

BRAY TIDY TOWNS

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JULY 2021



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ABOUT YOU!

Name of your Town/Area/Village/Island Bray

Name of your Town/Area/Village/Island in Irish Bre

County Wicklow

Select your Region* Midlands & East

Specify your Local Authority Wicklow County Council (Bray Municipal District)

Last Year of Entry 2019

Organisation Name Bray Tidy Towns

Contact Name Mary Hargaden

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Estimated Location North Wicklow on the Dublin border - Wicklow's Largest Town

Your adjudicator may not have visited your area before so please describe briefly where your town or village is located within your county, e.g. xkm north/south etc. of the nearest large town, or give the road number along which your town is situated. Absolute clarity is of key importance.

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Please enter your actual population here e.g. 19,999 32,600

Prize Category Population

Village	A (Under 200)	Large Town	E(5,001 to 10,000)
	B (201, to 1,000)		F (10,001, to 15,000)
Small Town	C (1,001 to 2,500)	Large Urban Centre	G (15,001 to 25,000)
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Mary Hargaden (secretary)

Date: 02/07/2021

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Marks are awarded for the overall quality of the Entry Form, town/village map and appropriateness of backup material submitted with your entry. Other key issues are the participation of the local community, businesses, schools and youth in general; working partnerships with local civic agencies; works carried out and appropriate projects completed; existence of an achievable updated TidyTownns Plan. Consideration will be given to social inclusion, whole of community approach, the role of volunteers and new residents in activities.

1.
Albert Walk - Volunteers
- Clean up day - 2020.
Picture in Bray People.



Number involved in your Committee:

There are nine people on the Bray Tidy Towns (BTT) committee.

Number not on committee but who volunteer:

There are about 300 people on our emailing list . There are 2,032 likes on Facebook (up from 1,505 in 2019) with 2,358 followers (up from 1646 in 2019).

Typical turnout when COVID permits ranges from 5-25.

Please indicate the level of voluntary commitment (number of TidyTownns meetings, community meetings, general involvement of the community, new residents, etc.):

There were about four to six full BTT committee meetings held annually with the officers meeting more frequently to discuss the progress of projects. There are limited numbers permitted during COVID lockdowns at various stages but we have had about 30 outings in 2020, and to date we have had about 20 outings in 2021. Individual volunteers and volunteers working in small groups or pairs have had about 100 outings in 2020 and in 2021 to date. Since June of 2020 we have engaged with Bray Municipal District (BMD) when permitted and with the Estate Officer from June of 2019 to December 2019 and during the Summer of 2020. BTT partnered with groups from local authority housing estates as well as other private residents groups. BTT is a member of the PPN:

www.countywicklowppn.ie/

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Two of our committee members are councillors, one is the Environmental Representative for the Housing Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) of Wicklow Co. Co. another holds the East Wicklow Environmental seat on the Wicklow Co. Co. Climate and Biodiversity Action SPC.

1.
Wicklow Co. Council.
Environmental and
Estate Awards 2019

Please list all of the agencies, bodies and businesses that have supported your activities through sponsorship, resources, funding, advice, etc.

Wicklow Environmental Network, The Wheel and other environmental groups including Bray Coastcare, Clean Coasts, Common Ground, Grow it Yourself, the Rotary Club, the Lions Club, Bray Sailing Club, St. Peter's boxing Club, St. Theresa's Boxing Club, Ardmore Rovers, St. Fergal's Community Centre, Little Bray Community Centre, 5th Wicklow Seascouts, Order of Malta, Bray Senior Citizens, Wicklow Volunteer Centre, Cornerstone Church at the Well, Bray Library, Signal Art Gallery, Medieval Bray Project, Local Botanist - Tom Curtis, Local Sustainable Gardener - Aoife Munn, Clover Hill Residents, DWHA Estates, Bray for Love, Brennan's Parade, Bray Head Residents Association, Killarney Park Residents, Pemberton Estate, Giltspur Heights, Giltspur Woods, North Wicklow Educate Together School, Presentation College, Loreto School, St. Kieran's School, St. Fergal's School, Jabil Healthcare (formerly NYPRO), Centra Dargle Road and Vevay, Woodies, Supervalu, CBRE, Fleuritique, Bray Barbie, Bray Chamber, Bray at the Heart of it, Bray Mens' Shed and An Gaisce.

We also communicate with Wicklow Co. Co. (WCC) who sponsors the annual Estate and Environmental Awards.

These include the following which were nominated by BTT and were successful:



2019

BTT were awarded joint 3rd place with Blessington for the Tidy Main Street Awards.

Bray Tidy Towns Nominated the following who won awards:

- Catalyst Cafe - Environmental business award
- BTT volunteer Paul Carroll - Commended as Local Champion
- Molly Mercier Redmond - Climate Strike leader - Youth Champion Award.
- Presentation College - Water Conservation Award - Blue is the New Green Project.

[2019 WCC Environmental Awards](#)

2020

- Brennan's Parade was awarded 1st place in the Tidy Estates Competition 2020.
- White Oaks, Heatherwood, Deerpark and Ard na Greine (DWHA) were Commended.
- Bray Crafters were Commended in the Waste Minimization Award Category.
- Health Matters was Commended in the Business Category.
- BTT volunteer Sharon Plunkett was Commended in the Local Champions Award Section.

[2020 WCC Environmental Awards](#)

Bray Chamber of Commerce Endeavour Awards

- BTT nominated Bray's Barbie, who was a strong social media personality promoting Bray and was successful in obtaining a Chamber of Commerce Endeavour Award. [Brays Barbie](#)
- BTT also nominated Cian O'Neill who also received a Chamber of Commerce Endeavour Award.

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How do you communicate with your community (newsletter, newspapers, public meetings, email, social media and website)?

BTT communicates with the community via a number of outlets:

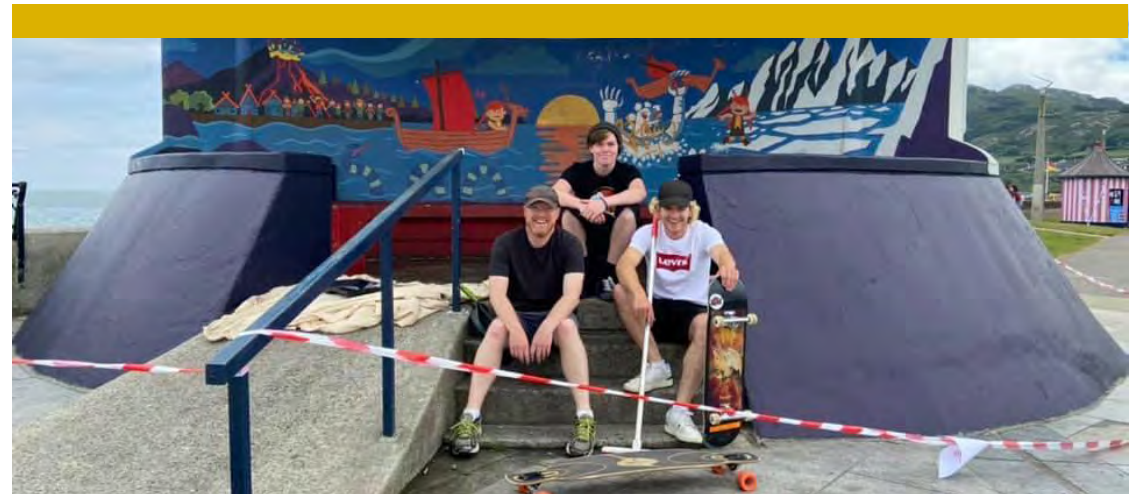
- This year we were given the opportunity to share some of our work on 'Nationwide'

RTE Nationwide

- Volunteer call outs are advised mainly via our group email list, BTT Facebook, Bray Open Forum Facebook, Wicklow Volunteer Centre and www.bray.ie
- Reporting on volunteer activity and campaigns is done via BTT Facebook, Bray Open Forum Facebook, BTT Website www.braytidytowns.com, Bray People, North Wicklow Times, Tidy Towns Newsletter and other agencies who regularly share BTT's posts.

Tidy Towns Newsletter (Page 11)

- BTT has a lively site with posts and cross post activities, this year reaching over 24,000 www.facebook.com/BrayTidyTowns/post (January - peak lockdown period).
- Attending meetings and sometimes training sessions with BMD, Town Health Team - Future Analytics, Wicklow Public Private Network.



- We receive some community donations: this year we had three cash donations of €100, together with donations of plants and soil from businesses.
- Because it is important to show appreciation to volunteers when permitted we have an annual get-together or BBQ associated with the TT judging. In 2020 we continued this tradition and gave key volunteers a small token of appreciation.
- Gaisce Students were given BTT thank you mugs on completion of their programme.
- BTT has a number of Whatsapp groups including ones for the Committee, Expenses, Shared Plants and Graffiti.
- Meetings with local businesses for example Duggans on the Seafront to discuss putting up festive Summer flags.
- Writing letters, for example to a local Church who were renovating their frontage to see if we could add value in terms of tree planting.
- Making representations regarding signage for example an excess of parking signs at the Boulevard Centre.

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How do you engage with your local schools, youth clubs, etc.? How do you involve youth in your work, do you have a Junior Tidy Towns, is there youth representation on your committee?

1.

Video of a young volunteer's experience in Bray Tidy Towns. Made by BTT and sent into RTE in 2020.

2.

One of the BTT mugs given as a thank you gesture to Gaisce student 2021.

Donation received from local Woodies store. Manager in the photograph. 2021

BTT typically engages with a large number of local schools and youth clubs in a various different ways:

- Bray is an Autism Friendly town and we work with one of our committee members who is involved in Asiam to find a sensory garden location.
- Including young people in our work schedules. Here are a few videos which includes a story about Mosul.



[Lets hear from a volunteer](#)

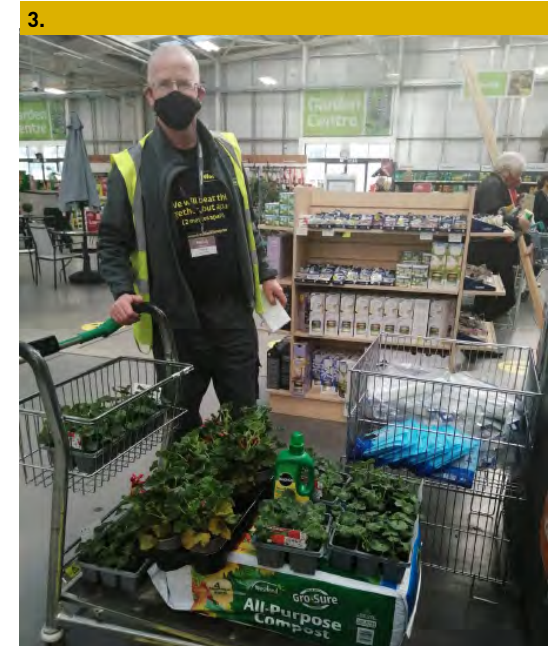
[Downtime for Bray Tidy Towns Volunteers](#)

2.



- Working with local schools to complete the process of erecting Swift Boxes.
- Organising litter picks and community engagement exercises with schools and community groups including Seomra Youth Club, Sunbeam House, Little Bray Community Centre after school club.
- This year BTT had seven Gaisce students who completed their programme with us, some working extremely hard in black spot locations and in difficult circumstances. We set up a monitoring programme as each of the volunteers needed to work on their own and their work needed to be evidenced and signed off. Three of the Gaisce students elected to stay with BTT as regular volunteers.

- BTT commissioned a number of Murals from young adults.
- BTT communicated with a number of young people individually, schools and after school programmes with our Art Competition.
- With COVID restrictions being lifted we will take the opportunity to network in more detail.



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Identify any specific project where particular effort was applied since June 1st, 2019 (This can include ongoing maintenance work or a new project).



1.
Volunteers at Ravenswell Road Walk during one of six outings in 2021

2.
Bannner attached to railings at Old Courthouse at the beginning of COVID lockdown in 2020.

The standout mission for Bray Tidy Towns was to keep moving forward while keeping people 'safe and sane'. The Bray community responded completely and positively to any initiatives driven by BTT and these included:

- Changing the working methods of the BTT group in a COVID compliant and creative way. New supplies of gloves and Hi Viz vests were ordered early on in the COVID lockdown.
- Ensuring that we had a reputation for supplying a safe environment.

- Keeping the workflows and the communication channels open and moving by making it possible, through supplying equipment, Hi Viz Vests, plants and rubbish collection support, for individuals and small groups to work in COVID compliant units.
- When COVID restrictions permitted, we chose 'physical distance friendly' locations to work in such as Ravenswell Road and Springhill Median which enabled volunteers to maintain the appropriate distances from each other.
- Promoting, with the help of Wicklow Volunteer Bureau, the 'Adopt a Spot' concept which meant that new volunteers and people new to Bray felt comfortable and confident to don the BTT hi viz vest. [Volunteer opportunities for Co. Wicklow](#)
- Ensuring that the photographs, teaser questions, wildflower and wildlife postings to our Facebook page were brightly coloured and inspirational especially during the initial first lockdown period in March and April of 2020 which coincided with Springtime and nature being something to inspire some positive thoughts. [Facebook.com/BrayTidyTowns/photos](#) [Facebook.com/photo](#)
- There was a very positive response from the community, who were limited in their walking zones, but were nevertheless interested and motivated to continue working and improving their estates and the town in general, especially when groups were not permitted to meet under COVID restrictions. The staff of BMD continued to support

the removal of the increased litter in the town and together as a town we improved our ratings, they were up to 7th from 19th previously in IBAL at a time when unfortunately ratings in general were declining.

- BTT worked to keep spirits up during the first lockdown and erected a banner thanking frontline workers for their contribution to keeping us safe.



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Approximately how many years has your community entered the competition?

BTT has been entering for the Tidy Towns Competition since at least 1996.

How has your community benefited from involvement in the competition?

The Community has benefited from involvement in the competition in the following ways:

- Winning the Silver Awards in 2018 and 2019 has certainly given BTT the confidence to drive forward with our agenda to improve the look and feel of Bray.
- The contributions received from Pobal go a long way towards assisting us in sustaining our work.
- Bray Tidy Towns quotes quite extensively from adjudication report recommendations when requesting improvements in a number of areas such as, specification of biodiversity areas, plantings in estates, Waste Art competition, shopfronts, hoardings, improvements to external badly maintained locations. This report allows us to move decisively in promoting the welfare of the town when liaising with statutory bodies, town consulting agencies, town overseers and others.
- The pollinator agenda, which is so important, can be difficult to embed within an existing culture and the Tidy Towns can be an agent of change in this critical area.

- Entering the competition puts focus on our endeavours and ensures that we examine the criteria for each project or improvement area.
- When we are called upon to add value to forums within the town it is important to draw on the obvious expertise which is brought to bear in each of the categories for the competition.
- When local authorities and community groups ask us to explain 'what we do' the TT entry allows us to explain this succinctly.
- Copies of the Adjudication Report and the Tidy Towns entry are sent to councillors and to the local papers. The Bray People publishes the findings in the adjudication report for all Wicklow TT entrants.
- During lock-down The Bray People wrote an article as to how BTT were continuing to work in the community.
- To conclude, the Tidy Towns Competition is a very effective calling card when requesting local businesses to clean up and maintain their premises.

1.
BTT and
Greystones Tidy
Towns attendees at
Tidy Towns prize-
giving in late 2019.

See Peoples Park

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Streetscapes and Public Places



BUILDINGS: Conservation and presentation of heritage buildings and quality of shop-fronts will be considered, taking account of the design, sustainability, accessibility, usability and suitability of new structures or civic amenity buildings for all people, regardless of age, size, ability or disability. Please highlight the efforts made to address derelict sites and unoccupied buildings even if unsuccessful.

PUBLIC SPACES: Consideration will be given to; squares, parks, streetscape, paving, landscaping and street furniture mindful of sustainability and access for all. Condition of street lighting, building facade lighting, appropriately designed signage and way-finding relating to streets and place nameplates. Attention will be given to the presentation of parking locations, historical trails, walkways and access points to local amenities or facilities and the general use of the Irish language.

2. Vevay Shopping Area [see map](#)

BTT working with a local residents association have supplied a number of hanging baskets to shopkeepers and upwards of six have hung them on their premises at the time of writing. Bray Men's Shed supplied old hanging baskets which were painted up and recycled by a volunteer. BTT paid for the plants and brackets and the businesses contributed towards plants. Each business has agreed to keep the plants watered.

