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**Comhairle Chontae an Chabháin**



**Litter Management Plan**  
**2016 – 2019**



# **Draft Litter Management Plan 2016-2019**

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# **Develop a Litter Free County Cavan**

## **Introduction**

Under Section 10 (1) of the Litter Pollution Act 1997 as amended, Cavan County Council is required to make and implement a litter management plan in respect of its functional area.

The main objective of this litter plan is to provide a strategy over the next 3 years that will focus on the Prevention, Control and Management of Litter in County Cavan.

This strategy will ensure that all of our citizens will have a greater awareness and increased understanding of the negative impact of litter in the County. The presence of litter reduces the enjoyment and quality of life for all citizens and poses a risk to the County's environment.

Developing a litter free County Cavan which is the cornerstone of this litter plan must involve all citizens. The challenge of litter pollution is everyone's responsibility. This strategy will ensure that everyone is aware of the penalties for littering.

By working together in partnership with everyone, Cavan County Council will strive to have a County that is litter free.

Once this plan is adopted, it will be in place for a period of 3 years. This plan will be reviewed again in three years.

As per the requirements of the Litter Pollution Act, an annual report on the progress of this litter plan will be prepared for the Council on or before the 31<sup>st</sup> of March each year.

The main objectives of the litter plan are:

<b>OBJECTIVE 1</b>	<b>EDUCATION AND AWARENESS</b>
<b>OBJECTIVE 2</b>	<b>ENFORCEMENT AND PREVENTION</b>
<b>OBJECTIVE 3</b>	<b>PARTNERSHIP WITH COMMUNITIES AND BUSINESS</b>



## **Consultation Process**

In preparing this plan, Cavan County Council consulted with and invited submissions from a broad range of organisations and community and voluntary groups.

As part of the consultation process advertisements were placed in local newspapers and on local radio.

Written submissions were sought from Tidy Towns Committees, Cavan Public Participation Network, schools and residents associations.

Submissions were also sought from An Garda Siochana, Coillte, Leave no Trace, Waterways Ireland, IFA, Inland Fisheries Board and National Parks and Wildlife Service.

Public Notices were placed in the County Cavan Library Network and Municipal District Offices.

Details of consultations and submissions received as part of the consultation process are set out in Appendix 2.



## **Legislative Background**

### **Litter and the Law**

The Litter Pollution Act was introduced on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 1997. Under Section 10 (1) of the Litter Pollution Act 1997 as amended, Cavan County Council is required to make and implement a litter management plan in respect of its functional area.

### **Definition of Litter**

Litter is defined in the Litter Pollution Act 1997 as amended as 'a substance or object, whether or not intended as a waste that, when deposited in a place other than a litter receptacle or other place lawfully designated for the deposit, is or likely to become unsightly, deleterious, nauseous or unsanitary, whether by itself or with any other substance or object, and regardless of its size or volume or the extent of the deposit'.

Cavan County Council recognises that litter is a major environmental problem and is aware that the appropriate enforcement measures to address the litter problem must come from the Council. The Local Authority through its own activities recognises the importance of limiting the creation of litter.

Litter is a visual form of pollution and creates an overall negative impression. By the enforcement of the provisions of the Litter Act, education and promotion of ant-litter initiatives, it is hoped to reduce the problem of litter.

### **Responsibilities of Local Authorities**

Under the Litter Pollution Act 1997, Cavan County Council is required to take practicable measures for the prevention of the creation of litter in its functional area. Local authorities have a responsibility for the collection and disposal of litter, promotion of the polluting effects of litter and encouraging participation by persons in preventing and overcoming the effects of litter.



## **Responsibilities of Businesses and the Public**

The Litter Pollution Act, 1997 places legal requirements on businesses and members of the public to control litter. It is an offence under the Litter Pollution Act to carry out the following:

- Deposit any substance or object so as to create litter in a public place or in any place that is visible to any extent from a public place;
- Deposit anything that is commercial, household, or industrial or municipal waste in any place for collection by or on behalf of a local authority or by another person, or load, transport, unload or otherwise handle or process anything to carry on a business, trade or activity in such circumstances as to create litter in any public place or any place that is visible to any extent from a public place;
- Place municipal waste into or near a litter receptacle,
- Move or interfere with a litter receptacle that has been provided by a local authority unless the movement or interference is authorised by the local authority;
- Place advertising leaflets on car windscreens;
- Illegal dumping;
- Failure to remove pets' waste
- Failure to clean up litter within 100 metres of all commercial outlets; and
- Put up posters / signs without permission.

## **Litter and Fines**

Cavan County Council has the power to proceed with enforcement action for litter offences under the Litter Pollution Act 1997 as amended. Leaving or throwing litter in a public place is an offence which can be subject to an “on-the-spot fine” of €150 and a maximum fine of €4,000 through the courts. Any person convicted of a litter offence may be required by the Court to pay the Local Authority’s cost and expenses in investigating the offence and in bringing the prosecution to Court.



