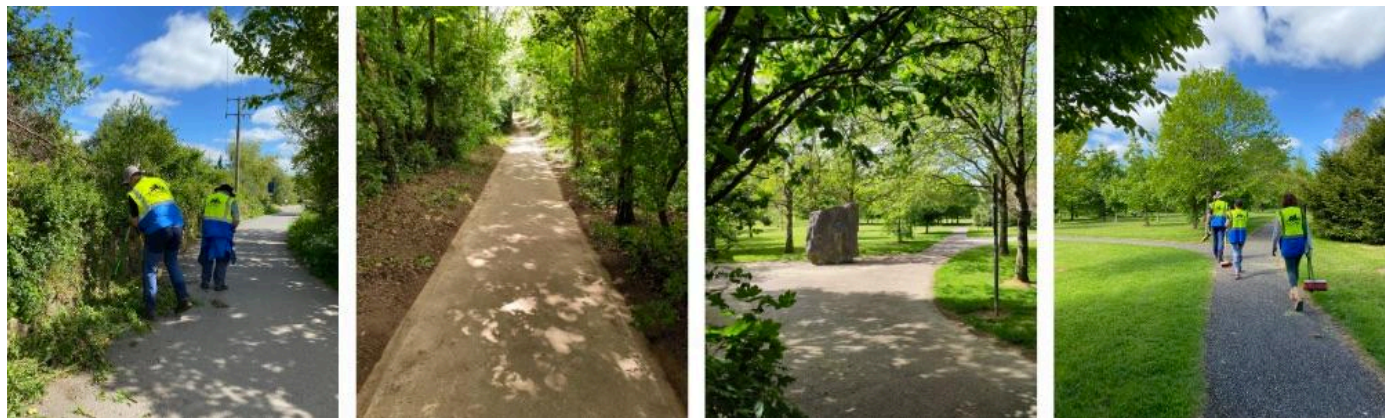
Project 21 - Clonmel Tidy Business - N



Launching our new initiative on social media & our first business signed up already! May 2025.

Lots of businesses in town do their bit to keep our streets clean and regularly sweep and litter pick outside their premises. Dunnes Stores on Kickham St in particular have amazing staff who keep the site clean and tidy. This year we wanted to recognise them and their work while also encouraging others to do their part.

Project 22 - Blueway Access & Connections - N



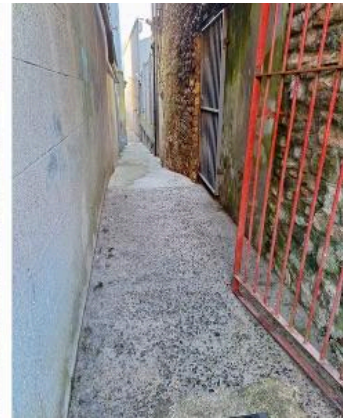
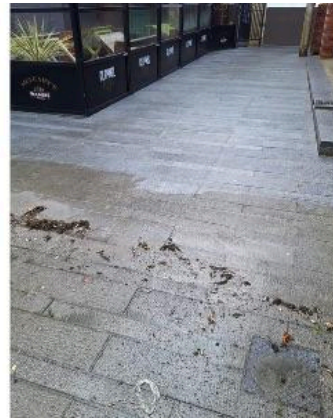
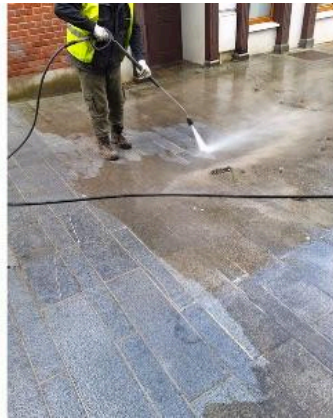
May 2025: Clearing overhanging brambles and sweeping paths.

Working in conjunction with a busy Borough Council often means we find jobs for categories that do not impinge on their work. As part of our Pollination Corridor we like to keep an eye on its accessibility to ensure all that use it are unimpeded. This has provided us with plenty of work. We have on occasion been joined by the Scout Venturers. The Blueway along the river is a popular running venue with the local Parkrun so keeping it clear of brambles is extremely helpful to them.



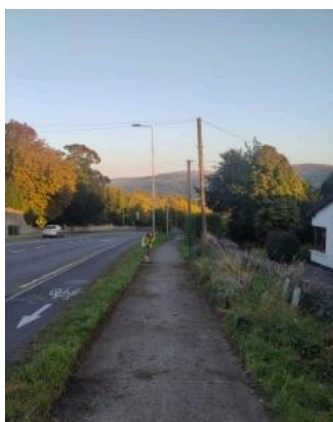
[View Full Resolution Blueway Map & Brochure](#)

Council Lanes



February 2025: Grounds Staff of the Borough Council busy powerwashing the lanes in the town center.

