

# DRUM DEVELOPMENT NEWS

## Tractor Run for Tidy Drum Raised €1,100



A very successful Tractor and Vintage Car Run was held in Drum recently and all proceeds went towards Drum Development's Tidy Towns initiative. €1,100 was raised in total and the organisers wish to thank everyone who support this fundraising event. Pictured above is one of the entrants enjoying the annual Run.

### Community Clean Up Day

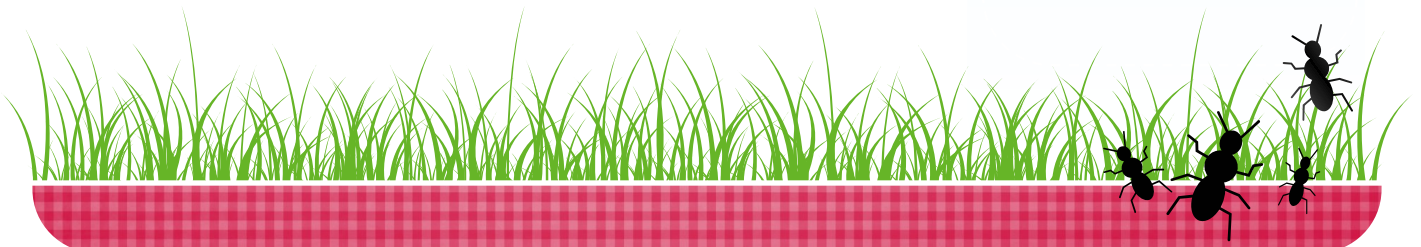
Drum's Community Clean Up Day was held on Saturday 1st April and was well supported by the local community. All ages were out with their high viz jackets and litter pickers. We would like to thank Monaghan County Council's Environmental Department for their support with this event. In addition to this the children and staff from Drumcorrin National School did an additional clean up morning in and around the school.

Tidy Towns competition marks for 2016 were 290 an increase of 8 points from 2015. Help us to keep up the good work this year as we again enter the national competition. The adjudicator noted that it was a pleasure to visit the historic village of Drum and to see the excellent work that has taken place.

### Important Diary Dates

- Fit for Life Ladies Walks every Tuesday from 2nd May to 23rd may at 7.30 pm from Drum Gospel Hall. Various walks, Christian message & healthy supper
- Friday 14th July, Drum Accordion Band Annual Picnic & Band Parade
- Saturday 16th September, Car Boot Sale. Organised by Drum Development Association

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- Photo by Barbara Stewart & text by Angela Graham



## Ongoing Issues

**Litter:** take your litter home with you. Every day someone in the village and the surrounding area is picking up after you! The biggest litter problem is Red Bull tins. Enjoy the high levels of caffeine but dispose of your tins properly.

**Speed Limits:** Observe the speed limits in the village. Kill your speed and not our people. Remember the vulnerable, young children and older people who cannot get out of the way.

**Vandalism:** As a community we regret to say that vandalism is an ongoing problem, particularly at the beautiful amenity area at Drum Lough. All incidents are reported to the local Gardai. One day the knock will come to your door if you are engaged in vandalism. *"Behold your sins will find you out"* Numbers 32:23

## Drumcorrin N.S. Gains Green Flag for Water

Congratulations to the children and staff of Drumcorrin National School on gaining their third Green Flag, this time for water conservation. The water theme looks at developing awareness around water conservation and how to manage this important resource both in our schools and in our homes.

### Top Tips for Reducing Water

- Turn off the taps when washing your teeth – you can save six litres of water
- Take a shower not a bath – don't use power showers as a 10 minute shower uses as much water as three baths!
- Fill the kettle for the right amount – you can save energy as well!
- Use water from a water butt to water your plants
- Never use a hose pipe in your garden
- Always fix leaking taps
- Use your dishwasher and washing machine only when they are full, thus saving energy as well!
- Visit [Irish Water's website](#) to learn more about being water smart in the home.

### Blackcurrant Jam

With the annual Car Boot Sale coming up why don't you make your own Blackcurrant Jam this summer! Start saving your empty jam jars now in preparation for making your jam.

#### Ingredients:

- 300g or 10.5 oz fresh blackcurrants
- 300g or 10.5 oz granulated or castor sugar
- 250 ml or 9 fl oz water
- 1 Small lemon, juice only

#### Method:

1. Pick all the stalks from the blackcurrants, place the fruit in a saucepan cover with water and bring to the boil. Simmer for 20 minutes or until the skins of the currants are tender and the liquid has almost evaporated
2. Add the sugar and lemon juice, bring to the boil then cook until the mixture reaches 105c/220F on a sugar thermometer
3. Leave to cool for a few minutes and then pour into hot, clean jars and seal immediately. Label your jars
4. Enjoy the taste of summer!!