- 1. Vevay - BTT and Sugarloaf Residents volunteers 2020.
- 2. Vevay - Hanging Baskets - BTT/ Sugarloaf/Mens Shed 2021

INTRODUCTION

During the first 'lockdown' Bray saw a significant reduction in car movement and pedestrians were making more use of public places. The town centre, which has a number of 'living over the shop' apartments, with minimal private open space, saw more people using street furniture and public open space.

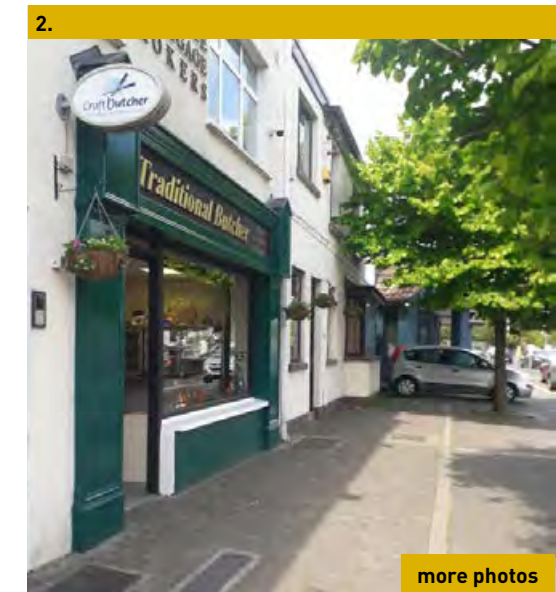
feedback. While the coursework was a training exercise only, it sparked ideas, developed connections and we aim to work with BMD in the future to see some of the ideas come to fruition. Here is link to the training exercise.

[County Wicklow Placemaking Training](#)

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1. Placemaking Course

BTT were fortunate enough to be invited by Wicklow County Council to take part in a five week "Placemaking" training session. The group of 30 community groups and Wicklow County Council officials then undertook a placemaking exercise within their local community. BTT worked with BMD and WCC engineers to develop a town centre site. Our group chose the Quinsboro Road Shopping Centre. (see Future Projects). The project took us through the various stages of public participation, stakeholder engagement, idea development and public



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3. Painted benches

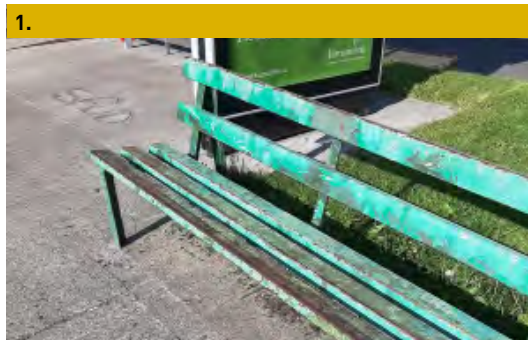
[see map](#)

Under the previous Tidy Towns entry, BTT managed to replace five town centre benches. Over the past two years, BTT have repainted some of the remaining benches scattered throughout the town with a bright green paint, which gives them a welcome lift from their previous flaking black.

1.
Springfield - Bench painted - 2020.

2.
Ravenswell - Junction between Upper Dargle Road and Dublin Road - Box being painted by BTT 2020.

3.
Ravenswell Junction. Picture showing position of Painted Box, Bench and one of the planters at busy location at entrance to Bray 2020.



[more photos](#)

4. Painted traffic light boxes

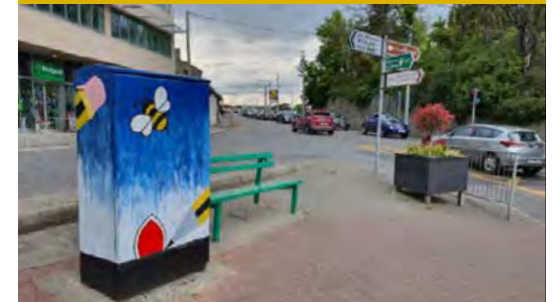
[see map](#)

BMD gave BTT permission to paint five traffic/junction boxes. A drawing for the first box was designed and it was painted at the Ravenswell junction, receiving great feedback. A second box was prepared at the junction between Killarney Road and Boghall, but work could not continue because of Covid restrictions, however a design of Fuschias and bees is prepared for this one. This is a link to a Video on our Facebook page.

[Facebook.com/Video](https://www.facebook.com/Video)



3.



5. Development of strategic sites

[see map](#)

A number of strategic town centre sites have been developed, are being developed or have secured planning in the last two years. These sites had been the focus of BTT for a number of years as they attracted dumping and were litter traps. Their development is a welcome addition to the town. These include the 'Bray Town Centre' which was a former car park, Dargan Hall, which was the former 'Cash and Carry' site on which construction is well advanced. Construction was completed on a site on the Cois Farraige site on Strand Road, which had been hoarded for a number of years and was one of the areas targeted for graffiti. The 'Bray Cabs' site opposite the Dart station, which was subject of many BTT representations as it was a litter black spot, has recently secured planning permission. Work continues on all sites. Link to the Bray Town Centre in October, 2020

[Bray at the Heart of it](#)

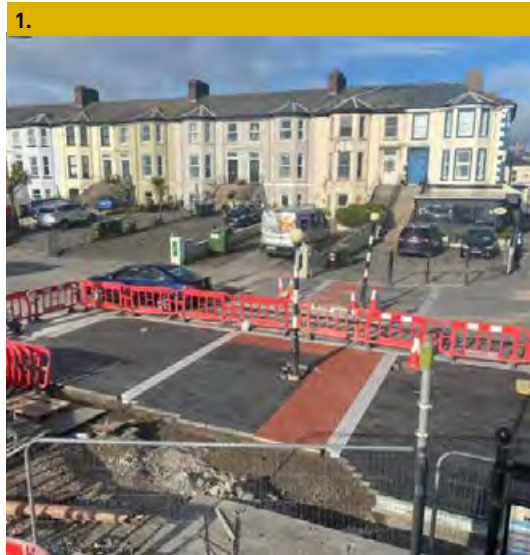
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6. Bray Seafront Plaza [see map](#)

2021 saw the commencement of the Strand Road Seafront Plaza. Works are currently well underway, with the aim to have it ready for the Summer. While there have been some delays as a result of COVID, we are looking forward to this area being completed and its broader footpath will allow for outdoor dining. BTT welcomes provision of landscaped solutions which encourage cycling and pedestrian activity, while slowing down cars.



1.
Bray Seafront Plaza - Works 2021

2.
Thank you to the Seafront maintenance staff Christmas 2020

3.
Directional markings. Walk on the left. 2m distance. Implemented by Bray Municipal District.

7. Christmas Cheer

For both 2019 and 2020 Christmases BTT added a little cheer around the town. BTT added Christmas lights to the railing of the bandstand on the Seafront. A wreath, donated by Fleuritique was put on the door of the Town Hall Chambers. Recycled decorations were added to the BMD christmas tree which was erected by Bray Chamber of Commerce. Christmas biscuits and sweets were shared with the tireless Seafront maintenance staff and Bray Mens Shed to show our appreciation for what they do. We also used Facebook to encourage the community to be conscious of waste and to use recyclable wrapping, experience gifts among other things.



8. COVID related actions [see map](#)

BTT lobbied through a number of forums for increased footpaths and temporary bollards in areas where there was the potential for overcrowding. A number of BTT's suggestions were taken on board.

BMD Spearheaded a number of initiatives for the town during COVID and these include:

Implementing a one-way system for pedestrians along the promenade:



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Demarking 2m distancing on paths to have a uniform approach on our Main Street and in other cases widened the pathways to allow for pinch points.

[Facebook.com/BrayTCouncil/photo](https://www.facebook.com/BrayTCouncil/photo)

1.

One of the Seafront buildings, the bandstand, lit up as a tribute to St. Patrick's day 2021

Installing "Positivity Stones" along footpaths and the Seafront to help lift spirits and

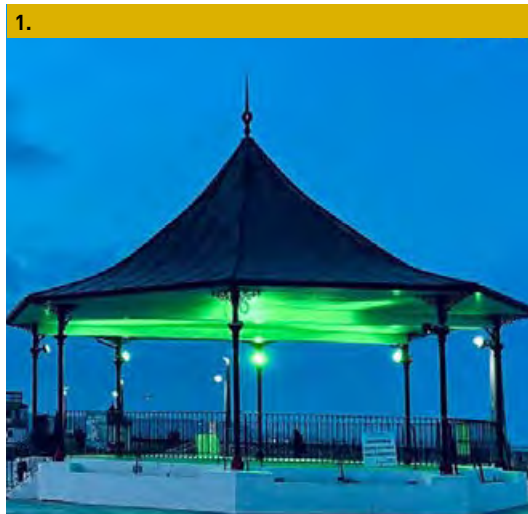
[Unity in the Community Initiative Report](#)

[Positivity Stones Report](#)

2.

Albert Avenue. Cutting hedges early in 2020.

Organising green lighting of some of our public buildings to virtually celebrate St. Patrick's day



In the Spring of 2021, BMD drew 'Social distanced Picnic Circles' on the green at the Seafront, as these areas have been very busy during the lockdowns and the use of the Seafront is now increasing during the Summer period.

[Facebook.com/BrayTCouncil/photo](https://www.facebook.com/BrayTCouncil/photo)

BTT worked to share positive images of the town and its flora and fauna which resulted in a period of very positive Facebook engagement from the public. This is one of the

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[more photos](#)

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FUTURE PROJECTS

10. Junction Boxes

We will continue to paint junction boxes around the town this year and in coming years. We have had interest from some third parties to prepare designs and have budgeted to provide paint for this. We anticipate this will be an on-going project.

1.
A bee and fuchsia drawing by BTT. Future design for a Junction Box.

11. Placemaking Project along Quinsboro Road

[see map](#)

Following on from the placemaking course there are a number of projects BTT hope to implement in the coming years, creating a pedestrian friendly and inclusive area around the historically endowed Goldsmith Terrace. BTT coordinated the proposals some of which suggested activating the blank wall along Carlisle Grounds and the provision of additional seating under the large Lime trees along Duncairn Terrace. Suggestions were put forward that facilities be provided to activate the street edge such as hammocks and games, create raised beds around the Chestnut trees, thereby reducing the amount of paved areas and to create further incidental seating. This is a link to the powerpoint presentation made at the end of the 'Placemaking' project.

[The Avenue Quinsboro Road](#)

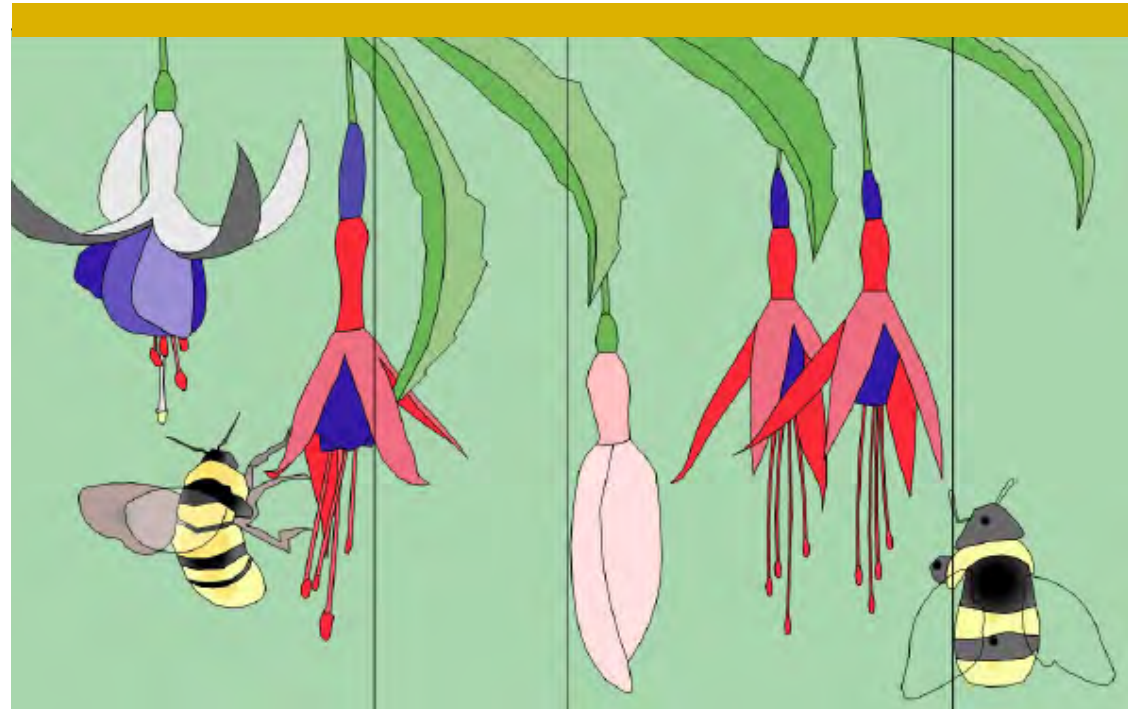
12. Goldsmith Terrace Shopfronts Guidance

[see map](#)

BTT applied for a heritage grant, to undertake a survey of Goldsmith Terrace and produce a shopfront guide in conjunction with a local surveyor and architect. This terrace is a significant Victorian terrace on Quinsboro

Road and it forms a commercial node between the Seafront and the Main street. This area formed part of the placemaking exercise outlined above. BTT have long lobbied for improved shopfronts to this terrace and are hopeful of securing funding to pursue this project.

[Survey MAP](#)



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Green Spaces and Landscaping



Communities should demonstrate the following: The planning, design and management of green spaces. The selection and appropriate siting of trees and their ongoing maintenance, including formative pruning, watering and attention to the stakes and ties. Presentation of landscaping of all entrances to your town/village/locality in consultation with your local authority, where appropriate. The use of suitable plants for hedges and shrubs for year round effect is important as is the siting of seasonal bedding schemes where you wish to highlight important areas. The use of plant containers can provide impact where it is not possible to plant directly into the ground. To reduce maintenance tasks limit the use of containers. To demonstrate the year round impact of the landscape works in your community, you are encouraged to provide dated photographs of, for example, daffodil schemes which are not evident in summertime.

1.

Ravenswell Road. Volunteers working on one of the flat planters after plastic mesh has been removed. - 2021

2.

Ravenswell Road. Before and after of raised beds. - 2021

3.

Ravenswell Road. Before and after of one of the lower beds. - 2021

4.

Ravenswell Road. Skip with plastic mesh. Four tons of bark mulch being delivered. - 2021

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13. Ravenswell Road

[see map](#)

This is a high visibility walkway which connects the Town Centre area to the Seafront Area. When it was landscaped some years ago, a plastic mesh was laid on some of the lower beds in order to keep the plants in-situ, in case of flooding. However the mesh made it impossible for the beds to be weeded and they had become unsightly and neglected. When restrictions made it possible to have a socially distanced group working outdoors, BTT removed the green mesh from the lower beds and weeded them. BTT also weeded and planted the raised beds with plants which had been sourced from a number of different Bray residents. These plants included miniature agapanthus, ox eye daisies, fennel, dill and chives sourced from local gardeners, none were bought.

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14. Bulb Planting

[see map](#)

More than 3,000 Bulbs were planted in the early and late Autumn of 2020 for Spring and Summer effect. Areas where the bulbs were planted include The People's Park, Briarwood Roundabout, Springfield Median and Bray Head Walk. BTT worked with the Dargle Road Residents Association when planting hundreds of bulbs in Peoples Park.

1.

Briar Wood Roundabout. Mixed plantings. A few hundred pollinator bulbs planted by BTT. Other plantings by BMD. 2021.

2.

Eglinton Road Library. Mixed planting. c 100 pollinator bulbs planted here in 2020. Pic 2021.

3.

Peoples Park. Lower Dargle Road. Some of the fairy doors.



15. Fairy Doors

[see map](#)

Upwards of sixty fairy doors, some made by the Mens Shed and some painted and decorated by volunteers from kits, were placed all over the town in estates, parks and on Bray Head. They added an acknowledged touch of magic to the town. From the feedback we received on Facebook it was clear that they supplied a much needed emotional cheering up of all age groups including children during the dreary and difficult times of Covid Restrictions.



[Fairy Doors by Mens Shed in Bray](#)

[More Fairy Doors by Mens Shed in Bray](#)

[Fairy Doors on Bray Head](#)

[Fairy Doors in Peoples Park](#)

[Fairy Doors in Clover Hill](#)

[more photos](#)

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16. Trees

[see map](#)

BTT maintained trees along the Seafront and on the Dargle River Walk after we noticed that they looked unhealthy from long periods of drought in 2020. BTT fed the trees, watered and pruned them in 2020 and will continue this process in 2021. BTT gave advice to residents of Martello Terrace as to how they could care for their young trees.

