



**The All-Ireland Pollinator Plan** is an island wide attempt to reverse declines in pollinating insects. One third of our bee species are threatened with extinction in Ireland. The good news is that you can help by making your garden pollinator friendly. Every garden no matter its size can be a home for hungry pollinators. For more information log on too [www.pollinators.ie](http://www.pollinators.ie).

Here are some ideas to help make your garden pollinator friendly.

### 1. Don't mow, let it grow!

Reduce mowing to allow native wildflowers like Dandelions, Clover and Birds-foot Trefoil to naturally return over time.

**Why?** This action helps to restore species-rich grasslands: a vital habitat providing food and shelter for pollinators. Species-rich grasslands have been decimated in Ireland in recent decades. By reducing mowing – even to once a month – you will help them to slowly return, one pocket at a time

**Where?** Everywhere! Roadside verges, lawns, schools, parks, field margins, farm lanes. Even tiny biodiversity meadows or margins are valuable.

**Idea:** Take part in #NoMowMay and leave your lawnmower in the shed for May.

### 2. Manage native hedgerows for biodiversity

The more blossom your hedgerow has in spring, the better it is for biodiversity. Allow hedges to grow into a natural A-shape profile rather than a neat box shape. Flowers grow on older wood, so avoid cutting annually – cut on a three-year rotation instead to allow them to flower in spring.

**Why:** Native hedgerow plants such as Hawthorn (also called Whitethorn), and Blackthorn flower early in spring, providing vital food for wild bees when they emerge from hibernation. Birds and mammals eat their berries later in autumn. Hedgerows are an important nesting habitat for many creatures, forming vital corridors for nature through our more sterile modern landscape.

**Where:** Farms, parks, business parks, campuses, large schools, or gardens.

**Idea:** Pick blackberries within hedgerows in the autumn for natural, tasty treats – but make sure you leave plenty for the birds.

### 3. Plant pollinator friendly trees

Native trees and shrubs such as Willow, Hawthorn, Rowan, Crab Apple, and Holly support huge numbers of insects including pollinators. Plant a young tree in the autumn or winter, or grow them from seed.

**Why:** Trees that blossom in spring are a low-maintenance, vital source of food for pollinators. Trees contribute to a healthy climate and biodiversity, supporting a rich variety of organisms such as lichens, mosses, birds, mammals, and insects.

**Where:** Anywhere there is space. Avoid areas that are already good habitats, or where you could create a biodiversity meadow or margin by reducing mowing.

**Idea:** Allow some mature trees to grow within hedgerows.

### 4. Avoid using insecticides, fungicides and herbicides

These potent chemical cocktails are designed to kill various organisms. One of the best things you can do for pollinators is avoid using them. If you buy plants at a garden centre, ask if they have been treated with chemicals. Even 'bee friendly' labelled plants may have been treated with pesticides.

**Why:** Insecticides have been found to kill, harm, and disorientate pollinators. Herbicides kill the 'weeds' that provide them with important food.

**Where:** Everywhere!

**Idea:** Instead of using herbicides, enjoy spotting the little wildflowers that pop up when you stop spraying.

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Ads can also be dropped into the post box @ The Community Employment Office in Kiltegan. To place an ad costs €2.00. All notices must be received before 3pm on Wednesday for inclusion that week.

# FOCUS KILTEGAN



18TH JUNE, 2023

## Kiltegan Tidy Towns

**Kiltegan Tidy Towns Committee** would like to thank most sincerely Wicklow Co. Councillor Edward Timmins for providing two new lawn mowers from his discretionary fund. They were badly needed as the old mowers were costing a fortune in repairs.

A huge thank you to our secretary Theresa Nolan for her persistence in getting these mowers.

As this is a very important year for our Tidy Towns, where we celebrate 50 year's since we won the national Tidy Towns title, the committee are pleading with the local residents of the village to give a helping hand one evening a week - up to now there are 4 to 6 volunteers, most times only 2. A lot of work is being done by the CE workers but they have a lot of mowing at this time of year. We are asking once again for your help, if Tuesday evening does not suit there are six other days in the week.

Contact secretary **Theresa Nolan on 086—3733196** if you can help.

Remember it's your village - let's keep it beautiful.



Ben & Michael Lennon on behalf of the recent flower sale, cake sale and tea & coffee team wish to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all who helped at the recent fund raiser in which all proceeds went to the Community Network. In particular thanks to all who helped with transport to get all the plants down to St. Peters carpark. Thank you to St. Peters parish committee for the use of their hall. It was a wonderful day for the community and very well supported with cakes and flowers selling out quickly. Those in attendance were very happy to be able to enjoy a cuppa and a chat. We will let you know the final total raised in the coming weeks. Once again thank to all.

**TYNOCK & TALBOTSTOWN**  
Fr. John McEvoy  
059 9161114

Rosary will continue in Tynock Church for the month of June on Thursday evenings at 7.00pm.

*Saturday 17th June Tynock @ 6.00pm.  
Mass to mark the retirement of Marie King.*

**Month's Mind: Tom Phelan**  
**Anniversary: David Aher (2nd),**  
**Ena Bowes & Leon Kelly**

Sunday 25th June Talbotstown @ 9.30am  
**Anniversaries:**  
**Michael (20th) & Elizabeth (19th) Nolan,**  
**Barraderry.**

Reader: Fiona Kane.

