



WATER BOTTLE FILLING STATION

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💡 BACKGROUND TO IDEA

1. We sought to develop an initiative that combatted single use plastics.
2. Committee members highlighted the impact of plastic bottles and how we had just developed a project on reusable water bottles for our local Athletics Club.
3. Others commented on how Ennis used to have a number of water pumps when they were growing up and how it would be wonderful to have these again.
4. This led us to the idea of researching modern, safe outdoor water dispensers.
5. In consultation with Clare County Council it was considered that a water fountain could have health and safety implications so a water bottle filling unit was chosen

📋 HOW IT WAS DELIVERED

- Unit, Elkay LK4400BF, was sourced from an Irish company for €3,936
- We used the Tidy Towns Pobal grant aid to fund the project
- It was located in a central location beside an existing public water supply
- The unit was installed by Clare County Council
- The Council also ensure the unit is subject to a regular cleaning regime

📊 RESULTS & LESSONS LEARNED

- Early engagement with your local authority is key to ensure everyone knows what is being planned and what is 'possible'.
- Where a NEW water connection is required you need permission from Irish Water.
- Whilst a very worthwhile venture, it requires a lot of negotiation - be steadfast in the persistent, but respectful, pressure you apply!

**SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT GOALS
(SDG) ACHIEVED**