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Green Spaces and Landscaping contd/

1.

Eglinton Road Library. This location has been adopted by a BTT volunteer who weeds and plants it regularly. 2021

2.

Sidmonton Park. Preparation work and planting. Pic. 2020.

3.

Seafront Planter (One of twenty five). 2021

4.

Albert Walk 2020. Selection of mixed plants including quite a number of pollinators.

More trees were planted on grass areas on Bray Head in 2020, in conjunction with the Biodiversity Bray group, this supplemented the thousands of trees planted over the past five years. A blossom tree was planted close to the bridge end of the Dargle River Walk. BTT engaged experts to do a Tree Survey along Quinsboro Road to determine the health and viability of these trees and will follow this up.

[Tree Survey](#)

BMD have planted more trees on the median on the north end of Strand Road, softening the hard landscaping of the area.

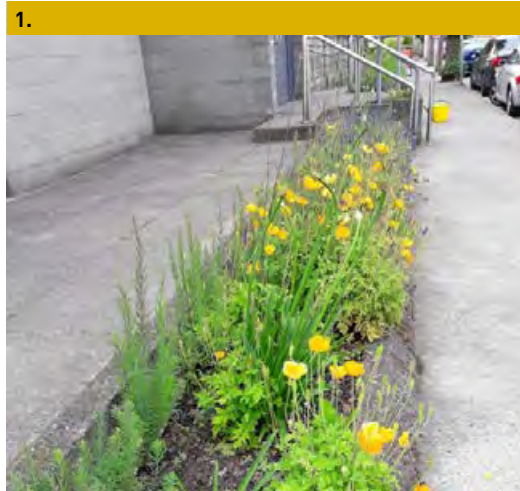
17. Weeding and Planting [see map](#)

BTT continued to undertake weeding and planting at the Library on Eglinton Road, the Train Station, St Paul's Church, Sidmonton Park and in the twenty five planters along Strand Road.

A volunteer has taken individual responsibility for the Library planting area.

BTT has also secured commitments from a number of businesses at the Southern end of Strand Road to maintain and plant in the planters located there. BTT also engaged with a gardening club regarding the Seafront Planters.

The Albert Walk, Seafront and Library plants have been supplemented with plants propagated by BTT volunteers and others. GIY and Bray Institute of Further Education continues to work on a number of beds at the Albert Walk location also.



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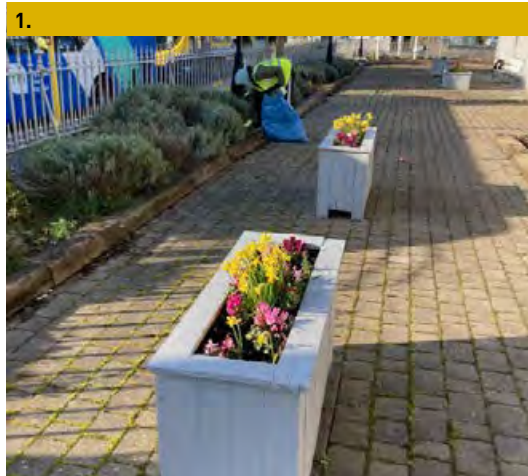


Green Spaces and Landscaping contd/

1.
Bray Station.
Mulching,
weeding and
planting. 2021

2.
Bray retains its
Blue Flag 2021.

3.
Ravenswell Road.
Entrance in need
of attention.
Future plan for
2021/2022.



18. Blue Flag

Bray Beach was awarded the Blue Flag status for 2020 and 2021. For the fifth consecutive year Bray has achieved 100% compliance with European Standards. BTT, along with Bray Coastcare, Cleancoasts, Flossie and the Beach Cleaners are involved in clean ups of the beach and the “Three for the Sea” stone plaques continue to involve members of the public in the process of cleaning the beach. The Cathaoirleach of BMD, Anne Ferris among other councillors have acknowledged the role played by BTT, Bray Coastcare, BMD and other volunteer groups for their efforts to keep this beach up to Blue Flag standard.

[Bray regains its Blue Flag status for 2021](#)

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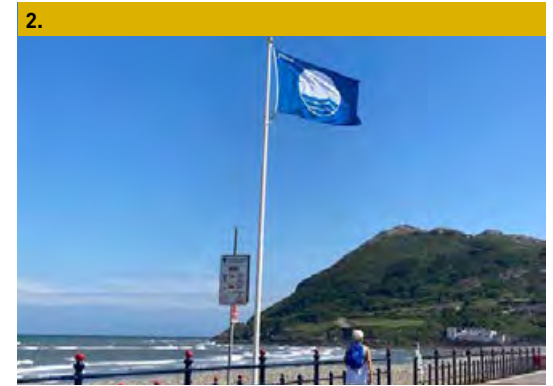
19. Urban Street Trees

Discussions will be held with BMD and Wicklow Co.Co. (WCC) regarding the ongoing maintenance of the trees in the Bray Area and the Survey we commissioned will form part of this discourse. BMD has commissioned a survey of the Urban street trees in Bray - BMD has allocated €25K [Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Bray](#) (Item 3). BTT will liaise with local representatives to ensure that the recommendations in this report are implemented. WCC are also preparing a Tree management Plan, which will incorporate the Bray Municipal District. [Minute of the Climate & Biodiversity Action SPC](#) (Item 8)

20. Ravenswell Walk

[see map](#)

This area will need ongoing maintenance which will be quite substantial and may need a recommitment from BMD. It is hoped that benches we have identified which are not being used by BMD will be repurposed for extra seating for this popular walk. As part of the growing initiative by BTT to source and propagate plants from peoples gardens, these beds provide an excellent facility for propagating and showcasing the potential of propagating in general which was suggested in the last TT adjudication report. Another area at the Top of Ravenswell Road may be targeted as it has a very overgrown planter and badly graffiti laden walls.



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Nature and Biodiversity



Show your understanding and awareness of nature and biodiversity in your locality. This may include protected areas and/or areas important for conservation e.g. waterways, field boundaries, coastal features etc. Show an appreciation of how your local species and habitats should be best managed and protected. Evidence of co-operation with expert groups and relevant authorities, especially in carrying out work in sensitive areas is desirable

Summer of 2020 members of BTT, regular swimmers from the area and others dug out approximately one hundred sacks of valerian from this location. As a consequence, the other plants are thriving in the area. BTT will continue to keep the valerian under control by culling it in Spring or early Summer.

1.
Biodiversity sign showing the plants growing at this shingle bank location. Well received by public. No graffiti to date.

2.
Volunteers Clearing Valerian. 2020.

3.
Happy volunteers clearing deeply embedded valerian from beach site under instructions from botanist. 2020

NEW

21. Biodiversity Sign Added to Harbour Wall [see map](#)



The Biodiversity of the beach area at the Harbour Wall is now showcased on a large illustrated sign erected on the Harbour Wall. The plants growing in this area which are a necessary part of the shingle beach biodiversity story is listed on the sign. BTT consulted with a local botanist and horticulturist Tom Curtis who worked with a designer to pick out a sample of some of the more interesting plants to illustrate on the sign. This sign is designed to be enduring, accessible, easy to read, educational and

attractive. This links to a video about a shingle beach similar in character to Bray's shingle beach.

[5 in Five: Single Beaches](#)

22. Clearing of Valerian from Beach area [see map](#)



As part of the process of enhancing the beach area and making it conducive to diverse plant growth BTT were advised by Tom Curtis, that although valerian is an important pollinator in early Summer its enthusiastic growth on this area was crowding out other native and sometimes rare coastal plants. Over six weeks during the



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Nature and Biodiversity contd/

1. *Insect Hotel - at Woodies Roundabout. 2021*
2. *Cove Bray. Insect Hotel made by BTT volunteer. 2021*

23. Online Education Campaign

Our BTT biodiversity committee representative presented advice and educational videos through our Facebook page during the first COVID lockdown. Justin Ivory pointed out what animals, plants and birds to look out for on our daily 2km walks. He also presented a series of posts about local bird song, and how to identify the birds in the locality. As an example BTT made an online “dawn chorus” available through our Facebook page per this link:

[International Dawn Chorus Day](#)

24. Use of Pesticide by BMD

The use of pesticides was mentioned a number of times by the adjudicator in our last TT adjudication report so the up to date situation from a Bray perspective is that the Climate Action officer of Wicklow Co. Co. met with BMD and other Municipal districts and stated that a policy was being put in place that the use of glyphosates would be banned unless the districts complete a form to state why they were using it, when, and who and where they would be using it. This is to gather a baseline.

[County Wicklow Public Participation Network](#) (Page 3)

We are also aware that while other local authorities strive as we do to make progress in this area, to date, to our knowledge none of them have managed to reach a 100% pesticide free maintenance programme.

This year BMD has commenced the testing, at Giltspur Heights, of the ‘Foamstream’ product which uses foam and is 100% environmentally friendly. Its uses include cleaning, weeding and gum removal.

[Foamstream product which uses foam and is 100% environmentally friendly](#)

A flatbed truck is being purchased to transport the machine around the county.

A new manual multi-head wire-brush sweeper has been ordered. It is drawn behind a tractor and sweeps weeds from kerbs and paving. The design of future paving may need to minimise the use of grouted intersections where weeds can take hold.

25. Insect Hotels

[see map](#)



A member of BTT erected an insect hotel in what is called the old “Swimming Cove” at the side of Bray Head. This is both a haven for the insects and a go-to place for children to build up awareness of the importance of insects. Another well positioned Insect hotel has been erected at the Woodies Roundabout at the end of the Southern Cross Road.

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1. *Swan River off Southern Cross. Pic. from Fresh Water Watch site. 2021.*
2. *Dock Hill. Mixed Planting. List of Plants in appendix. Biodiversity sign. 2021.*
3. *One of the six swift boxes now in situ in three school sites. 2019.*

26. Pollinator Plants

Since the last TT entry was sent in BTT set about a programme of planting pollinator plants in a number of our planting locations. The details are in other sections however we include here a list of the plants which we either purchased or propagated which fall into the pollinator plant category.

[Plants Planted](#)

27. Swan River Survey [see map](#)

The Waterblitz in May 2021 entailing a survey of the Swan River was carried out by a local person and this included checking the water quality and the flora and fauna living in and close to the area.

It was intended to survey the Dargle River but time did not permit this.

[Fresh Water Watch](#)



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28. Pollinator Initiatives [see map](#)



[more photos](#)

After discussions with Tom Curtis, a local botanist and BMD, BTT erected Biodiversity Signs in agreed, wilded areas, to preserve wild pollinator plants by either not mowing in these designated areas during the growing season or by asking the BMD to adhere to slow-mow policies in certain locations. A list of these locations is attached on page 78, see link above.

BTT have propagated and shared wildflower seedlings together with native wildflower seeds some of which were planted on the Dock Hill on Seapoint Road. The majority of plants purchased by BTT during the past two years have been pollinator friendly and BTT's plant selection ensures variety in plants and a long flowering season to provide food for pollinators and birdlife throughout the year.

BTT actively encourages members of the public to plant pollinator friendly plants and this is further highlighted in our growing plant sharing, successful Whatsapp Group. Members of BTT regularly update data on the 'Online National Biodiversity Database'.

Pollinator friendly bulbs have been planted by BTT and BMD in The People's Park, Bray Head, the Main Library and at the Briarwood Roundabout. Parts of Albert Walk have been dedicated as Pollinator friendly areas.

29. Swift Boxes [see map](#)



BTT has a programme of providing much needed nesting locations for Swifts continues. Altogether 6 swift boxes and sound systems have been erected in three schools St. Patricks, St. Cronans and this year we have erected a further two under the eaves in Presentation College Bray.

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Advice has been taken as to the optimum location from Birdwatch Ireland and our Wildlife advisor Justin Ivory who organised their installation July 2019

[Facebook.com/BrayTidyTowns/post](https://www.facebook.com/BrayTidyTowns/post)

and the last one was put in place in May of 2021

[Facebook.com/BrayTidyTowns/post](https://www.facebook.com/BrayTidyTowns/post)

1.
*Grow it Yourself (GIY)
Prizegiving Marino
School. June 2019*
2.
*The Cliff Walk Bray to
Greystones.
Pic. from file.
Future Project. Survey
of flora and fauna.*



30. Schools gardening competition

BTT continues its relationship with Edible Bray by co-operating in weeding and planting along The Albert Walk and by promoting their Gardening Competition for Schools.

[Edible Bray growing food across the town](#)

Also BTT coordinates mutual planting projects with Bray Grow it Yourself (GIY). Marino School received an award from GIY for their Sensory Garden in the Bray Gardens Competition - June 2019.

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31. Survey of Bray Head and Dargle River Flora and Fauna [see map](#)

BTT plans to undertake a survey of the flora and fauna of the Dargle River and the Cliff Walk from Bray to Greystones with input from local experts, and previous publications in this field. We hope to build on existing knowledge to identify which species are thriving and which species are being impacted by the huge increase in pedestrian traffic in these areas. BTT hopes to partner with, among others, Tom Curtis and Greystones Tidy Towns in this endeavour.



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Describe how your activities help to make your centre more sustainable and reduce your environmental impact. For example, consider how you use your resources (e.g. methods or materials you use), in your project work under one or more of the following key themes: sustainability, water, transport, waste, energy, and climate action. Describe awareness raising activities carried out across your community and detail any involvement with other Community Groups in this category.

Whatsapp Plant Group is used to share plants, many of which have been split following a few years' growth. This has been enormously successful especially given the size of the town. We encourage the use of perennials to cut down on our purchasing new plants every year.

1.
Bray People.
Attendees at Sustainable
Gardening Course,
October 2019

NEW

32. Sustainable Gardening Course

In the Autumn of 2019, BTT co-funded a sustainable gardening course in partnership with BMD, at their request. The course was run by Aoife Munn, a local horticulturalist, was very well attended and was run over 5 weeks. BTT were in a position to offer a place to over forty individuals associated with community groups, from Bray and surrounding areas. Course material was handed out. We continue to receive positive feedback from this course and regularly consult with Aoife Munn on estate planting issues. From this course the concept of the Whatsapp group for sharing plants was initiated and helpful contacts were made with other community groups. Aoife continues to be a good friend of BTT.

[Free 5 Week Sustainable Gardening Course](#)

33. BTT Sustainable planting

- Over the past 2 years BTT have built on their gardening skills and connected with individuals with additional skills and expertise. BTT now have a number of people taking care of various locations throughout Bray. The previously mentioned

1.



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- We have partnered with Greystones Tidy Towns, to purchase, swap plants and knowledge of successful planting, from both a maintenance and pollinator perspective. An example of our plant swapping:

[Dividing and sharing plants](#)

1.

Seeds being propagated at BTT volunteer's garden location. Plants grown here are put in various planters throughout Bray. - 2021

2.

St. Patrick's School winning first prize in Art from Trash competition. September 2019. Entries were subsequently used for Creative Night.

3.

Little Bray Community Centre. After School Project, Fassarae being presented with First Prize perpetual trophy by local artist Brigid O'Brien. Also in pic three young people from LBCC After School Project together with a youth worker and teacher from LBCC. - 2021

1.



- Bray Library has set up a community seed Ark. [Community Seed Ark in Bray Public Library](#) This great scheme enables the public to "borrow" seeds from the library, propagate, grow and then

harvest and collect the seeds which are then returned to the library for the following year. This is a free service and thirty three different types of seeds were available. BTT distributed these seeds to a number of community gardeners including the Little Bray Community Centre.

- Members of BTT planted Wild Flower seeds in "pots" made from newspaper. After these seeds had developed into seedlings they were planted directly into the naturalised area on Dock Hill on Seapoint Road.

34. Schools Art From Trash Competition 2019 and 2021

After a skipped year because of COVID, 2021 BTT continued its annual 'Junior Art from Trash' competition. Entries were open to all schools, youth clubs and individuals under 18 years. A perpetual trophy was made by a member of BTT completely from recycled metal and recycled paint brushes.

The entries received demonstrated the powerful imagination and creativity of the young people of the town. The overall winner from 'The Little Bray Community Centre after School Club' consisted of 6 pallets, each containing part of the story of waste, its impact and the bright future impact of renewables. The entries were put into the window of a local 'to let' shop. This was facilitated by local auctioneers. A prize giving ceremony took place on 11th June.

2.



3.



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1.
Volunteers with 'Leave No Trace' 2019. BTT assisted in their process.

2.
Water Fountain. One of at least five (to date) put in place around Bray. Hopefully the use of single use plastic will start to diminish. Erected by BMD. 2021.

