

North Tipperary County Council in conjunction with Birdhill Tidy Towns held a very informative Tidy Towns seminar which took place on Thursday 5th May in Birdhill. The seminar was introduced by Deirdre Cox, Environmental Awareness Officer, North Tipperary County Council who outlined the different grant schemes, competitions and supports provided to Tidy Towns groups, burial ground committees and schools. Deirdre also provides support to many community groups on environmental initiatives and provides tips on litter control and waste minimisation, which are key elements of the Tidy Towns competition.

The seminar will also be addressed by Dara Hilliard a landscape consultant and an advisor and contributor to last year's national tidy town award winner Tallanstown's plan in 2009 and 2010.

Dara gave an insight into how the adjudication system works and gave invaluable tips on improving the presentation and content of Tidy Towns plans. He also gave the groups ideas on how to gain extra marks in the appearance, amenities, biodiversity and environment of local towns and villages.

Dara provided practical examples of where marks can be picked up. He covered the areas of the Tidy Towns competition which are specific to landscaping but also all of the ten criteria that each entrant to the Tidy Towns is assessed under.

Following his very informative presentation, Dara led a guided tour around Birdhill to look at the village and to learn from their experience in the competition.

The evening closed with an informal chat amongst groups and lots of essential networking!

Spreagann Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann Thuaidh an pobal le Laghdú, le hAthúsáid agus le hAthchúrsáil an oiread agus is féidir.

Oibrímid Uimhir Shaorghlao i gcomhair Bruscair 1800 250 350 le cur ar chumas an phobail aon dumpáil neamhdhleathach nó bhruscar a chur in iúl don Chomhairle Contae.

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