Sunday 2nd July Tynock @ 9.30am.  
Reader: Nigel Byrne

**Cemetery mass in Tynaclash on**  
**Sunday 9th July at 7.00pm.**

Talbotstown & Tynock Church Collection  
Offertory: €207.83 Envelopes: €211.90

**To book anniversaries for**  
**Tynock: Mary 086 2261264.**  
**Talbotstown: Josie 059 64 73971.**

**Happy Fathers Day** to all the Fathers, Step Fathers & Grand Fathers on Sunday we hope you enjoy your special day.

"Dads are most ordinary men turned by love into heroes, adventurers, story-tellers, and singers of song."





## KILTEGAN GAA & CAMOGIE NEWS



**Our Senior Hurling** team got their hands on some silverware on Saturday evening when they won the Co. Senior Hurling League final, defeating Carnew on a score line of Kiltegan 1-12 Carnew 1-11. This game was played in a good sporting manner with both sides playing some outstanding hurling. We were leading by a point at half time 0-6 to 0-05. They scored a goal from an over head pull mid way through the second half to lead by three points. The introduction of Podge O'Toole was a major plus, his was narrowly wide with a shot on goal after his introduction, but he did not miss with his second attempt and his goal dragged us right back into the game, as we had been surviving on frees from Seanie Germaine. This goal lifted the team and they started to play some better hurling and got a few more scores. Carnew threw everything at us in the long injury time added on by the referee, but our backs stood tall especially our full back Bryan Kearney who cleared his lines on several occasions. When the fulltime whistle did sound it was a huge relief as this was our first League title since 1996. Liam Keogh captain received the Dessie Murphy Cup from Co. Chairman Damien Byrne his first presentation since becoming chairman. Our scores came from Seanie Germaine 0-07, Podge O'Toole 1-00, with points from Eogan Byrne, James Boland, Rian Walters, Liam Keogh and Ciaran Harmon. Ten of the Carnew points came from free's and they missed some as well, this shows how many frees we gave away. As the championship draws near we are going to have to get our house in order. There was great celebrations in the Talk of the Town over the weekend as this was the first silver wear this team has won. Congratulations also to the management of David Galway, Mick Brown, John Keogh, John O'Toole & Liam Kennedy. Lets push on now for the year ahead.

The play off for the Senior Football League Kiltegan v An Tochar in An Tochar is now fixed for Friday evening at 8.00pm instead of Sunday due to the golf classic on Saturday, where there are up to 40 teams listed to play in Baltinglass. Here's hoping the weather keeps fine.



**Congratulations** to the Kiltegan U15 Football team who had a superb win over An Tochar on Monday evening on a scoreline of Kiltegan 3-11 An Tochar 1-07. Well done lads keep up the great work and well done to the management also.

## KILTEGAN GOLF CLASSIC

Saturday 17th June €200 per team  
If you wish to play but don't have a full team contact us and we will accommodate you.  
Time sheet is open from 11.00am to 5.30pm.



To book a tee time contact

**Cathal Fitzgerald 087-740234**  
**Ciaran O'Toole 087-6466811**  
**John Farrell 087-9057284**  
**Liam Kennedy 087-7941491**

## GAA LOTTO RESULTS

**11-15-21-28**

No winner €11,000

6 match three €35 each.

Lillian Farrah seller Brian Byrne.  
Mary Clare O'Reilly seller O'Reilly's Baltinglass.  
Blathnaid Aher seller Online.  
Michael Farrell, Barraderry seller Ned Doyle.  
Jimmy Carroll seller Conor House.  
Dano Mackey seller Christy O'Toole.

Next draw takes place on Monday 19th June in  
Talk of the Town @ 8.00pm.

**JACKPOT €11,200**



## WEST WICKLOW COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT

### Current Opportunities

#### Environmental Worker

(Baltinglass GAA)

Ref:# CES-2285031

#### Environmental Worker

(Knockananna Tidy Towns)

Ref:#CES-2279899

#### Day Care Catering Worker

(Baltinglass Hospital)

Ref:#CES2282000

#### Caretaker

(Baltinglass Cemetery)

Ref:#CES 2279900

Excellent opportunities available in all of these positions, for training & development whilst on the CE scheme. To check your eligibility/apply for any of these positions please attend the INTREO Office in Baltinglass (beside Borza) and provide the job application number above.

**For further information on any of the above positions please contact:**

**Paula Boland (087) 140 4508**

**Olivia Cooney (087) 449 7731**

## Tinkerbell Preschool

We are recruiting an AIM Support Worker.

Qualifications required:  
Level 5 Special Needs in Early Childhood Education & Care.

15 hours per week.

Start date 30th August 2023.

Contact Mary on 087 9079657 or

email C.V to [maryan2286@yahoo.ie](mailto:maryan2286@yahoo.ie)



## PARISH LOTTO

### Kildare & Leighlin Co-Op Lotto

2 - 5 - 18 - 24

No winner € 16,000 jackpot  
14 match 3's €72 each.

Draw takes place each Wednesday  
at 4pm in the  
Parish Centre, Portlaoise.

Next draw Wednesday 21st June.  
Tickets €2 each.  
New promoters welcome.

**Next Weeks Jackpot €17,000**

### The Hanbidge Family

wish to thank everybody for their messages of sympathy on the passing of Nora. Thank you also to the people who called to the house and attended the funeral.

All generous donations to 'Sonas' Nursing Home have been delivered.

Once again thank you.

*Thank You*



**Josie Finn** would like to thank everyone in our community for their kindness and good wishes on her recent birthday celebrations. It was very much appreciated.

*Congratulations!*



**Congratulations** to Selina & Mikey Foley on the birth of their wonderful baby boy Theo. Extra special congratulations to his big sister Lily and big brother Darragh.