## Review of the 2013-2015 Litter Management Plan

### **ENFORCEMENT**

#### **Number of Litter Complaints received:**

Year	2013	2014	2015
No. of Litter Complaints Received*	362	390	532

\*All Litter Complaints were investigated by Litter Wardens and Enforcement Staff

#### **Number of Litter Fines issued:**

Year	2013	2014	2015
No. of Litter Fines issued	211	223	151

#### **Successful Court Prosecutions**

The Local Authority secured 6 successful prosecutions between 2013 to 2015. A further two more cases were instigated in 2015, with successful prosecutions being secured when courts were held in January 2016.

#### **Section 9 Notices**

Six notices were issued and require people to clean up litter on their property and dispose of it properly.

#### **CCTV**

CCTV was deployed throughout the period across the bring centre network to deter misuse, illegal dumping and littering. CCTV was also used at litter blackspots in both rural and urban areas. Moreover, a number of litter fines were issued and successful court prosecutions ensued.

#### **Street / ATM Machines**

The Litter Management Officer conducted litter surveys with respect to the cleanliness of the street areas adjacent to and in front of commercial banks in the County's main towns.



### **Litter Patrols**

The litter wardens carried out daily patrols in respect of litter enforcement. Many of these patrols took place in towns, housing estates and areas prone to illegal dumping.

### **Abandoned Cars/Vehicles**

Abandoned vehicles were processed and removed under the provisions of the Waste Management Act 1996. Arrangements were put in place with a private motor company to handle the removal process. The Litter Warden works closely with An Garda Síochána in this regard.

### **Plastic bags**

The plastic bag regulations were enforced by the Litter and waste enforcement staff during the period.

### **Advertising signage policy**

Cavan County Council's local information road signage policy was adopted on the 13<sup>th</sup> May 2013.

## **EDUCATION & AWARENESS**

### **Green Schools Programme**

Cavan County Council participated fully in the Green Schools Programme in partnership with An Taisce. The number of schools participating in the programme has increased and the number from Litter & Waste to other themes such as energy, water conservation, travel and bio-diversity has led to a substantial increase in the number of green flags being awarded over the past three years. Further details of schools participating in the green schools programme is outlined in Appendix 3.

### **Gum Litter Awareness Campaign**

This national campaign was targeted at highlighting the need to dispose of chewing gum into the litter bin and informed the public about the problems caused by gum litter. Cavan County Council fully participated in this awareness campaign and our local campaigns were launched by the respective Cathaoirleach of Local Authority between 2013 -2015. The Litter Management Officer gave talks in local schools to pupils and also worked in



partnership with tidy towns committees to highlight the problems of gum litter. Interviews to raise awareness of gum litter also featured in local media.

### **Dog Fouling**

Dog Fouling is another form of littering and Cavan County Council has run awareness campaigns to inform the public that under section 22 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997 as amended that it is an offence for a person in charge of a dog not to clean up when their dog fouls in a public place. The litter warden has undertaken litter patrols in areas of towns and in housing estates where complaints of dog fouling were reported. In addition, the Local Authority has provided dog fouling bins in some parts of the County and has placed dog fouling signage in public areas with the assistance of staff from the Municipal Districts. Dog fouling bags and posters were given to the public and community groups during the campaign.

### **County Litter Leagues**

The Local Authority worked with local communities to improve the cleanliness and appearance of our towns, villages and countryside. Cavan County Council uses similar inspections and scoring criteria employed by IBAL for Cavan Town, the County Litter League is based on regular inspections of 26 towns and villages within the County. All selected towns and villages were surveyed by litter enforcement staff.



## **PARTNERSHIP WITH LOCAL COMMUNITIES & BUSINESS**

During the lifetime of the previous plan, Cavan County Council supported a number of environmental and anti-litter initiatives.

### **The Adopt a Road Litter Programme**

This programme involved the collection of litter from roadside verges by businesses or community and voluntary groups who participated in the scheme. The groups and businesses managed and supervised the scheme themselves. Cavan County Council publically acknowledged the involvement of community groups etc through the provision of signage in each area. Bags, gloves and other litter management materials were provided to assist litter clean ups and maintain litter free road. Over 144 km of roads remained litter free under this anti-litter initiative in the period 2013-2015.



### **Workshops / Seminars with Tidy towns**

Cavan County Council held information workshops and seminars with representatives from Co. Cavan's Tidy Towns Committees. Meetings also took place on an ongoing basis with the Tidy Towns Committees at a local level during the period of the previous litter plan.