35. Eco-trail

BTT assisted 'Leave No Trace' when 45 Volunteers from DeLoitte came to Bray and surrounds on a volunteer day for their company. Under the overall supervision/guidance of a BTT volunteer, they trimmed back briars and branches, tidied and generally made the running trails safer in preparation for the 'International Eco Trail Run'. The Eco Trail promotes a strong responsibility for the environment and is committed to reduce litter, minimise environmental impact and promote public transport. The concept has been recreated all over Europe and Bray and Wicklow were excited to have such an exciting event come to the town.

[Ecotrail-wicklow/45k](https://www.facebook.com/BTTWicklow/)

36. Water Fountains [see map](#)

BTT have been lobbying BMD for a number of years to install mains fed water fountains to help reduce the amount of plastic as a result of single use water bottles. To date three fountains have been installed along the Seafront and Bray Head and one has been installed in the Peoples Park. This should have the effect of encouraging the community to use refill bottles for their water and help to eliminate single use plastic water bottles.

[Facebook.com/BrayTCouncil/post](https://www.facebook.com/BrayTCouncil/post)

1.



37. 'Shop Local' Campaign/Recycling

BMD have launched a shop local and Bray 'Bouncing Back' campaign

[Facebook.com/BrayTCouncil/photo](https://www.facebook.com/BrayTCouncil/photo)

BTT continues to use Facebook page to highlight the importance of buying local and recycling. Bray is lucky to have a very robust and free recycling centre on the Boghall Road.

[Bray Recycling Centre](#)

This year both Lidl and Tesco have started to provide onsite bins to collect packaging including hard and soft plastic and cardboard. It is of interest that Tesco's recycling facility was made of recycled plastic.

2.



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38. Sharing Equipment

BTT continues to extensively share its equipment with local estates, individuals and other community groups who are undertaking works and clean-ups. This reduces the amount of equipment bought, especially and including items such as petrol powered hedge cutters and strimmers.

39. Public Awareness campaigns

Bray Tidy Towns continues build on and encourage the community's increasing awareness of the importance of sustainability, biodiversity and protection of our environment through our Facebook page and website and often sharing some of the initiatives with larger forums such as 'Bray Open Forum'. This is an example of an article posted on our Facebook page by one of our committee members:

[Kilcoole Beach](#)

Our focus is to work with an increasingly aware public to encourage the reduction of the amount we use. The Bray community are proud users of the increasingly attractive second hand shops. Their window displays vie with other as they continue to improve their appearance.

1.
*Bray Main Street.
National Council of the
Blind of Ireland. One of
the many second hand
shops in Bray. The way of
the future. 2021*
2.
*Windmills planned for
Bray Bank offshore from
Bray Head down the
coast. - Stock Shot.*



40. Housing Stock Upgrades - Energy Efficiency Fabric Upgrades

Wicklow Co. Co. have commenced upgrade works to their housing stock in parts of Bray. This includes pumped insulation to cavity walls and external insulation as well as boiler upgrade works.

This includes 88 houses in Bray and Greystones, also 20 properties in Wolfe Tone Square West, Bray.

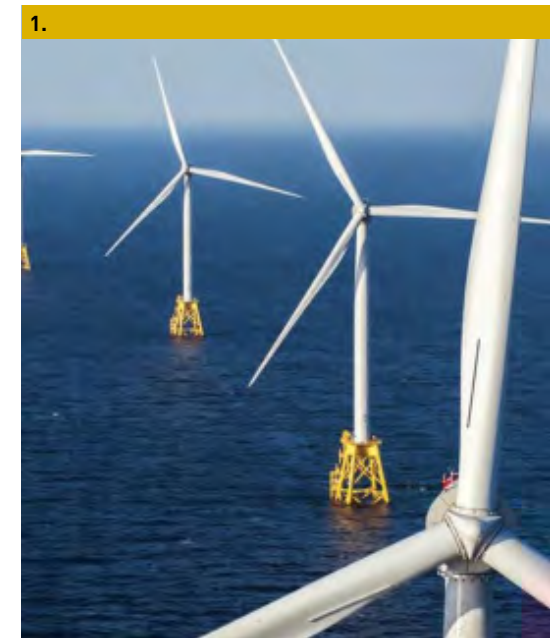
[Chief Executive's Monthly Report](#) (Page 14).

FUTURE PROJECTS

41. Offshore Wind Energy

Wind-farms are planned for erection on the 'Bray Bank' and on the 'Kish Bank'. Further information from [Minutes-of-the-October-2nd-Ordinary-Meeting.pdf](#) (page 36)

[Plans for wind farm off Bray Head coast](#)



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Sustainability contd/

1.
*Home Energy Toolkit.
One of several available
from Wicklow Libraries.
- Stock shot.*

42. Reduction of Traffic Speeds in Bray

In previous years a proposal was put forward to the councilors by a BTT member to reduce the speed limit in residential streets surrounding Main Street and close to schools to 30km/h. This was followed by a report from the District Engineer and An Garda Síochána, which supported the motion. This proposal was unanimously agreed by all Members of the council in a meeting in October. This item will now be forwarded to Wicklow County Council to be included in the next review of the speed limit byelaws.

[Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Bray](#)

BTT will continue to highlight the importance of this proposal in the context of the future development plans for the transport infrastructure of the town.

43. BTT Home Efficiency Pamphlets

A significant amount of the carbon produced is a result of heating our homes. BTT has plans to design and circulate an updated pamphlet giving homeowners practical guidelines on how they can make their home more energy efficient and information on grants available from SEAI. These will be designed in conjunction with initiatives such as the 'Home Energy' Toolkits which are available to borrow from all Wicklow libraries. [Home-energy-saving-kits-launch-across-all-wicklow-libraries](#)



44. Private waste survey

Undertake a survey of private waste trends among members of the public, through a 'Survey Monkey' type survey in line with best industry standards. It is

our intention to share the results with the public and continue to encourage households and businesses, by way of Facebook and our Website to reduce the amount of waste produced.

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TIDINESS: General lack of clutter, blocked footpaths, redundant poles, unsightly overhead electric cables, absence of graffiti and fly-posting, and evidence of control of weed growth at kerbs. Absence of unsightly and or inappropriate advertising, such as that on gables of buildings and mass produced advertising banners in shop fronts. Please note that although general tidiness is evaluated and marked in this category, tidiness is also considered under all categories. Litter: The adjudicator will assess the absence of litter and dumping, evidence of litter control strategy, including regular litter patrols, segregation of collected litter during clean-ups and promotion of anti-litter awareness throughout the community.

Though further work is required to encourage painting of premises and remove signage, a good few improvements have been actioned. Another brightly painted pink shop, who have added outdoor seating, is a welcome addition to this high profile Arcade.

- 1.
Arcade Bray.
Mural Commissioned by
BTT. 2021
Executed by: Ciara
Morrissey.
- 2.
Village Arcade
Mural of Jungle Scene.
Executed by: Ciara
Morrissey. 2020

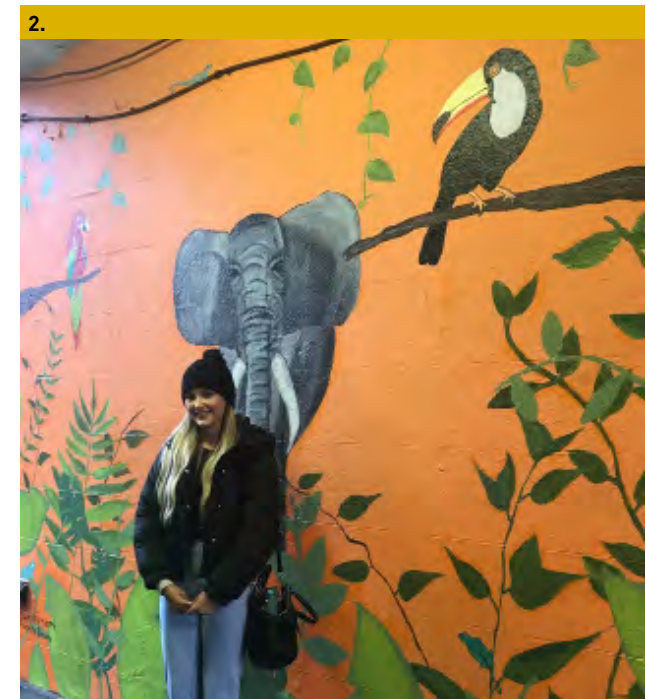
INTRODUCTION

BTT introduced an 'Adopt a Spot' during COVID lockdowns. Hate graffiti became an issue to be tackled. Volunteers and Gaisce students stepped up to the plate. Town and Bray Head projects were initiated.

NEW PROJECTS

45. Village Arcade [see map](#)

The Village Arcade in Bray was chosen by BTT as an area in need of attention as it had fallen into dereliction and at one stage had more closed shops with damaged shopfronts than ones open for business. BTT organised a skip to kick off the maintenance of this area just prior to the first lockdown. Subsequently we worked with a coffee shop – Contemporary Coffee (CC) who had added outdoor seating and a simple but very effective shop front to their premises. BTT building on work carried out by CC, commissioned two murals which were added to some previous painting undertaken by an Arcade landlord. BTT worked with this landlord to clear up some wiring, remove buddleia, fix broken locks and tidy up some drainpipes.



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Tidiness and Litter Control contd/

46. Derelict Building 110 Main Street

[see map](#)

Working with the Medieval Bray Project, BTT have improved the frontage of 110 Main Street Bray, by inserting National Library of Ireland (NLI) photographs relevant to this part of the town, into the window and door areas of this building. BTT liaised with the auctioneers who liaised with the owners and these inserts were paid for by the owners. This intervention has proven to be popular and has tidied up a bad corner.

1.
Main Street. Derelict Building. Four inserts. Historical pics of Bray. 2021.

2.
Cove. The steps were cleared of overgrowth and made accessible. Paul and Grandson working together. January 2021.

3.
Cove. Paul clearing away overgrowth to make steps safe and to render the Cove accessible. Well used during COVID. 2021



47. Derelict Building 3 Quinsboro Road

[see map](#)

BTT have engaged with the liquidator of the above shop who has paid for the initial survey which is now completed. The liquidator is in touch with the creditor 'The Revenue Commissioners' to ask them

to pay insertion of relevant NLI photographs of the old Quinsboro Road scenes onto the front of this building. An estimate has been received from the signmaker for this. As at mid June we await approval for the works from the liquidator and agreement in principle has been reached with the sign maker that this is possible.

48. Cove

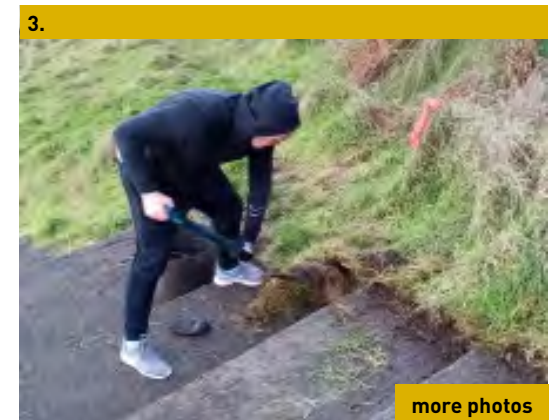
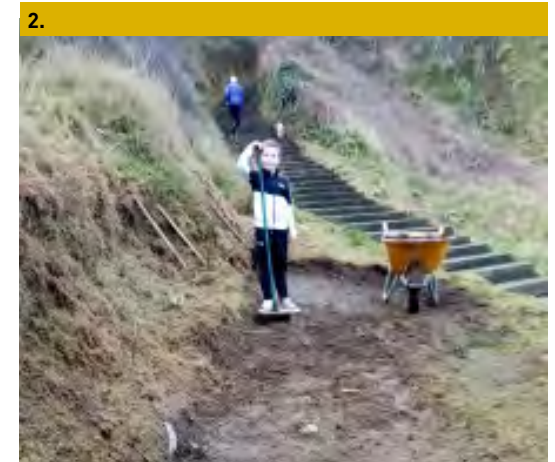
[see map](#)

This is a well loved though disused bathing place, with a lot of history, at the base of Bray Head. During lockdown one of our volunteers who used its large number of access steps to keep fit, noticed that the steps were overgrown, unsightly and dangerous. Coincidentally it was one of the areas where Katy Taylor trained, in her early days, when not in the gym. Our volunteer set about improving the steps by cutting back overgrown brambles to enhance this well loved location. An insect hotel was put in the Cove as a go to place for children. These clean ups were done with the volunteer's grandson and separately one other volunteer worked diligently on this area. These works attracted the most attention that our Facebook has ever received from any project. The community engaged fully with the process and various historical photographs were added to our Facebook which was inspirational at a difficult time in February 2021 when there were few uplifting events.

[Naylor's Cove 1](#)

The community shows its appreciation:

[Naylor's Cove 2.](#)



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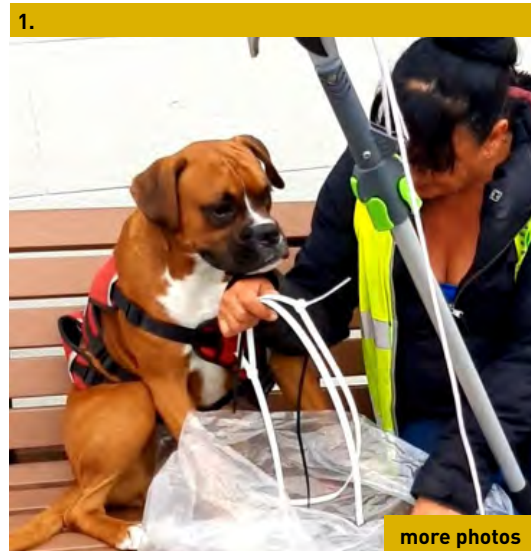
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49. Election Posters/Cable Ties

Records were kept by BTT for both the local elections in, 28/5/2019 and the general election on 8/2/2020 of the various candidates who had agreed not to poster specific areas in the town and these were reported on Facebook. This is a snapshot of this record as at a certain date before the election:

[General Election February 2020](#)



1.
Cable Ties collected.
One of our volunteers
and pet. 2020

2.
Aravon Estate Wall
Before. 2021

3.
Aravon Estate Wall
After. 2021

Subsequent to these elections, the posters were removed by the candidates, however, most of the cable ties were left in situ. BTT purchased cable tie removers to reach high areas and a few volunteers removed about five hundred cable ties from the poles in the town. One volunteer in particular stuck to this task until the poles were entirely cleared of ties. This is a record of the clearance on Facebook at a certain point in the task.

[Removal of 400 cable ties from the Main Street](#)

50. IBAL

Bray moved up the Irish Business Against Litter (IBAL) list to 7th from a previous 19th at a critical time during COVID lockdowns where local footfall had increased. Also according to IBAL

“ the reluctance among civic-minded people to pick up litter during the pandemic may carry long term consequences. “While people have certainly become more attuned to their natural surroundings and more conscious of how litter can spoil those surroundings, this is offset by an understandable unwillingness to pick up waste for fear of contamination”. We have had exactly the opposite response in Bray.

Exceptionally the Bray Municipal District Seafront Team worked exceedingly hard to keep Bray Promenade, Beach and Bray Head Car Parks in excellent condition.

[IBAL 2020 survey](#)

[Bray climb to 7th in Irish Business Against Litter League](#)

51. Graffiti

Graffiti became a major issue during the COVID restrictions with personalised, covid denying, racist and hate graffiti becoming prolific in the town.

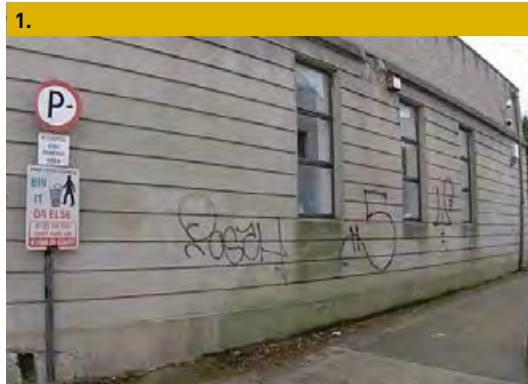


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1.
Scoil Raithin - Stable Lane -
Off Florence Road.
Before - Cleaned by
Irish Pressure Cleaners
volunteering with BTT. -
2021



2.
Scoil Raithin - Stable Lane -
Off Florence Road.
After - Cleaned by
Irish Pressure Cleaners
volunteering with BTT. -
2021



3.
Seafront Steps -
Off Promenade
Before - Cleaned by
Irish Pressure Cleaners
volunteering with BTT.
-2021

harbour wall and other prominent locations. BTT also provided paint to a number of groups including residents associations including Killarney Heights, Novara Road, Bray Head Residents Association, Lauderdale residents, community groups including 'Bray for Love'.

