



“Let’s Get Buzzing” Local Authority Pollinator Award

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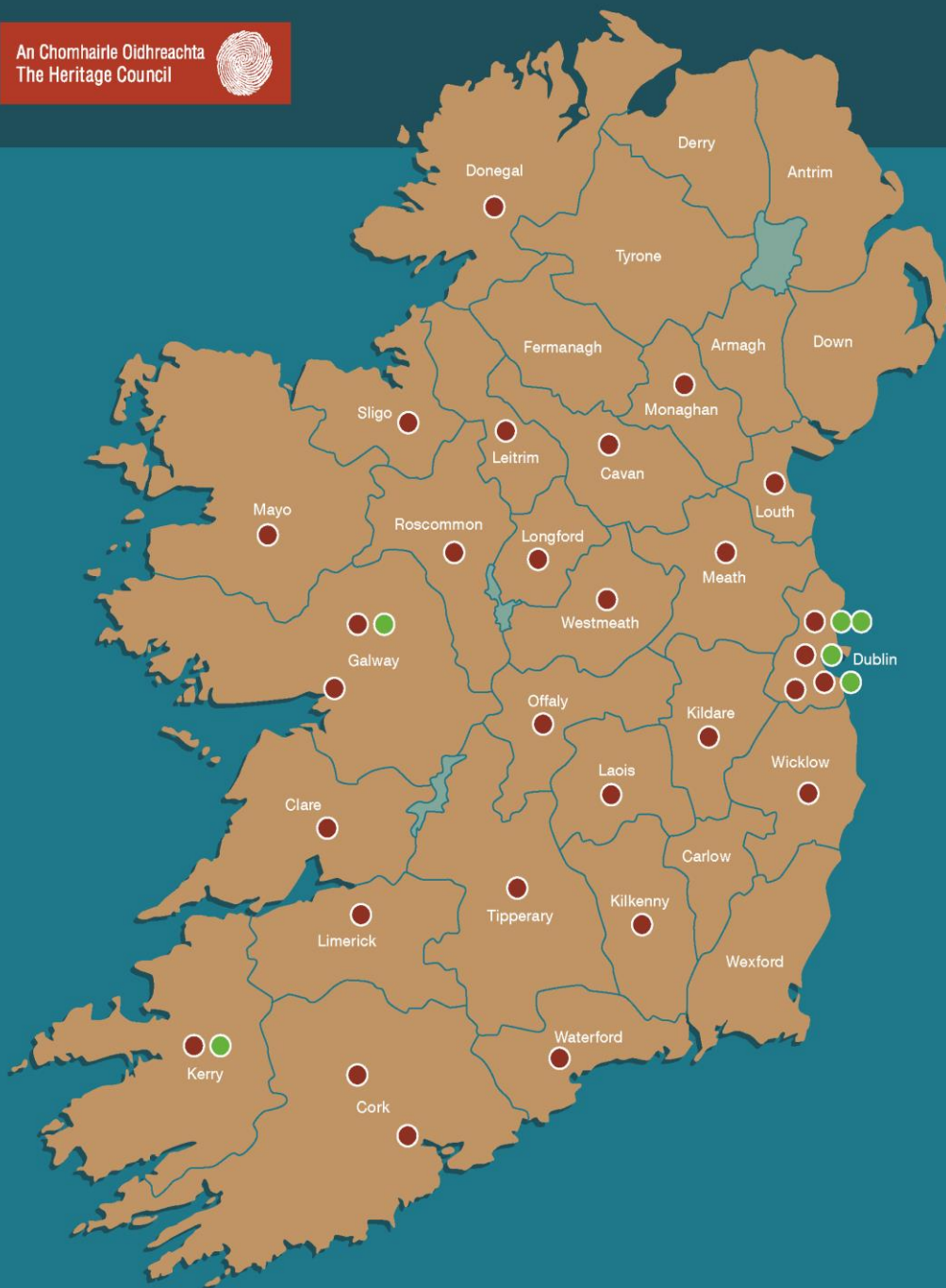


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Local Authority Heritage Officer & Biodiversity Officer Networks

Location of Heritage Officers

Cavan	Limerick
Cork City	Longford
Cork County	Louth
Clare	Mayo
Donegal	Meath
Dublin City	Monaghan
Dun Laoghaire/Rathdown	Offaly
Fingal	Roscommon
Galway City	Sligo
Galway County	South County Dublin
Kerry	Tipperary
Kildare	Waterford
Kilkenny	Westmeath
Laois	Wicklow
Leitrim	

Location of Biodiversity Officers

Dublin City
Dun Laoghaire/Rathdown
Fingal (2)
Galway County
Kerry

Local Authority Heritage Officers



The Heritage Officer Programme

A partnership between
Local Authorities and
The Heritage Council

**Heritage Officers
work to promote the
value of our wildlife,
buildings, archaeology
and landscapes in
local communities
and within Local
Authorities.**



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Tidy Towns



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Local Authority Heritage Officers



Conserving and Enhancing Wildlife in Towns and Villages

A Guide for Local Community Groups



8 categories: National TT competition

- Community Involvement & Planning
- Built Environment & Streetscape
- Landscaping & Open Spaces
- Wildlife, Habitats & Natural Amenities
- Tidiness & Litter Control
- Sustainable Waste & Resource Management
- Residential Streets & Housing Areas
- Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes

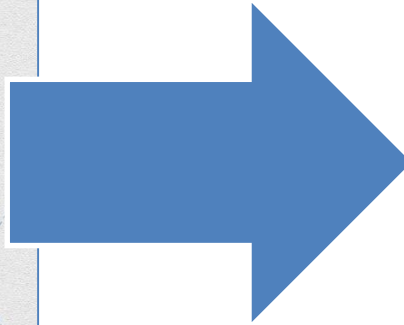


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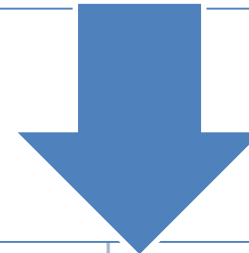


Why an Award?