### **Annual competitions**

Cavan County Council supported a number of environmental competitions which played a very positive role in tackling litter pollution and creating a litter free environment. These included the Annual Estate Awards, Golden Mile and the Before and After Spring Clean Competitions. Over the past 3 years, a number of small scale environmental projects have been undertaken by Tidy Towns Committees, Schools and community groups under the Local Agenda 21 Environment Partnership Fund.



### **National Spring Clean**

The National Spring Clean Campaign which runs throughout Ireland during the month of April has gone from strength to strength in County Cavan over the past 3 years. In support of this campaign, we encouraged Schools, Tidy Towns Committees, Local Community Groups and Resident Associations throughout the County to become involved in cleanup projects in their area. Bags, gloves, litter pickers and high-vis vests were among the items provided to groups to assist in their clean ups. Groups from all over the county participated in the campaign and large amounts of roadside litter were collected each year. The number of groups participating in this campaign continued to increase between 2013 and 2015.

### **WEE Collections (Waste, Electronic & Electrical Equipment)**

Cavan County Council and ERP Ireland facilitated collections of electrical goods at centres in Towns across Co. Cavan.



## Quantification of the litter problem

The National Litter Monitoring System which has been developed nationally by the Department of Environment, Community & Local Government facilitates local authorities to analyse the extent and severity of litter pollution in their functional areas and the types and most likely sources and causes of litter. Table A indicates the level of litter pollution in Co. Cavan in 2014.

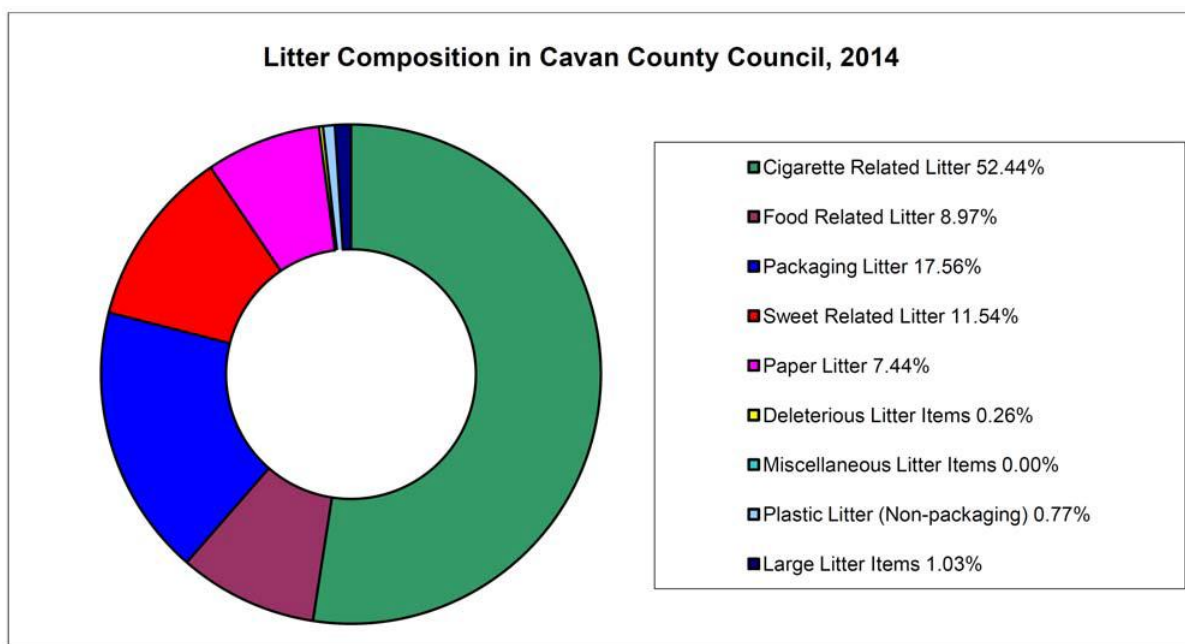
**Table A:**

<b>Litter Pollution Index</b>	<b>2014</b>
LP1 Unpolluted, i.e. litter free	2.60%
LP2 Slightly Polluted, i.e. not too visually intrusive	86.80%
LP3 Moderately polluted	5.30%
LP4 Significantly polluted	5.30%
LP5 Grossly polluted, i.e. level of litter expected after a major sporting or entertainment event	0.00%

Data from the 2014 National Litter Pollution Survey found that pedestrians, places of leisure/entertainment, retail outlets and bring banks were the main causes of litter in the County

The survey results also identify the composition of litter pollution prevailing in Cavan County Council's functional area. The Litter Quantification Surveys classify nine broad categories of litter as identified in the following table. The main component of litter in Cavan County Council's area is cigarette related litter at 52.44%, followed by packaging litter, sweet related litter and food related litter. The new litter plan will seek to address these areas.