Town Bus & Cycle Lanes



1) Cycle track before redevelopment, Sep 2024. 2) Work in progress, March 2025. 3) Town bus in service, May 2025. 4) Completed cycle lane redevelopment, May 2025.

Clonmel Town Bus Service launched in December 2023. In its first year 239,489 passenger journeys took place on the Clonmel Service. The bus has gotten more and more popular over the last year. Numbers were reported in the January County Council meeting. 3 bus routes service the town. Improved Cycle Lanes on the Cashel Road include 1.3 km of active travel upgrade and the extension of existing facilities and the provision of new cyclist and pedestrian infrastructure. The addition of four new northbound and two new southbound bus stops are also part of the redevelopment works.



[View bus route & timetable](#)



Actions taken on Adjudicators Report 2024

1. We have discussed the cleaning, clearing and maintenance of various signs with the Council. A request has been put to the Heritage Section to replace, remove or upgrade signs of historic reference such as the sign at Anne St.
2. Clonmel Town Centre Enhancement and Painting Grant Scheme provided grant aid assistance to 14 properties in the town in 2024 to improve the streetscapes.
3. We requested consideration to planting a tree on the Roundabout at the junction of The Davis Road, St. Patricks Rd. and Waterford Rd. This Roundabout is part of an Active Travel Project that is currently undergoing Part 8 of planning so the Council are holding off for now on any work there.

*Thank you very much for reading our application.
We hope you enjoy your visit to Clonmel!*





2025 PROJECTS

Community - Your Planning & Involvement

- 0 Suir Island Heritage & Biodiversity - N

Streetscape & Public Places

- 1 Suir Island Gardens - N
- 2 Old St. Mary's - M
- 3 Toberaheena Well - M
- 4 St Stephen's Cemetery - M

Green Spaces And Landscaping

- 5 Hedge Laying in Greenane - M
- 6 Orchard at McDonagh Crescent - M

Nature And Biodiversity In Your Locality

- 7 Swifts - M
- 8 Quaker Cemetery - M
- 9 Volunteer Skills Development - M
- 10 Kick Surveys of the River Suir - N
- 11 Habitat Creation - N ● See locations

Sustainability - Doing More With Less

- 12 Vegetable Garden at Old St. Mary's - M
- 13 Harvesting Rainwater - M
- 14 Allotments - N
- 15 Composting - N ● See locations

Tidiness And Litter Control

- 16 Clean Clonmel Collaboration - M
- 17 Litter Data Visualization - M
- 18 Littering Picking - M

Residential Streets & Housing Areas

- 19 Paths & Accessibility - M ● See locations
- 20 Grass Mowing / Pollinator Plan - M

Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes

- 21 Clonmel Tidy Business - N
- 22 Blueway Access & Connections - N



Public Toilet



Water Fountain



Click the icons below to get location.



Old St Mary's



McDonagh Crescent



St Stephens Cemetery



Loreto Park



Toberaheena Well

Appendix 2 - UN Sustainability Goals

Project No.	Project Name	Relevant UN SDGs
-	Suir Island Heritage & Biodiversity (main feature project)	11, 13, 15, 17
1	Suir Island Gardens	11, 13, 15
2	Old St. Mary's (Railings)	11, 17
-	Safe Route to School	11, 13
3	Toberaheena Well	11, 15
4	St. Stephen's Cemetery	11, 15
5	Hedge Laying in Greenane	13, 15
-	Nature Based Solutions (SuDS, Rain Gardens)	6, 11, 13, 15
6	McDonagh Crescent	13, 15
7	Swifts	15, 17
8	Quaker Cemetery	11, 15
9	Volunteer Skills Development	4, 17
10	Kick Surveys of the River Suir	6, 13, 15, 17
11	Habitat Creation (Owl, Bat, Bird Boxes)	15, 17
-	Nature & Biodiversity in Schools	4, 15
12	Vegetable Garden at Old St. Mary's	2, 11, 12, 13
13	Harvesting Rainwater	6, 11, 13
14	Clonmel Allotments and Community Gardens	2, 11, 12
15	Composting	12, 13
-	Promoting Sustainability on Social Media	12, 13, 17
16	Clean Clonmel Collaboration	11, 12, 17
17	Litter Data Visualisation	11, 12, 13
18	Litter Picking	11, 12

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19	Paths & Accessibility	10, 11
20	Grass Mowing / Pollinator Plan	13, 15
21	Clonmel Tidy Business	11, 12, 17
22	Blueway Access & Connections	11, 13, 15
-	Town Bus & Cycle Lanes	9, 11, 13