Action 23: Pollinator Friendly Management with Tidy Towns

Action 45 Raise Awareness with Heritage Officers & Biodiversity Officers



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Local Authority Pollinator Award Committee, July 2016

What is the Award?

“Encourage TidyTowns groups to take simple pollinator friendly measures in their local area”

- Link to 24 actions
- Categories
 - Small town x 4 regions
 - Large town x 4 regions
 - & 1 overall winner
- €9,000 prize



What are we looking for?

- Whole town approach
- Long term plan
- Raise awareness
- Pollinator friendly trees and shrubs
- Reduce pesticides
- Provide wild pollinators with nesting habitats
- Pollinator friendly mowing regime
- Measure impact

Competition Stats

- 1st year of competition
- 59 entries
- 26 counties

Plant Pollinator Friendly Trees & Shrubs



Monaghan Town, Tidy Towns, 2016

Raise Awareness



Burr Tidy Towns, Co. Offaly

How can we help?

- Have at least one flowering food source from spring right through to winter. Clumps of bee friendly plants in sunny places.
- Leave small areas of your lawn uncut to allow clovers to flower.
- Don't treat dandelions as weeds but as a vital food source for hungry bees in spring
- Avoid using pesticides, herbicides.
- Avoid disturbing nesting or hibernating bees in long grass, dead wood or walls.
- Get involved with the All-Ireland pollination plan 2015-2020

www.biodiversityireland.ie/projects/irish-pollinator-initiative



**Join Athboy Tidy Towns
Bee-friendly Initiative**



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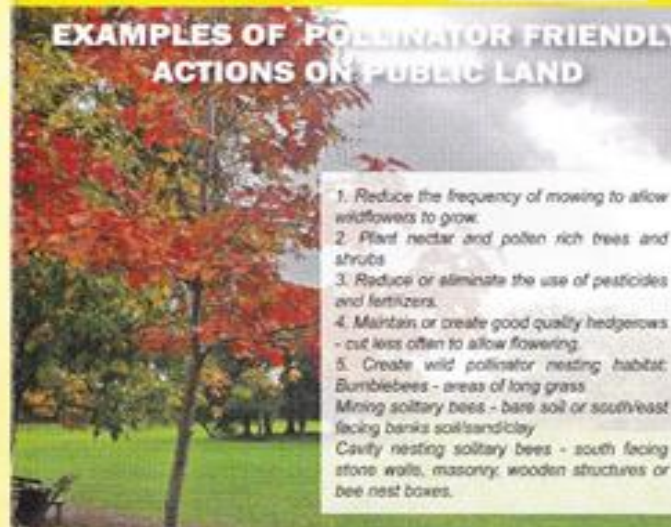
ATHBOY TIDY TOWNS

Be-Friend the Bees

**MAKE YOUR GARDEN
POLLINATOR FRIENDLY**



EXAMPLES OF POLLINATOR FRIENDLY ACTIONS ON PUBLIC LAND



1. Reduce the frequency of mowing to allow wildflowers to grow.
2. Plant nectar and pollen rich trees and shrubs
3. Reduce or eliminate the use of pesticides and fertilizers.
4. Maintain or create good quality hedgerows - cut less often to allow flowering.
5. Create wild pollinator nesting habitat:
Bumblebees - areas of long grass
Mining solitary bees - bare soil or south/east facing banks soil/sand/clay
Cavity nesting solitary bees - south facing stone walls, masonry, wooden structures or bee nest boxes.

Athboy Tidy Towns, Co. Meath

Create Habitats



Cloughjordan Tidy Towns, Co. Tipperary

Mow for Pollinators



Ballintubber, Tidy Towns, Co. Roscommon

Winners 2016

SMALL TOWN CATEGORY €1,000 EACH

Birr Tidy Towns, Co Offaly

Kildorrery Tidy Towns, Co Cork

Cloughjordan Tidy Towns, Co Tipperary

Ballintubber Tidy Towns, Co Roscommon

OVERALL WINNER SMALL TOWN €1,000

Birr Tidy Towns Co Offaly

LARGE TOWN CATEGORY €1,000 EACH

Maynooth Tidy Towns, Co Kildare

Killarney Tidy Towns, Co Kerry

Clonmel Tidy Towns, Co Tipperary

Monaghan Tidy Towns, Co Monaghan

OVERALL WINNER LARGE TOWN €1,000

Monaghan Tidy Towns, Co Monaghan



Birr Tidy Towns, 2016

Benefits all around

Maynooth Tidy Towns, Regional Winner Large Town Category

	Max Mark	2015	2016
Landscaping & Open Spaces	50	45	46
Wildlife, Habitats & Natural Amenities	50	33	35

*"We are delighted to read that you are familiar with the **National Pollinator Plan** and are taking simple yet important steps to encourage **bees**. These include the planting of **pollinator-friendly perennials**. You have available local expertise on **bee welfare** and are wisely availing of it".*

Adjudicators Report, Maynooth Tidy Towns, 2016

Councils:

actions to help pollinators

All-Ireland Pollinator Plan 2015-2020

Implementation coordinated by the

National Biodiversity Data Centre



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<http://www.biodiversityireland.ie/projects/irish-pollinator-initiative/all-ireland-pollinator-plan/>

Thanks