

Hello Durrow, let's stay connected & plant for our future



“After the clouds, the sunshine; after the winter, the spring; after the shower, the rainbow; for life is a changeable thing. After the night, the morning, bidding all darkness cease, after life's cares and sorrows, the comfort and sweetness of peace.” **Helen Steiner Rice**

This past year and months to come has certainly been so difficult for each and every one in Durrow as we tackle Covid-19, isolation and keeping each other safe has been so difficult. We are so happy that a vaccination is now available and that with same, we can plan to get back to meeting and interacting with family, friendships, community and volunteering.



In the background over this time DDF/Tidy Towns has been working on little projects including the Community Hub on Patrick St. which saw stage one completed, we can't wait for all of you to see it, stage two is waiting to start, depending on Government guidelines.

The community playground saw a big improvement with the Basketball Court re-surfaced and the green area utilised with soccer nets and seating areas. This was worked on with a big group of wonderful youth volunteers from Durrow over the past



'Covid Summer months', it has proven to be a huge success and is utilised daily by all age groups.



If you've not been out and about you will be delighted to know that the Water Pump at Tae Lane and the Water Butts at Carrigean Street, Cork Road and at the Bank have all been restored to an original colour after several scrapes and sanding down, they look wonderful. Did you know that each of the water butts in Durrow contain drinkable Water? bring your refillable water bottle and refill, signage is planned to go on same, to remind community & visitors.



Were you on the Cork Road lately? Marie Moylan has created a wonderful bright light of imagination on same, when you get back out and about, it's worth a visit. DDF also commissioned Marie to complete an historical map of Durrow which is now in the Square, near the school entrance.

*We'd like to say a **special thanks** to all our hard working Team Tidy Towns volunteers and CES team, who litter pick, clean and maintain Durrow and the Leafy Loop walks, daily!
If you want to join Team Tidy Towns WhatsApp group, please text your name & number to 086 365 7833.
You can help on your time, at your own pace, in your own social bubble, when it suits you!*

The 2021 Tidy Towns Competition is confirmed as going ahead and we need all help possible to make Durrow's entry one of the best! **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** *Are you unsure of Volunteering?* -

A five-minute sweep once or twice a week outside your business premises or home, not littering and cleaning up after your dog fouls - *this makes you one of our most valuable volunteers!*

We are asking dog owners to take the pledge and clean up after their pets and keep Durrow free of dog poo. Two Mutt Mitts dispensers have been installed on Patrick Street and near Bob's bar and each Mutt Mitt has an end pouch that forms a 'mitten' to make the clean-up easier and safer. The two-ply bio-degradable Mutt Mitt creates a 'heat shield', so users don't get that 'yuck' feeling when cleaning up! If you'd like to take the pledge and join the Green Dog Walker Programme in Durrow, text us on 087 9626350. If you see someone wearing the Green Dog Walkers Vest, it means they have "taken the pledge" to always clean up after their dog, carry extra dog waste bags and gladly give you a dog waste bag for your dog – just ask!



A message of Hope - something to plant together and look forward to

We are enclosing a box of Irish Seedbombs as a message of hope of which we are asking everyone to plant as a way of staying connected, planting for our future and to give Irish bees a helping hand. They provide much needed habitat and food for pollinators and are made of Irish clay, compost and Irish wildflower seeds. Simply throw or drop them into your garden or unused garden space, they will even grow in a planter or anywhere you want a wildflower haven where bees and butterflies will flourish. They are designed to practically grow themselves, no garden tools or skill required – help bring the bees back and inspire a sustainable food system for our future. As we watch them growing in the coming years we can look back on Covid and remember that something bright, colourful and useful came from same. The best time to plant is Spring and Autumn, but all year round is ok because the clay will protect the seeds until conditions are right for germination. As you see them grow, please tag us on your social media photos #durrowcovidwildflowers #asenseofplace #lovedurrow

Another Tidy Towns project planned, is to restore the original Irish street signs. Most are still in place and a



special thanks to Bridget and Michael Conroy for saving the Castle Street one which has now been restored to an original colour and is now back in place. Next time you are out walking, don't forget to look up! The other street signs will be restored over the coming months.

Contact Phone Numbers

Ambulance/Fire/Gardaí	112 or 999	Durrow Pharmacy	057 87 36125
Dr. Rabinowicz/Health Centre	057 87 36585	Dr. Maher	056 88 31618
St. Vincent de Paul	087 607 2617	Alone Support for older people	0818 22 20 24
Meals on Wheels	087 280 3953	Meals on Wheels Pius	087 061 1880
Samaritans	116123	Money Advice & Budgeting Services	076 107 2620
PIETA 24/7	1800 247 247	Laois Domestic Violence	057 86 71100
Women's Aid	1800 341 900	Men's Aid	01 5543811
Childline	1800 66 66 66	Teen-Line Ireland:	1800 833634
Talk to Tom.ie	0818 303 061	SpunOut.ie	01 675 3554

Stay Active, Switch Off, Stay Connected, Eat Well, Mind your Mood.

Plant our Seedbombs together for our future,

we are out our brightest when we shine together!

Durrow (Irish: Darú formerly Darmhagh Ua nDuach) is a 'small town' full of life, community, spirit and inclusion! – Be a part of who we are, come join us in volunteering in Tidy Towns, Durrow Development Forum, Community Council, Sports groups - all working together for Durrow!

