

<<< **continued...** A stand of three trees with associated michaelmas daisies created a wonderful composition on the Kilkenny Road. The pump was simply presented with a wonderful display of lavender. We were pleased to hear of your rose pruning and flowerbed planting to green areas. The Community Employment Scheme is obviously very helpful in this regard. The new playground by the school looked very well.

**Wildlife, Habitats and Natural Amenities-** We were pleased to hear of your proposed work to the old house on Dunmore Wood. The wildlife display board is a good idea and we were delighted to hear that the red squirrel is common in your woodland walks – this is most unusual and all the more important given the fact that they appear to be in decline all around the country. We were also pleased to hear about the Pine Martin and look forward to the repair of the mooring on the river. Your various walks including the bluebell, wild garlic, dawn chorus and bat walks all sound most interesting! The wild valerian on the old bridge looked quite magnificent.

**Sustainable Waste and Resource Management-** We were pleased to hear that the local school is extremely active in creating awareness of reducing waste and carbon footprints. The Scarecrow Festival sounds like a most interesting and unusual one. The waste reduction workshops by the county council are an excellent idea. The re-creation waste workshop sounds very interesting also. Congratulations on your maintenance of the recycling areas.

**Tidiness and Litter Control-** We were pleased to read that phase 1 of your overhead cable removal is taking place. Businesses and shops appear to be complying with your request to maintain the areas to the front of their premises, as they all looked well cared for on the day. The weed control and litter management plan is obviously paying off. Little was evident on the day. Litter control on approach roads was not as good on the day- some was evident along the Kilkenny road and to the Cork side of the village. We were pleased to hear of your participation in Clean Up Laois 2015. The segregation of litter on your cleanups is an excellent initiative. You obviously also keep a keen eye on illegal dumping – well done. Do you discourage advertising hoardings as they can give approach roads a rather cluttered appearance?

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

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