

## **Environmental and Tidy Districts Report**

The environment role involves a very wide variety of issues. Given the wide brief it was decided to prioritise a few objectives to try and deliver results on specific issues. Despite the restrictions in place we have made some good progress this year.

### **Green triangle in front of the shops.**

- Further engagement with DLRCC took place during the year. It is hoped that some real progress will take place in the spring of next year. We are seeking new footpath, more flowerbeds, a few more trees, more seating and a Residents Association notice board. We would like to thank everyone that helps to maintain the area including grass cutters, planters, weeders, waterers and painters.

### **Friarsland Road Green Area**

- Significant work is being undertaken by the tidy districts sub committee in the green space on Friarsland Road. The brambles have been cut back and a number of plants and bulbs have been sown. A new bug hotel made from recycled pallets has been added. A new bench will be added in the coming weeks along with some apple trees.

### **Infrastructure**

- Following a deputation with the council late last year a number of footpath, kerb and drainage repairs were made. The wall at Larchfield Road leading to Rosemount was rebuilt. Gullies upgraded (two at Farmhill Dr/Larchfield Rd junction and one at Larchfield Road/Friarsland Rd junction). One new gully installed at old Goatstown Road/Larchfield Road junction where ponding occurs at dished footpath and the damaged gully lid at Larchfield Park/Farmhill Road junction was also repaired. The planned deputation in September this year was postponed and we have not received a rescheduled date.
- We continue to work with the council in relation to repairing trees in grass verges and planting new trees where gaps exist however due to budgetary constraints this may not be possible this year.

### **The tidy districts sub Committee**

- We ask that everyone please remove any vegetation from their garden overhanging and causing an obstruction to residents using the footpaths and to refrain from parking on grass verges and footpaths as this causes damage to same and makes social distancing difficult.
- The An Taisce Spring Clean took place in June this year, as opposed to the normal April gathering. Due to Covid restrictions there was no social event following it. The tidy districts sub committee had a number of smaller tidy ups after the main event.
- Many thanks to all the volunteers, some of whom have volunteered for years and some are new. A whatsapp group was set up during the year and we continue to add people to it. We are always looking for new volunteers and you can do as much or as little as you like.