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**MEATH COUNTY COUNCIL ANTI- LITTER INITIATIVE 2017**

You are invited to take part in Meath County Council’s Anti-Litter Initiative 2017. You may have taken part in the past or may be an entirely new entrant. Either way this is a great opportunity for your group to get involved in an initiative to help improve the appearance of your area. You should note that this is not a competition but an initiative. We are hoping under this changed format to encourage more groups to get involved and get a sense of the importance of local volunteerism. Enhancement of local areas will improve our living environment and will also lead to our County being noted for its sense of pride and community spirit.

**Criteria for Initiative**

This initiative will run for the months of March and April which will overlap with the National Spring Clean (An Taisce) which runs for the month of April. Judging will begin on 20th March, and a round of judging will take place in March, with another round in April. Points will be deducted for the presence of litter.

Housing Estates should note that the front of their estates adjoining public road will be specifically monitored for the presence of litter.

**Marking System;**

Absence of Litter—80%

General Appearance ---20%

(for housing estates, front adjoining public road will be specifically monitored for lack of litter)

We will compile a “scoring” chart which will be published at the end of March and again at the end of the initiative.

**Grants and Incentives**

All groups who take part will be entitled to a “start-up” pack which includes gloves, bags and litter pickers (limited).

We will arrange to assist with the collection and disposal of litter and waste collected from public areas.

Groups who attain the following marks (average over March/April, minimum 2 visits) will receive a Certificate and grant as follows:

96-100 Marks: €150 (plus a Gold Medal for Towns & Villages)

91-95 Marks: €100 (plus a Silver Medal for Towns & Villages)

**All groups who have registered to take part may collect bags, litter pickers & gloves from Recycling Centres at Navan, Trim or Kells during the week commencing Saturday 4th March 2017.**



**Meath County Council Anti-Litter Initiative 2017**

**Municipal District (please circle);** Ashbourne, Kells, Navan, Ratoath, Trim, Laytown/Bettystown

**Name of Town/ Village/Housing**

**Estate, Group: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Groups who take part in this initiative should be aware that they must have a committee in place with a corresponding bank account.**

**Please return this form to the Environment Section, no later than Friday 24th February 2017 to:**

Bernadine Carry

Environment Section

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Navan,

Co Meath

**If you have any queries, please contact Bernadine Carry at 046 9097222.**

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