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**MEATH COUNTY COUNCIL ANTI- LITTER INITIATIVE 2018**

You are invited to take part in Meath County Council’s Anti-Litter Initiative 2018. 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 this will 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 19th March, and there will be two rounds of judging over a six week period, ending on April 27th. Points will be deducted for the presence of litter and there will be a score for general appearance.

**Marking System;**

Absence of Litter—80%

General Appearance ---20%

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

We will compile a “scoring” chart which will be published in early April, and again at the end of the initiative on our website [www.meath.ie](http://www.meath.ie)

**Grants and Incentives**

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

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 3rd March 2018.**