

**Interested in Kayaking:** with the short evening, kayaking is now only at week-ends, if you are interested in kayaking, please take a look at our Facebook under Laois Kayak and Canoe Club and also check on line on [www.laoiskayak.com](http://www.laoiskayak.com) for updates on events and meets.

**Congratulations** to Niamh Dunne & Ciara Dowling Ladies Junior Doubles All-Ireland Handball Champions!

**DURROW TIDY TOWNS 2015 REPORT CONCLUSION: Residential Streets and Housing Areas** - Housing estates and street houses generally looked well cared for on the day. An attractive house with window boxes and hanging baskets was noted in the vicinity of the Civil Defence building and a marvellous house on Chapel Street displayed some colourful hanging baskets and window boxes. Old Oak Grove looked very well on the Cork side of the village as did Derry Wood with its marvellous landscaped space on the Kilkenny road. We were pleased to hear that all the estates have regular grass cutting.

**Approach Roads, Streets and Lanes** - We were pleased to hear that the County Council maintain the cycle lane, which must help reduce your workload. Weed control, grass cutting and hedge clipping all appeared to work well on approach roads. Do be aware of bird nesting times when cutting back hedgerows. The power washing to the stone signage welcoming people to the village was successful as these are looked quite sharp and neat on the day. Good luck in your negotiations with the County Council regarding potholes. The Cork road is simpler in its presentation than the Dublin Road. The well cut verges and mature trees and old stone walling looked well.

**CULLOHILL TIDY TOWNS 2015 REPORT: Community Involvement and Planning** - There seems to be a strong level of commitment among the local community of Cullohill. Many thanks for your detailed and professional submission which was most useful on the day. The committee is a large one given the size of the village and this must be useful in terms of achieving your goals. You would appear to have a good working relationship with Laois county council, the ICA, Foroige, farmers and other local groups and statutory bodies. You would appear to communicate your plans well with the local community - in both a traditional and contemporary manner, by use of social media etc...

**Built Environment and Streetscape** - The charming Church with its stone tower and rendered main structure/building on the Rathdowney looked quite magnificent. However, its boundary wall will need attention before next year's competition. Bergin's garage was well maintained, although some planting to its boundary might be considered? The post office looked well but could be painted before next year. The large community centre was well maintained, with attractive window boxes. The modern school was well maintained with attractive grounds and stone boundary wall. Try to encourage plastic signage being replaced by that of a more appropriate timber variety on commercial premises.

**In the Next Issue** - We look over the final section of the Cullohill 2015 Tidy Towns' Report.

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