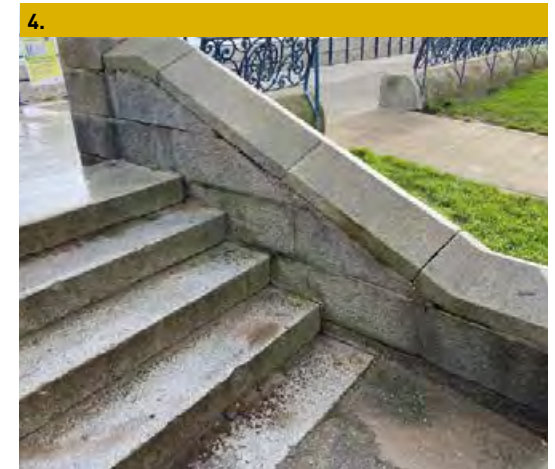


4.
Seafront Steps -
Off Promenade
Before - Cleaned by
Irish Pressure Cleaners
volunteering with BTT.
-2021

Some of the graffiti was tackled by BTT volunteers and other individuals and estates. Where appropriate we painted over the graffiti, typically in magnolia, white and grey. Large walls were targeted in estates, on the

During lock-down we were approached by Irish Pressure Cleaners (IPC) who offered their expert services to remove, free of charge, high profile vexatious graffiti from stone and concrete surfaces some of which had been in situ for a number of years. This task was carried out effectively with care and efficiency over a number of weeks. Areas tackled in this manner included: Bray Head, Schools and the Seafront. So as not to encourage graffiti we have a policy of not putting our work on Facebook.

Subsequently BTT used it's budget with BMD to commission the removal of 24 separate hate graffiti groupings from the DWHA Estates, a volunteer got permission individually from the 24 gardens which backed on to this estate and the work was completed satisfactorily. BMD went on to hire IPC to carry out further graffiti removal on other large estate walls.



One of the more high profile graffiti people was arrested and charged by Iarnrod Eireann. BTT were informed and contacted the Community Garda with whom we have a relationship and we offered to work with the graffiti person if they were given community service. This was acknowledged as being a good idea by both the Garda and BMD.

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Tidiness and Litter Control contd/

52. Volunteer Litter Management

As mentioned before and thanks largely to our local community of volunteers Bray has attained its highest score yet in the Irish Business Against Litter survey. Bray has moved up the rankings to 7th as reported on

25th January 2021, from a previous 19th in 2020.

The constraints on groups meeting anywhere during COVID provided BTT with the opportunity to approach the issue of litter in imaginative ways. We were delighted to receive more than usual applications for individuals and

families to 'adopt a space'. Because so many people were 'out getting the air' public spaces were more littered than usual and the community rose to the challenge including community groups such as Sunbeam and Bray Springs group.

Allied to this a record number of seven Gaisce students joined our ranks and some of them continued volunteering after their awards. Both the Gaisce Students and the Community Volunteers were allocated specific areas and rubbish bag collection was arranged with a willing and cooperative Bray Municipal District. We have shared the registration forms for the An Taisce National Spring Clean kits with quite a number of interested parties and have shared regularly via facebook.

Several of the areas in Bray attracted negative attention from a 'drinking party' perspective, one of these was Ballywaltrim and starting with an initiative spear-headed by a local football team 'Ardmore' which attracted a large turn-out, many individual volunteers have continued to litter pick successfully in this area. Over 30 bags were collected and the fields and been maintained over the year by local volunteers.

[Bray Tidy Towns get back to work](#)

We have highlighted some of the litter black spots tackled on our map.

1.

Gaisce Volunteer at Ravenswell Road site (litter hot spot). with his Mum Karen during lockdown. 2021



2.



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53. Dog Fouling Awareness

The 'dog poo' video mentioned in the last TT entry has been completed and uploaded to our Facebook page and Website.

Posters have been put all over the town and online by BMD and BTT have created and posted stickers in relevant targeted spots. Allied to this posters were created by school students, laminated by BTT and put in popular dog walking spots.



54. Border Areas with Dun-Laoghaire Rathdown [see map](#)

Because a number of large estate areas such as Corke Abbey, Woodbrook Glen, two new schools on the Schools' Road and LIDL supermarket are either completely in the

Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Council (DLRC) area or border it, BTT have approached both DLRC and BMD to try and ensure the area was not at a total disadvantage as both councils have not yet agreed where their responsibilities lie. We have requested and continue to request that they provide rubbish bags and collections. They are now able to do so as at 16th June 2021. Also fly tipping on the border areas has been reported. On a positive note DLRC has commenced preparatory work on the old contaminated dump which straddles the boundary between Wicklow and Dublin.

FUTURE PROJECTS

55. Adopt a spot

It is planned to extend the successful 'Adopt a Spot' scheme to encourage individuals or small groups to take control of a small public area leading to or outside their living areas or estates and to plant, weed and imaginatively deal with these spaces as well as collect litter. This will be a step up from the current 'adopt a spot' which has focussed mainly on litter picking and weeding. BTT will provide support, encouragement and in some cases plants for these initiatives.

56. Special funding for fly tipping

BMD has specified that there is no particular funding to handle large scale illegal dumping such as exists on the Upper Dargle Road at Carrigoona which has received numerous mentions in the IBAL report. Currently BTT are working with a local councillor, who is on our committee, a motion to put forward at a council meeting to ring fence funding for this purpose. A BMD official indicated that this was needed.

57. Village Arcade [see map](#)

BTT will continue to work on improvements to the Village Arcade by:

- Writing to a number of shops suggesting that that they paint their premises while offering to supply the paint.
- Follow through on the commitment by one of the landlords to paint his premises if BTT can get agreement on the other shop.
- Write to one of the businesses who is not clearing rubbish from in front of his premises.
- Write to Wicklow Co.Co. planning in relation to excessive signage at the front of the Arcade.
- Follow through on a landlords commitment to have some of the drainpipes tidied up and painted.

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Residential streets that include Town Houses are integral parts of towns and villages and should be treated in a similar fashion to public and private housing developments. Consideration is given to proper presentation and maintenance of all properties with due cognisance given to maintenance of frontages, boundary and gable end walls. Gardens, where applicable, should be presented to a good standard. In housing developments, green areas should be appropriately managed for biodiversity and amenity. Children's play areas to be considered with equipment maintained to best standards. Where possible individual estates should have suitable name signs - stones, plaques, sign posts, etc. preferably bilingual. Unfinished estates will not reflect badly on the efforts of any community but examples of how the community is addressing this issue should be highlighted.

1.
Giltspur Heights.
Clean Up Day 2019
Machinery supplied by
resident. 2019



INTRODUCTION

BTT continues to work mainly though not exclusively with BMD on Local Authority estates supporting them in the provision of equipment, volunteers, direction, paint, contacts and advice. Estates BTT has worked with include Ballymorris, Giltspur Heights, Deerpark/Whiteoaks/Heatherwood/Killarney Heights/Bray Head Residents Assoc and Upper Dargle.

NEW PROJECTS

58. Giltspur Heights

[see map](#)

BTT worked with the Giltspur Heights residents association and in particular organised a well attended clean up day within the estate:

- The area was leafleted to residents outlining the work planned and looking for support.
- There was a very large and engaged turn-out which included a number of willing BTT volunteers.
- Bushes which harboured anti-social activities were removed from a number of areas within the estate.
- Residents came forward with mechanical digger equipment.
- Plans were made for further improvements.
- Two large skips were filled with vegetation and litter fly tipping. One was paid for by BTT.
- Graffiti was painted over on the part of the estate that faces onto the Southern Cross approach road to Bray.
- Pizzas and drinks were ordered for all of the volunteers on site.

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This is an entry on our Facebook page showing some of the machinery engaged with clearing out hedges.

[Facebook.com/BrayTidyTowns/post](https://www.facebook.com/BrayTidyTowns/post)



1.

1.
Deerpark/Whiteoaks/
Heatherwood/Ard na
Greine (DWHA)
After bulbs were planted
and two skips filled.
Tea provided by DWHA
resident. 2019

2.
DWHA Volunteers
planting in wooded
location. 2019

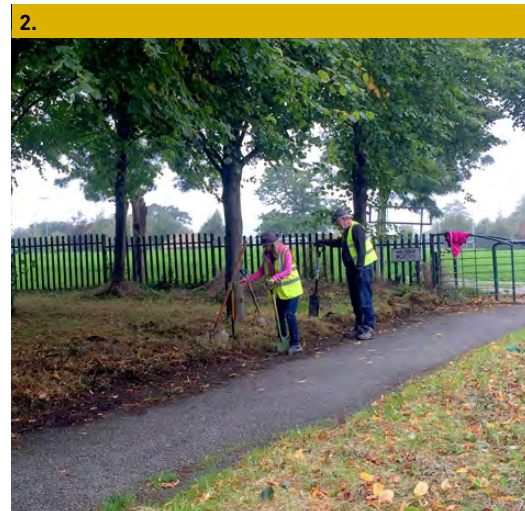
3.
Clover Hill.
Renovated naming stone.
Plantings being put in
place. 2010

59. Deerpark/Whiteoaks/Heatherwood/ Ard Na Greine (DWHA) [see map](#)

- BTT had a number of meetings with the residents representative from this area regarding a Clean up day.
- The area was leafleted explaining what work was taking place
- Plans were made including for a Clean up Day for a tree lined embankment at the back of the Ard na Greine estate.
- A large number of bulbs were planted.

- Two skips were filled – One paid for by BTT.
- Estate won an award.
- A lovely picnic was organised by a small contingent from the residents group.
- Graffiti was removed from a large entrance wall to the estate by BTT funds with BMD. This graffiti had been in place for some years.
- BTT entered this estate for the Wicklow Co. Co. Tidy Towns Estates competition

[DWHA Clean up day](#)



2.

60. Clover Hill [see map](#)

The residents association in this estate had a number of objectives when they contacted Bray Tidy Towns. These were to:

- Improve the planting especially regarding pollinators to involve the younger members of the estate.
- Build a rockery around the naming stone.
- Improve the naming stone.
- Look for areas which would be suitable for certain plants.
- Clean-up some unsightly places such as at the junction box



3.

[more photos](#)

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1.
*Clover Hill.
Fun day clean up day. 2021*
2.
*Clover Hill
Planting at naming stone.
2021*
3.
*Brennans Parade.
Award Winning Community
Garden. 2020*

This association had a good residents group who were looking for some guidance regarding the location of plants and BTT suggested that they consult with Aoife Munn – a sustainable gardener who lived nearby. The consultation took place and advice was followed. Subsequently the Mens Shed provided planting buckets (from painted old vegetation tins) Bird Boxes and Tree plaques. Work was carried out over a number of clean up and planting days. BTT supplied some propagated plants and a number of bulbs. This estate together with BTT was profiled on Nationwide on 25th January, 2021. This is a link to one of the estate’s clean up days.

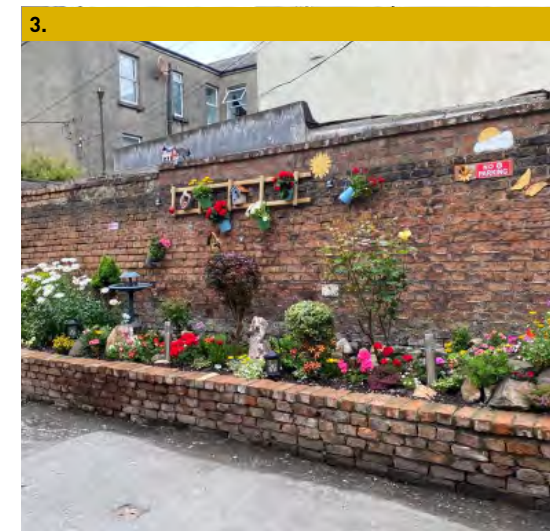
[Clean up day in Clover Hill](#)



61. Brennan’s Parade

[see map](#)

A couple of residents of this terrace, one of whom is a member of BTT, began tidying and planting the area opposite their houses c 2019. The BTT member also undertook to paint the surrounds of all the doors and windows on the terrace and to embellish the gates on the Sidmonton Avenue end of the parade. They have added more and more plants and decoration and were very proud to win first Prize in the Best Estates section of the Wicklow Co.Co Awards. The area has become a “go to” area for planners wanting to see what can be done in similar areas.



62. Community Gardeners

[see map](#)

A number of individuals have taken responsibility for choosing spots, sometimes associated with areas outside their own estates to cultivate and beautify in some way. These have become a joy to behold for passers by and are remarked upon regularly in our local “Bray Open Forum” These areas include Sidmonton Gardens, Oldcourt, Raheen, Killarney Park and Bray Head. BTT seeks to support these initiatives by either purchasing plants or giving contributions towards these purchases.

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63. Fassaroe

[see map](#)

We keep in touch with the Little Bray Community Centre in Fassaroe and continue to maintain the entrance to Fassaroe. BTT planted over one hundred Mascari along the wall edge during September 2020.



1.
*Fassaroe
Bulbs Planted and
flowering, 2020*

FUTURE PROJECTS

64. Fassaroe Estate Mural

We have had discussions with The Little Bray After school Club in Fassaroe about some of the after school pupils designing and executing a mural on one of the many large walls in the Fassaroe Estate. This came about as there was a large-scale graffiti removal exercise carried out by Irish Pressure Cleaners and as commissioned by BMD.

65. BTT Estate Competition

COVID permitting BTT may run a specific Estate competition to line up with one or two of the Sustainable Development Goals, perhaps with a biodiversity or a sustainable theme. BTT feels there is scope for some estates to establish their own composting areas and we understand that Wicklow Co. Co. is anxious to work with these estates.

66. Heritage Leaflets

Notwithstanding the delays caused by other priorities during COVID, BTT remains interested in publishing a number of publications on the Wicklow Heritage Website or/and publishing a leaflet for each of the following:

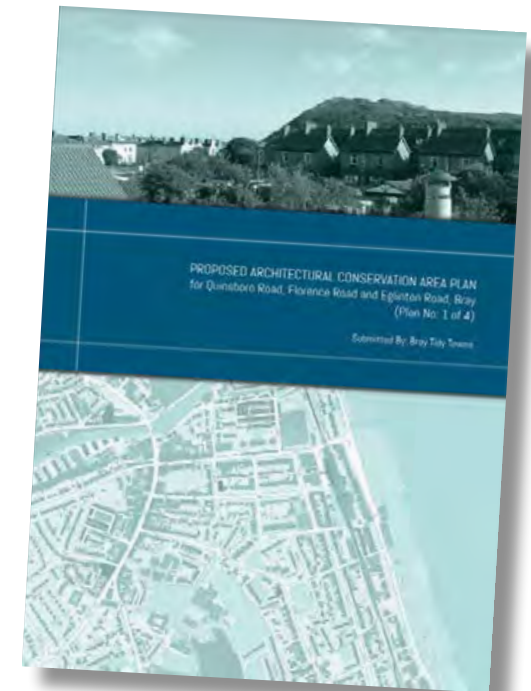
- The Architectural Conservation Area submissions which BTT has made to the Bray Local Area Plan. Example of ACA for the Quinsboro Road area

[Architectural Conservation Area Plan](#)

- Medieval Bray Project work on Raheen a Cluig Church and other areas in Bray and on a number of historical topics.

[Medieval Bray Project](#)

- Walks compiled by a number of groups.



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67. Working with Estates

BTT has it as their mission to initiate further working relationships with housing estates to assist in preparing them if needed and introduce them to the Wicklow Co. Co. estates award and to nominate them for next year's competition where applicable.

[Wicklow Tidy Towns, Estates and Environmental Awards announced](#)

photos

68. Allotments

[see map](#)

There are a few local allotments in estates in Bray, such as in Fassaroe, The Headlands and Giltspur Woods. In addition BTT has been approached by individuals who are interested in forming allotments, but are not in estates where they are able to develop their own. BTT will work with BMD and others to identify lands which could be allocated for allotments and to support those estates that have already developed them.



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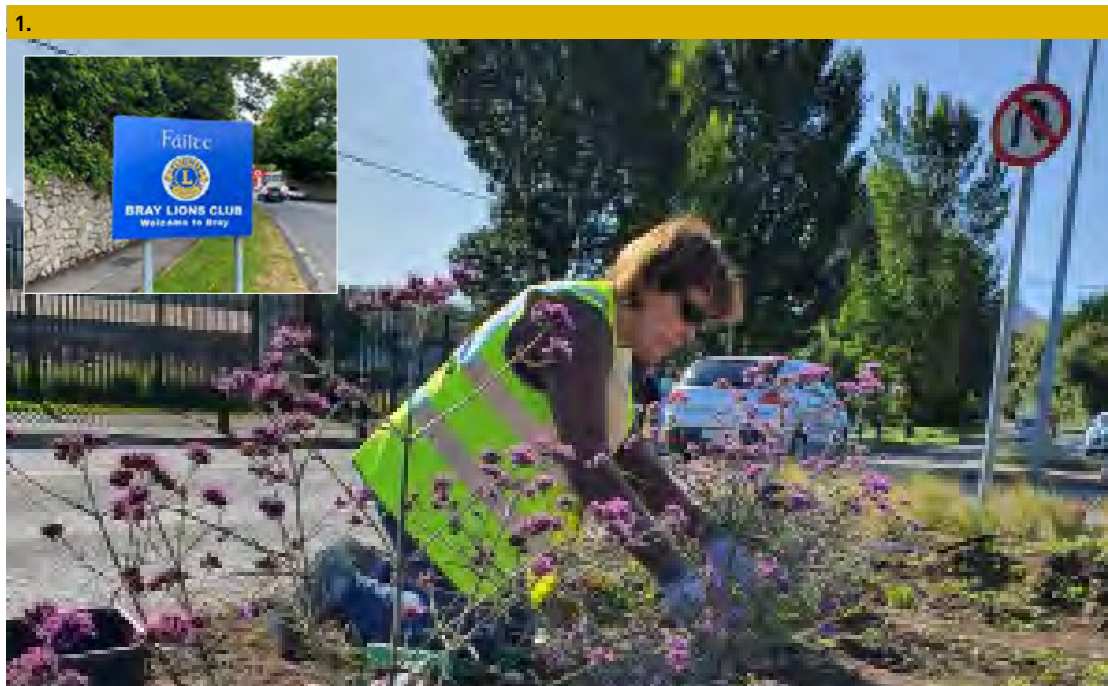
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Appropriate presentation of approach roads, including the roadside verges and their boundary treatment. The appearance of town and village streets, connecting roads, laneways, bridges and cycle lanes. Provision for inclusive access and pedestrian connections

1.
Planting at
Springfield median.
2021
Insert -
New sign at Briar
Wood entrance to
Bray.
2.
Springfield.
Alcove with
Volunteers. 2020



INTRODUCTION

Bray has three major approach roads from the M11 "Bray North (A) leading to Dublin Road turning into Castle Street 'Fassaroe', (B) leading to Dargle Roads Upper and Lower and "Bray South" (C) leading to Southern

Cross Road and Vevay Road. Where relevant we have referenced the approach roads per this legend. Streets and lanes dealt with here include the Albert Walk, the Village Arcade.

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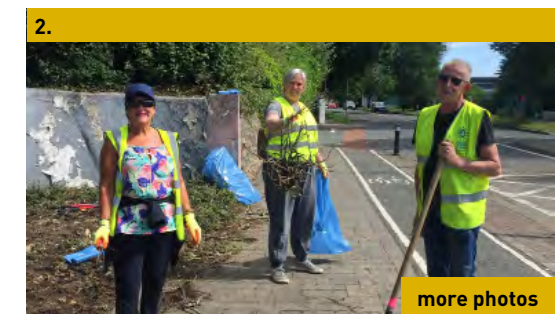
69. Springfield

[see map](#)

One of the main arteries into Bray (C) is the Killarney Road which passes by the Springfield Cemetery and BTT considered this area in need of a facelift especially with the advent of COVID when it became a matter of respect that the entrance to such a sensitive location should have gravitas. The median was parched with poor soil and had recent evidence of weedkiller being used extensively.

Working with very low numbers because of its location and COVID we were surprised at the enthusiasm of our volunteers who hacked manually into a resistant stoney surface. Gradually over a number of Saturdays the back was broken on the first stage of the work, soil was added, appropriate plants were lovingly chosen. BTT also carried out a paint and plant make-over on a nearby badly neglected alcove filled with rubbish.

[The Alcove](#) [The Median](#)



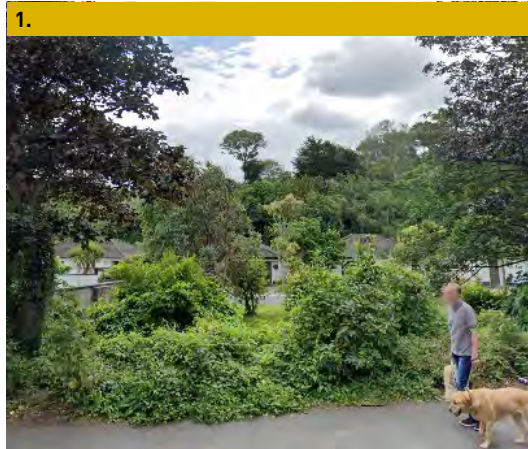
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70. Broken Boundary wall on Upper Dargle Road [see map](#)



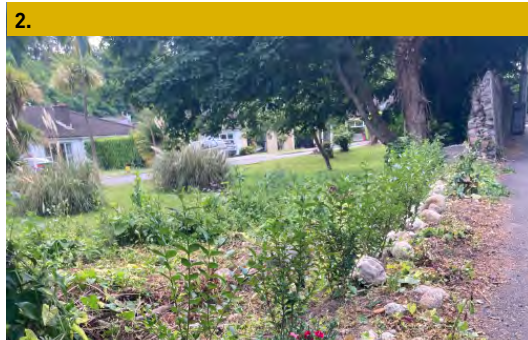
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1.
Broken Boundary Wall on Upper Dargle Road. 2021

2.
Hedge planting put in place to mark the boundary wall area. 2021

3.
Black Lives Matter mural sponsored by Bray Tidy Towns. 2020

4.
Dublin Road Bray, Verdun Cottage. 2020



2.

A derelict wall on the entrance road to Bray on the Upper Dargle Road had been on BTT's radar and during Covid, residents of Coberg which borders the Upper Dargle Road, independently cleared and remade the area. They took away the broken wall and planted a hedge which we considered to be a form of placemaking which transformed the look and feel of the area.

71. Herbert Road Mural [see map](#)

A specific and longstanding mural was attacked by 'hate graffiti' on the surrounding wall of a house on the Silverpines Estate which backs on to the Herbert Road. BTT working with the owner of the wall engaged and paid for the services of a local graffiti artist to reinstate a more acceptable mural on this high profile wall.



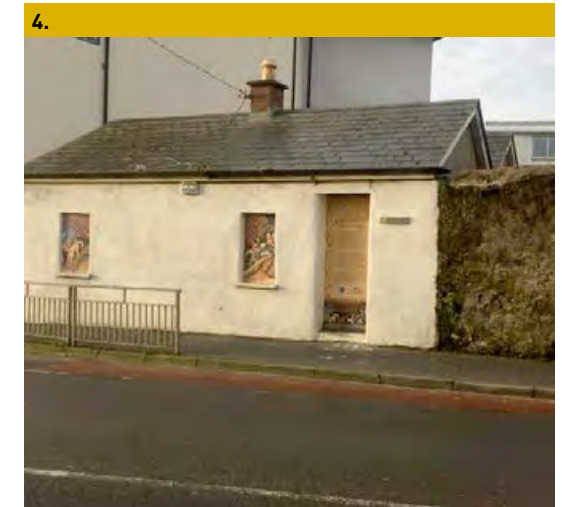
3.

72. Verdun Cottage [see map](#)

This cottage is located opposite the Ravenswell triangle. The corriboard inserts to the windows and door of this derelict cottage were updated to reflect images of historical relevance to the area. This cottage, which was subject to graffiti, has not been targeted since these insertes were put in place.

[Verdun Cottage](#)

[The Battle of Bloodybank - Bray 1402](#)



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73. Planter at Litter-prone location [see map](#)

A neglected area at the Castle Street Bus-stop in Bray was recently re-soiled, re-planted, cut back, de-littered and has the potential to provide a welcome positive distraction in this urban location.

[Facebook.com/BrayTidyTown/post](https://www.facebook.com/BrayTidyTown/post)



74. Map for cycling to schools [see map](#)

A secondary school, North Wicklow Educate Together (NWET), moved into temporary accommodation in 2020. The school entrances are at a very busy road junction and shared with a centre which accommodates vulnerable adults. The school requested that no cars enter school grounds, and encouraged walking and cycling to school. BTT assisted NWET in preparing a map noting site drop-off points and cycle and walking routes from key transport nodes. This was circulated to the school community through their App. The map can be seen at this link:

[Bray Tidy Towns Maps](#)

75. Strand Road/Cycle path linkage upgrades [see map](#)

Resurfacing of roads has taken place around Bray with major work updates at Vevay Road. (C)

Link Completed between Strand Road Cycle Scheme and Bray Harbour/Schools access Road and path widened at Marine Terrace. Seafront/Harbour link:

[3.3 million funding for improved walking and cycling infrastructure in Wicklow](#) Strand road No. 1 and Vevay Road No. 18

76. New Signage [see map](#)

An outdated Bray Lions Club 'Welcome to Bray' sign has been replaced at the Wilton Roundabout and at Herbert Road entrance.

[See new signage photo at beginning of this chapter](#)



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77. Approach Road lanter boxes

[see map](#)

There are three planters at the junction between the Dublin Road and the Upper Dargle Road (A +B) one at the junction of Upper and Lower Dargle Road (B), and one at Briar Wood (C). The plants in these planters are diligently maintained by a dedicated team with flower changes regularly. These are watered and weeded at critical intervals and especially after hot weather spells. These planters have inspired other BTT plantings and attract dedicated volunteers.

1.
*Ravenswell Junction.
Planter: 2021*

2.
*Ravenswell Junction.
Planter: 2021*

3.
*Upper Dargle Road
Planter: 2021*

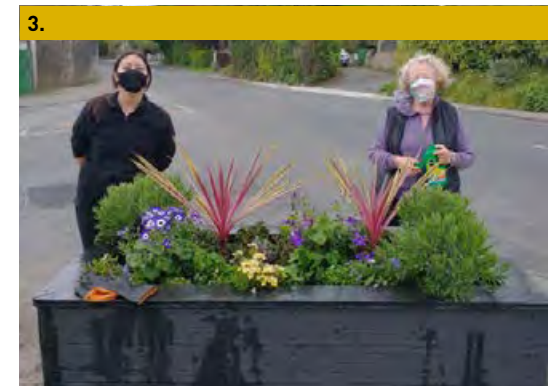
4.
*Upper Dargle Road
Planter: 2021*



Four planters at junction between Upper Dargle Road and Dublin Road and Briar Wood:

[Blaise's BTT planters in all their glory](#)

Junction between Upper and Lower Dargle Road



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78. Albert Walk

[see map](#)

BTT continues to maintain the planting at the Albert Walk and to add new plants as required. We are assisted from time to time by the Grow it Yourself (GIY) group and some of the residents and businesses have helped in the past. This year underground cabling and new led lighting has been put in place. This Walk continues to attract some artistic endeavours on old doors and window openings which the public find attractive.

[Some lively colours](#)



79. Old Courthouse

[see map](#)

BTT conducted a tidy up at this location, intend to paint some of the walls and spoke to the local hotelier and discussed the putting in place of plants by the hotelier to include pollinator plants. BTT removed ivy and buddleia (destructive to the building) as well as defunct fairy lights, when COVID permitted. BTT are in touch with the Heritage Officer and Arts Officer to try and get action on some necessary repair and maintenance, as it is in the ownership of Wicklow County Council. BTT will continue to advocate for an appropriate use for this building which is a Protected Structure, but currently in disuse and therefore susceptible to dereliction.

[photos](#)

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80. Junction of Ravenswell Road/ Entrance to Schools Road [see map](#)

At the entrance to Ravenswell Road there is a site which has rubbish/ graffiti and overgrown bushes. It is intended to paint the wall, remove the rubbish and trim the overgrown bushes and plant pollinator plants here. Also we plan to make representations to the owners to remove a large body of graffiti from some of the neglected buildings at this site.

81. Vevay Hill

[see map](#)

A number of schools lead out onto the Vevay Hill which has a stretch of rough growth along the inside of the pathway. BTT feels that some imaginative and colourful planting could be done at this location to include some of the schools.



82. Painting of Railings at St. Pauls [see map](#)

As at the time of compiling this entry work is due to commence on the painting of the railings at St. Paul's church opposite the Royal Hotel. This was brought about by discussions between the current tenants of the church and Christ Church which was in part facilitated by BTT who are also involved with the financing of the paint after receiving donations from Christchurch. Also BTT are in discussions regarding the removal of graffiti on some of the stonework surrounding the railings.

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Community Gardener – Sidmonton – Summer 2020



Filling in tree trunk with soil and compost and planting a fern to stop littering. - Summer 2020



Community Gardener on Raheen Pk – Summer 2020



Bob with watering butt.

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2. Vevay Shopping Area



Daniel O'Neill of BoyleSports with a planter they're taking care of on Vevay Road.

Colourful flowers along the Vevay Road shopping area

By MARY FOGARTY

SUGARLOAF Crescent Residents Committee in conjunction with Bray Tidy Towns recently asked the shops along the Vevay Road in Bray if they would put up hanging baskets. They were very happy to do so. Bray Tidy Towns provided the brackets, the Bray Men's Shed provided the baskets, and members of the residents committee made them up. The shops paid for the planting of the baskets, and they are now hanging proudly outside

Sunrise Chinese Takeaway, Roches Chemist, Traditional Butcher Shop, O'Brien's off licence, San Marino Takeaway and the house which is the old post office. Boyle's bookmakers, Judy's Garden, and barber shop have undertaken to water the concrete planters in front of their shops. We hope more shops and businesses along the Vevay will come on board with the Vevay facelift as it really does make a difference, said a spokesperson for the Sugarloaf Crescent Residents Association.



Pharmacist Nigel Roche at his shop with the new flower baskets on Vevay Road, Bray



Vevay Shopping Area – Spring 2021



Outside Centra – Vevay Shopping Area – Spring 2021

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Outside Centra – Vevay Shopping Area – Spring 2021



Vevay Shopping Areas – Spring 2021



Vevay Shopping Area – Hanging Baskets – 2021



Old Hanging Baskets being re-purposed 2020



Hanging Baskets – Vevay Shopping Area



Vevay Shopping Area – Hanging Baskets 2021



Vevay Shopping Area – Hanging Baskets – 2021



Old Hanging Baskets (hangers) being re-purposed for Vevay Shopping Area 2020

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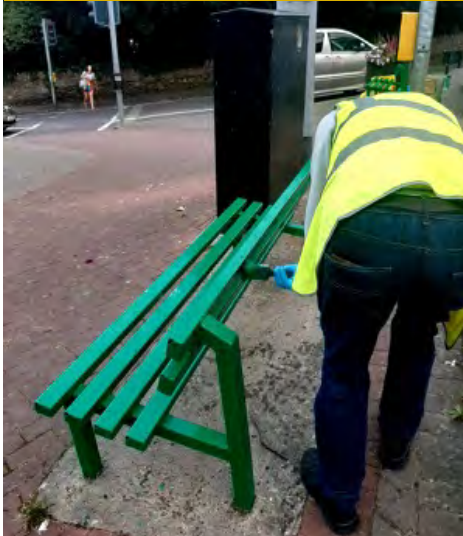
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Vevay Shopping Area – Hanging Baskets – 2021

3. Painting benches [Click to see Main](#)



Painting Bench at Ravenswell Junction – Sept 2020

No. 9 Cutting Back Hedges



Castle Street – February 2020

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Cutting Back Hedges – Briarwood – February 2020

No. 13 – Ravenswell Road [Click to see Main](#)



Bed prior to planting



Briarwood – February 2020

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Plastic Matting – Removed



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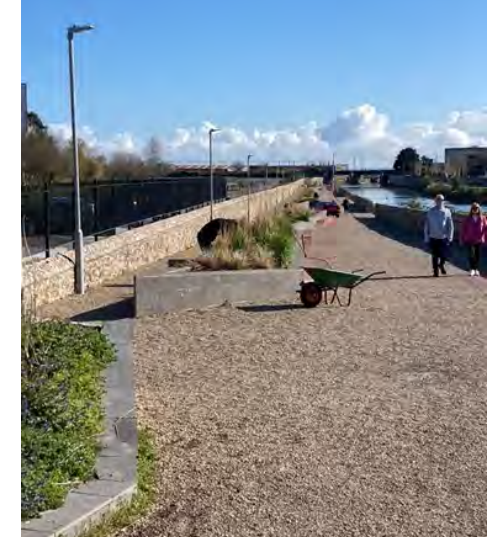
Ravenswell Road - 2021



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Springfield – Autumn 2020



Fassaroe Autumn 2020



Briar Wood 2021



Dart Station Autumn 2020



Library 2021

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No 14 – Bulb Planting

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Item	Price	Qty	Subtotal
 Allium - Aflatunense (hollandicum) Bulbs per pack: 200	€34.95	1	€34.95
 Collections - Bee friendly bulb collection - large Bulbs per pack: 310	€50.00	1	€50.00
 Narcissus - Johann strauss Bulbs per pack: 250	€32.50	1	€32.50
 Anemones - Blanda mixed Bulbs per pack: 500	€34.95	1	€34.95
 Galanthus - Galanthus nivalis single flowering Bulbs per pack: 100	€34.95	1	€34.95
 Hyacinthoides - Hyacinthoides non-scripta Bulbs per pack: 250	€32.50	1	€32.50
 Muscari - Muscari armeniacum Bulbs per pack: 400	€19.95	1	€19.95
 Muscari - Muscari mixed Bulbs per pack: 400	€32.50	1	€32.50
 Lilies - African queen Bulbs per pack: 40	€39.95	1	€39.95

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Peoples Park – Autumn/ Winter 2020

Near the Dargle - 2020



Peoples Park – Autumn 2020

Around the Town – Early 2020

Bray Head – Winter 2020

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Peoples Park – Autumn 2020



Clover Hill – Spring 2021



Mens Shed – Plaques for Clover Hill Estate – 2020

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Mens Shed Plaque – Clover Hill



Peoples Park – Autumn 2020



Bray Head – Early 2021



Mens Shed – Plaque – Clover Hill



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No. 16 – Trees

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Trees Award: Identifying best practice in the planting or care of trees. A project that demonstrates how trees can be incorporated into our communities or how good maintenance can be used to ensure their continued service to our local environment and community. Preference for use of native trees.

Description of project:

A number of years back 21 trees were planted along the newly constructed cycle lane Along Strand Road in Bray. Bray Tidy Towns, (BTT) noticed that the trees were not thriving and approached the council to see if anything could be done to revive them. BTT were given permission to engage with their volunteers to see what could be done.

Together with botanist Tom Curtis and Bray Coastcare member, Bob Galvin, both of whom volunteer with Bray tidy Towns too, it was established that the roots were lacking nutrients and water. The roots had not had the necessary ingredients to spread and therefore the bough of the tree was suffering.

Over a number of weeks volunteers cleared away the grass around the trees to expose the root irrigation pipe which had been entirely concealed. This was all happening at a time when there was water restrictions in place. Therefore Bob recycled his shower and bath water. Seaweed feed was added to the water and all the trees were given a feed every two weeks.

The trees have responded well. BTT are liaising with a professional tree pruning company to establish what is required from a pruning perspective to give the trees the best chance to thrive.

The before and after shots is approximately a 2 month time frame



BRAY TIDY TOWNS

Making a Great Town Better



6th June 2020

Dear Stephen,

We are writing to you to suggest that Bray Municipal District, Bray Tidy Towns (including Tom Curtis) collaborate on an approach to try and revive the health of trees, which have been planted at the Seafront. For record purposes we attach a photograph of 20 of the trees.

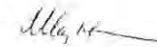
In the first instance we asked Tom Curtis what he thought was preventing these trees from flourishing and it is his opinion that they have not been watered adequately and routinely and that some of the branches and leaders are dead. He states that they need the dead pieces pruned back and that they need watering during this dry spell. It may well be that they need deep root irrigation and they could benefit from a fertilizer feed also.

Tom offers to consult with the contractors if they are brought back. Could we ask whether it would be possible for you to discuss options with the contractors?

Allied to this can we have permission to use metal edging to create a collar around the base of each tree so that they can be kept vegetation free to prevent weeds, grass cuttings intercepting irrigation.

Separately just for your information Bray Tidy Towns has put a biodiversity sign at the Dock Hill and we trust that this is in order.

Yours sincerely



Mary Hargaden
Secretary - Bray Tidy Towns - Mob: 0072104644

As advised by botanist, BTT watered and fed 21 trees at seafront with some success 2020

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One of 25 planters at seafront - 2021



One of 25 planters at seafront - 2021



Volunteer at St Pauls - 2019



Volunteer at St Pauls - 2019

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Future project Ravenswell Road

22. Clearing of Valerian from Beach area



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Clearing of Valerian at Bray beach – 2020

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Dock Hill plants - 2021

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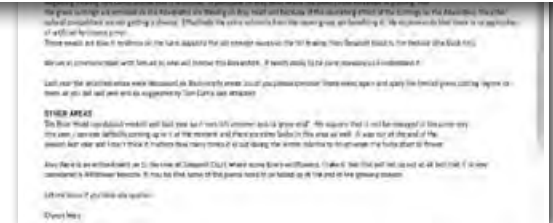
These are the 4 maps (A,B,C & D) highlighting the 6 biodiversity areas in Bray. See the next 4 pages of this Pdf



THE MAIN BIODIVERSE AREAS PER THE ATTACHED MAP

- A. Seapoint Road Bank
- B. Bray Head - Left hand side on the way up - the area between the main pathway up Bray Head and the path to the Cove.
Bray Head - Right hand side embankment on the way up Bray Head
The Cliff Walk approach.
- C. Southern Cross Road 'Greystones Roundabout' - near the hiking entrance to Bray Head.
- D. Southern Road 'Woodies Roundabout' - the bank at the southern end.
- E. Killarney Road/Rynville Manor Junction (This is a very small area and is important because 'Toothwort' grows there)

Separately if you have any influence in Shoreline and their mowing regime there are some cowslips there that Tom is interested in preserving...



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DOCK HILL PLANT LIST

- | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Thale cress | Arabidopsis thaliana |
| False-oat grass | Arrhenatherum elatius |
| Shepherd's purse | Capsella bursa-pastoris |
| Red valerian | Centranthus ruber |
| Bindweed | Convolvulus arvensis |
| Canadian fleabane | Conyza canadensis |
| Swine-cress | Coronopus squamatus |
| Beaked hawk's-beard | Crepis vesicaria |
| Fern grass | Desmazeria rigida |
| American willowherb | Epilobium ciliatum |
| Hoary willowherb | Epilobium parviflorum |
| Sun spurge | Euphorbia helioscopia |
| Petty spurge | Euphorbia peplus |
| Tall ramping-fumitory | Fumaria bastardii |
| Cleavers | Galium aparine |
| Wall barley | Hordeum murinum |
| Prickly lettuce | Lactuca serriola |
| Purple toadflax | Linaria purpurea |
| Perennial rye-grass | Lolium perenne |
| Black medick | Medicago lupulina |
| Long-headed poppy | Papaver dubium |
| Corn poppy | Papaver rhoeas |
| Rough-stalked meadow-grass | Poa trivialis |
| Creeping buttercup | Ranunculus repens |
| Blackberry | Rubus fruticosus |
| Curled dock | Rumex crispus |
| Ragwort | Senecio jacobaea |
| Groundsel | Senecio vulgaris |
| Hedge mustard | Sisymbrium officinale |
| Alexanders | Smyrniolum olusatrum |
| Smooth sow-thistle | Sonchus oleraceus |
| Chickweed | Stellaria media |
| Dandelion | Taraxacum officinale |
| Wheat | Triticum aestivum |
| Lamb's lettuce | Valerianella locusta |
| Common field-speedwell | Veronica persica |



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PRIZES FOR RECYCLED ART

In a week when climate matters and environmental issues were at the forefront it was apt that the winners of the Bray Tidy Towns 'Recycled Art' competition were presented with their awards.

The winning art works were also displayed in The Signal Art Centre as part of Culture Night celebrations.

The overall winners were third class at St Patrick's, who created a masterpiece called 'Recycled Bray Funfair'. The work depicts the ferris wheel at the funfair in Bray.

The brightly coloured piece was completely made from recycled objects including bottle tops and discarded train tickets, highlighting litter and plastic being casually thrown away.

Bottle tops also featured in the second place entry, 'The colour of Sound', which came from Newcourt School. Newcourt also won first prize in the special school section with their beautiful mobile 'Bottlenosed Octopus', an ironic piece which depicts a beautiful sea-creature, made from plastic

which of course is choking up the ocean and killing animals and plants.

Bray Tidy Towns were very impressed with all the entries and found it extremely difficult to make a decision on the winners. All the entries were fantastic and they would like to extend their congratulations to all the schools who entered and would encourage them to keep up the good work and enter this year's competition. Entries will be emailed to all schools in coming months.

Nadia Southern, Mikey Keogh, Seamus Oerraghty, Kai Reddin, Kyle McCormack and Kate Duffy with teacher Helen Cashell at New Court School.



Bray People Newcourt School - 2019



Kids from Newcourt School Bray People - 2019



Kids from Newcourt School Bray People - 2019

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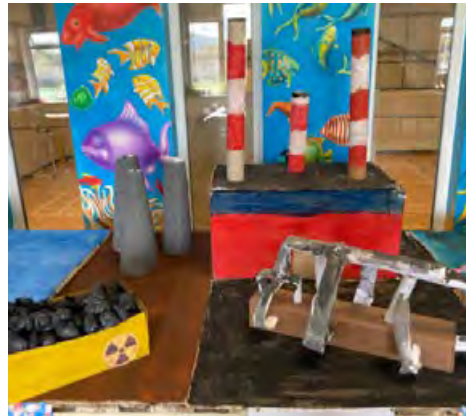
Aoife Brigid + 2 Students + Mum - 2021



Little Bray Community Centre - 2021



Little Bray Community Centre - 2021



Little Bray Community Centre - 2021



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Do you have an item for the Community?

Jigsaw

Jigsaw Wicklow can be contacted on 01 5240796 or wicklow@jigsaw.ie. The service is based in its new Bray office and is for young people aged 12 to 25 who live, work or go to school in Wicklow.

Any young person going through a difficult time, or someone concerned about them, can get in touch. Resources, articles and direct support are available on jigsawonline.ie.

as youth clubs in Bray invited to take part. Three categories - primary, junior and senior prizes. The prize will be awarded and entry into the Tidy Towns Schools Awards.

Submissions should be priced completely of reused materials. The closing date is Friday, May 14. We will be announced on Monday. Go to braytidytowns.ie.

Guided hike

A guided hike of Lifford and Bray Head & Belmont Demesne on Friday, March 17 at 10.30. The moderate hike is in distance and will be a section of the new Mount Way trail. Admission is €2. Contact wicklowmounthike@gmail.com or call on 089 4647889.

Art competition

Bray Tidy Towns is inviting young people to take part in its schools and youth art competition for recycled goods. Entrants can make art from anything, including plastic bottles, bottle tops, cans, CDs, old clothes or fabric and any other trash they can find. Art pieces can take the form of wall art, sculpture and design pieces such as mirror frames, trays, tables, fashion and more. All primary and post primary schools, as well

Record fair

The Bray Record has been rescheduled again, to Saturday, May 15. The fair, having

Ad in Bray People - 2021

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St. Fergals, Owl and 2 students - 2021



St. Fergals, Aoife, Brigid & 2 students - 2021



St Kierans, Angel and 2 students - 2021



St Kierans, Angel, Falcon and 2 students - 2021



St Kierans, Angel and 2 students - 2021

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LIDL Waste - 2021



Tesco - 2021



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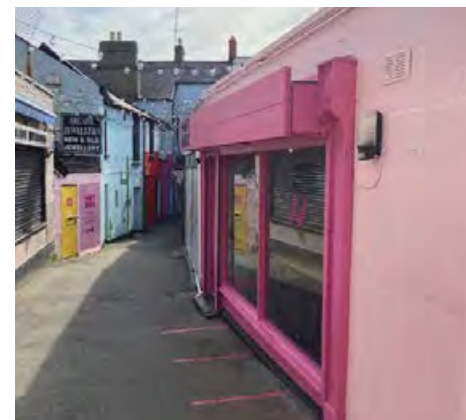
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Hot Box sign and cactus - 2021



Arcade before clean up - 2021



New shop - 2021



Arcade after clean up - 2021

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46. Derelict Building 110 Main Street

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Front door, 110 Main Street - 2021



Right hand side windows, 110 Main Street - 2021



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Left hand side window, 110 Main Street - 2021

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47. Derelict Building 3 Quinsboro Road

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3 Quinsboro Road as is and proposed graphics



48. Cove

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Cove steps - 2021



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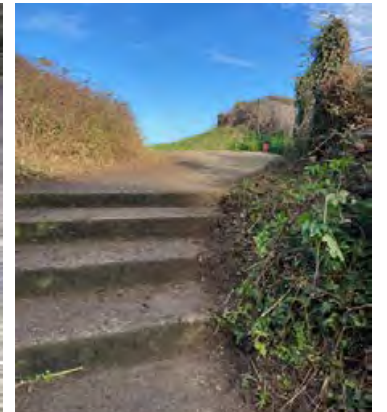
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49. Election Posters/Cable Ties

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GENERAL ELECTION – 8TH FEBRUARY 2020

BRAY TIDY TOWNS, AFTER RECEIVING REPRESENTATIONS ESPECIALLY IN RELATION TO THE CLIMATE CHANGE PREVENTION AGENDA WOULD URGE EACH CANDIDATE IN THE GENERAL ELECTIONS TO **KEEP BRAY POSTER FREE**.

IN THE EVENT THAT CANDIDATES CHOOSE NOT TO DO THIS, COULD EACH CANDIDATE CONFIRM YOUR INTENTIONS TO KEEP THE FOLLOWING AREAS POSTER-FREE.

- MAIN STREET FROM OLD TOWN HALL TO BRIDGE
- QUINSBORO ROAD AND FLORENCE ROAD DOWN TO EGLINTON ROAD.
- STRAND ROAD

ALSO COULD YOU ALSO CONFIRM THAT YOU WILL NOT USE MORE THAN 50 POSTERS PER CANDIDATE.

BRAY TIDY TOWNS WILL UPDATE THE FOLLOWING CHART ON BRAY TIDY TOWNS AND BRAY OPEN FORUM FACEBOOK PAGES ON A REGULAR BASIS AS WE RECEIVE UPDATES.



Name of Candidate	Will not use more than 50 Posters	Will only poster agreed areas	Will not Poster at all.
Joe Behan Ind.	NA	NA	Yes
Stephen Matthews Greens	Yes	Yes	No
Andrew Doyle FG	NA	NA	Yes
Billy Timmons FG			
Simon Harris FG			
Pat Casey FF	Yes	Yes	No
Stephen Donnelly FF			
Jennifer Whitmore SD	Yes	Yes	No
Sèamus Connor Aontú	Yes	Yes	No
Sharon Briggs People Before Profit	NA	NA	Yes
Paul O'Brien Labour			
Eileen Gunning Nationalist Party			
Charlie Keddy Ind *			
Daire Fitzgerald Ind			
John Larkin Ind			

* We have tried to contact all candidates by email but have been unable to find an email address in a few cases.

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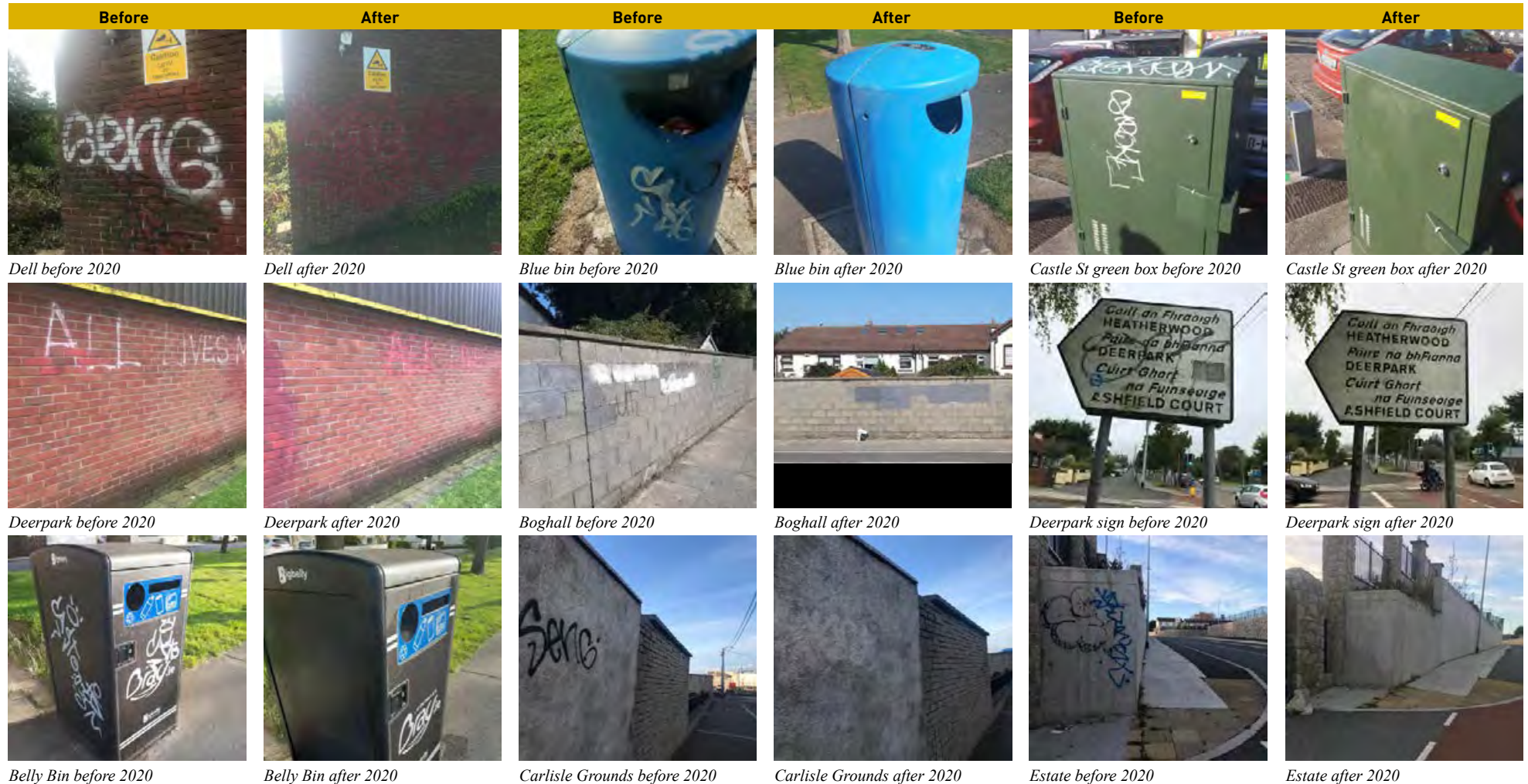
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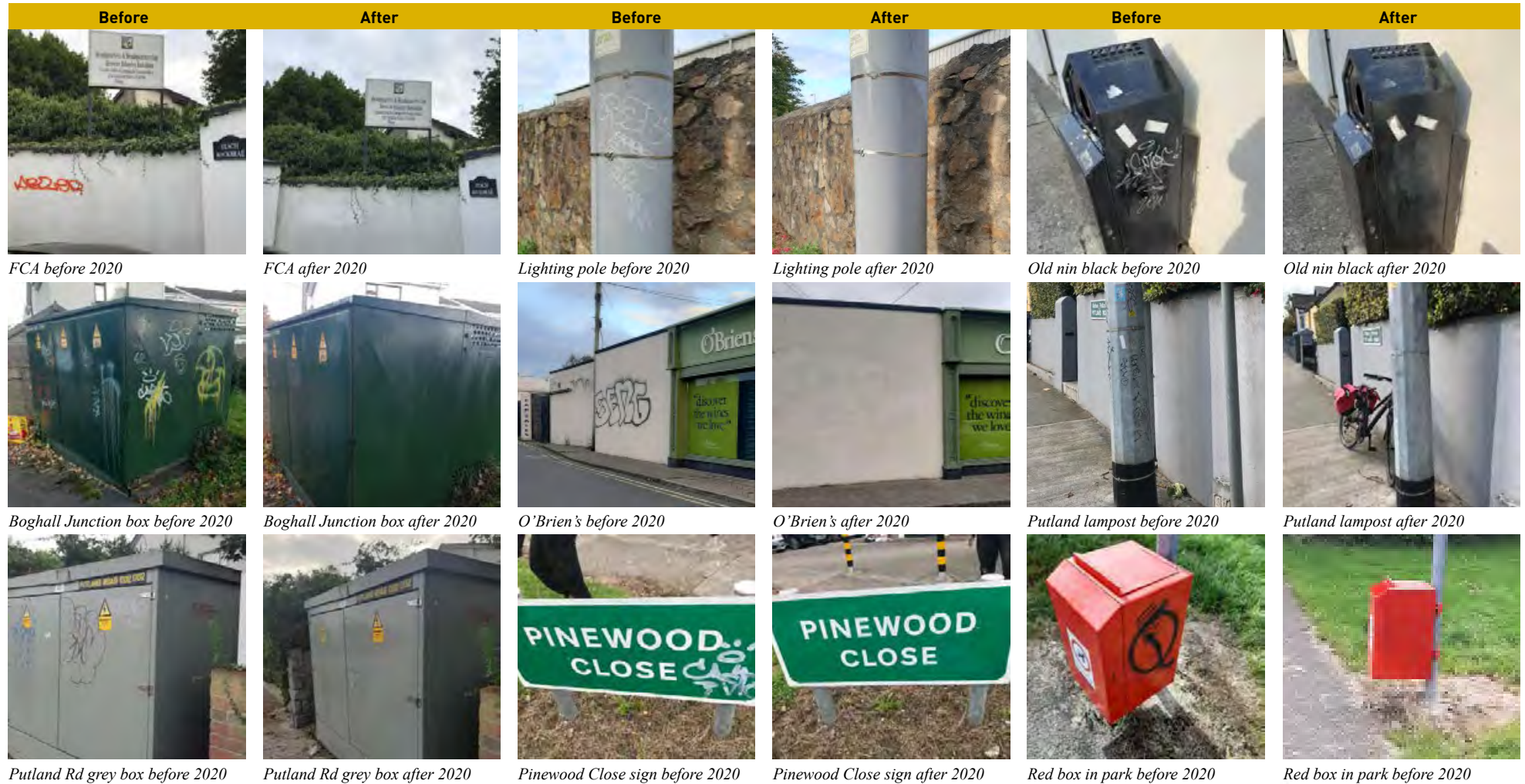
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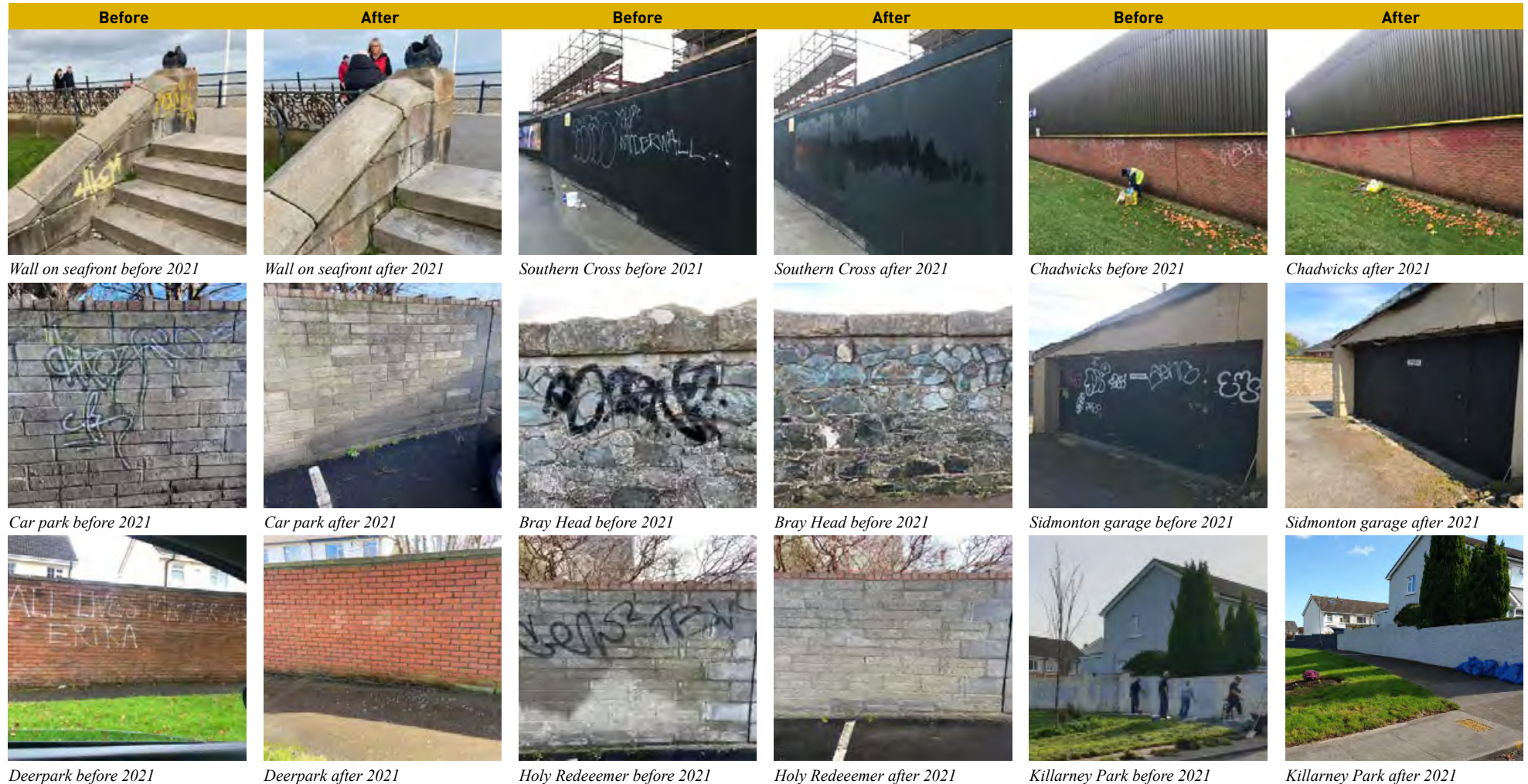
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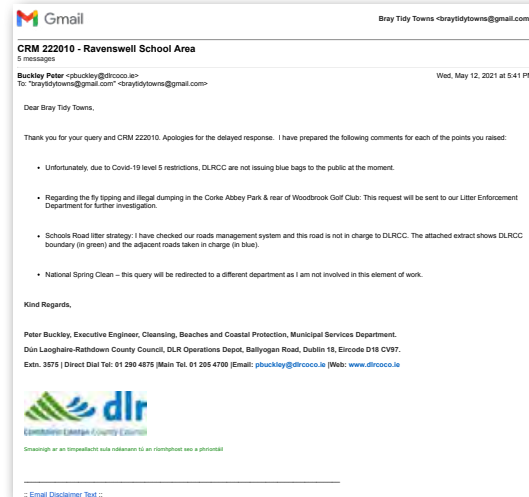
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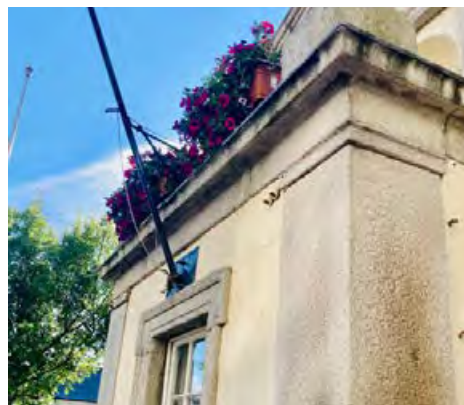
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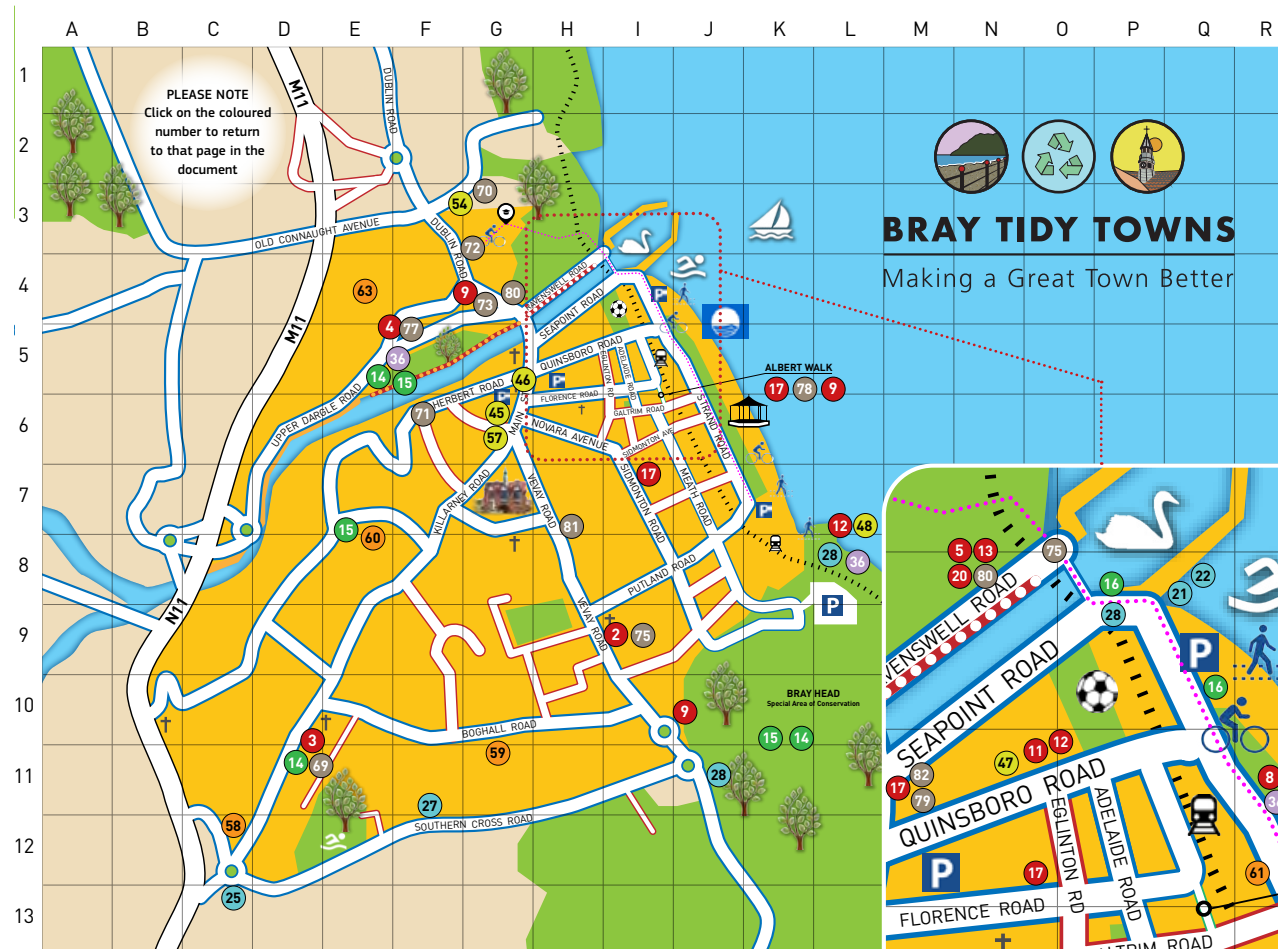
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CRM 222010 - Ravenswell School Area

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Buckley Peter <pbuckley@dlrcoco.ie>
To: "braytidytowns@gmail.com" <braytidytowns@gmail.com>

Wed, May 12, 2021 at 5:41 PM

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To: Buckley Peter <pbuckley@dlrcoco.ie>
Cc: Stephen Fox <sfox@wicklowcoco.ie>, Miriam Kinsella <mimimeg@sky.com>, Mary-Anne Parsons <maparsonsalexander@gmail.com>

Fri, May 14, 2021 at 7:29 AM

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Yours

Mary Hargaden
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Miriam Megannety <mimimeg@sky.com>
To: Bray Tidy Towns <braytidytowns@gmail.com>

Fri, May 14, 2021 at 8:21 AM

Great Letter Mary

Sent from my iPhone

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Tue, Jun 15, 2021 at 10:36 PM

To: Buckley Peter <pbuckley@dlrcoco.ie>

Cc: Stephen Fox <sfox@wicklowcoco.ie>, Miriam Kinsella <mimimeg@sky.com>, Mary-Anne Parsons <maparsonsalexander@gmail.com>, aoife.flynnkennedy@gmail.com, erika doyle <erika.doyle@gmail.com>

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Mary,

I don't mean for this to sound like an excuse but my response to your email on the 14th of May was in My Drafts since the 18th of May and I was unaware that it had not been sent to Bray Tidy Towns until today so apologies again for this delayed response. I don't leave emails not responded to as I understand the frustration when that happens.

I have made some comments in **red** below to your queries from the 14th of May.

Kind Regards,

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Sent: Tuesday 15 June 2021 22:36

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