### **IBAL (Irish Business Against Litter)**

The Irish Business Against Litter was established in 1996 as an alliance of companies who believe that litter has a significant impact on our economic well being. The IBAL anti-litter league was established in 2002 and it involves An Taisce monitoring litter levels in towns and cities across Ireland according to international standards. Cavan Town has been participating in it since its inception.

In 2013 and 2014 Cavan Town secured a ranking of 2<sup>nd</sup> place which was an excellent achievement identifying the Town as being 'Cleaner than European Norms'. However, the final results for the 2015 anti-litter league placed Cavan Town in 12<sup>th</sup> position out of 40 participating towns and cities, and was deemed 'Clean to European Norms'.

### **Litter Complaints**

Cavan County Council acknowledges the support that it receives from the public in the reporting of incidences of littering. These complaints are reported directly to the Council by telephone and increasingly through email and social media. All complaints received are recorded and fully investigated. The complaints are predominantly bags of household waste being dumped illegally on road sides, bring centres, roadside litter (plastic bottles etc.) and dog fouling.



## **Litter black spots**

Litter black spots are known areas within the County which are subjected to littering on an ongoing basis. These areas include bogs, forests, picnic areas and lakeshores and bring centres. The deployment of CCTV has been used to monitor litter blackspots and resulted in fines being issued.



## **Bring Centres**

A campaign to reduce the misuse of bring centres and subsequent littering was conducted by the Local Authority in 2013 and 2014 through the deployment of additional CCTV. This led to an increase in the number of fines bring issued by the Litter Wardens. It also resulted in a reduction in the level of illegal dumping across the Bring Centre Network.





## **Tidy Towns**

Cavan County Council has developed strong linkages with the network of Tidy Towns Committees. The number of tidy towns has increased from 13 to 19 since 2013. It is noted that satisfactory progress has been made by the Tidy Towns Committees in the Litter and Tidiness category of the National Tidy Towns Competition. Moreover, this represents an important indicator of progress in tackling litter pollution. See Appendix 4 for further details.

Both the Tidy towns Committees and Community Groups provide invaluable information to the Local Authority in relation to extent of litter in their areas. This information enables the local authority to address incidences of littering and illegal dumping at a local level.



## Key Challenges

The actions that are contained in this litter plan will address the key challenges that are presented here. This approach will require a partnership between Cavan County Council, citizens, local communities and business.

### Litter – What is it?

A definition of litter is given in a previous section of the plan. It is important that everyone is aware of the negative consequences of litter not only on our environment but on the quality of life of citizens, on tourism and the development of Co. Cavan. There can be a lack of awareness of what constitutes litter; generally, people may not consider cigarette ends or chewing gum as litter.

### Dog Fouling

A rise in the number of complaints of dog fouling has been recorded, with owners not being responsible for their dog's waste.

### Bring Centres

The Local Authority provides a network of 30 bring centres for the recycling of clothes, plastic bottles, glass and cans. However, some of the bring centres have become prone to illegal dumping. See Appendix 5 for location of Bring Centres.

### Roadside litter

Cross reference with data from surveys and litter patrols undertaken by the litter wardens indicate a rise in the prevalence of roadside litter. Much of this litter comes in the form of plastic bottles, fast food packaging and takeaway cups.





### **Bogus Unauthorised Waste Collectors**

The collection of household waste by unauthorised waste collectors results in an increase in fly tipping, particularly in rural areas.

### **Fast Food Outlets**

Fast food outlets can become litter generators, with food packaging being a common source of roadside litter especially at weekends.

### **Semi State Bodies**

Coillte, Waterways Ireland and the National Parks and Wildlife Service have lands and property in Co. Cavan. These organisations may experience problems associated with litter and illegal dumping. The Local Authority will develop litter prevention initiatives in tandem with these organisations.

### **Illegal dumping**

There has been an increase in illegal dumping in bogs, rural areas and woodlands as some individuals do not use a bin collection service.

### **Prosecutions**

All complaints are investigated however; the lack of evidence or availability of witnesses to come forward can prevent fines being issued or prosecutions being initiated.

### **Electrical Waste and large Goods**

Cavan County Council and ERP Ireland organise free collections for the disposal of electrical goods at specific venues in Co. Cavan during the year. Electrical goods can also be disposed of for free at any of the Local Authority's 3 civic amenity sites. However, the illegal dumping of electrical goods such as televisions and washing machines is still an ongoing problem.



# **Cavan County Council's Corporate Plan 2015-2019**

## **Mission Statement**

"Putting Cavan First "

## **Our Vision:**

Promoting Cavan as a unique place to live, work, visit and do business"

## **Policy Statement**

We will lead and promote the economic, social and cultural development of our County, build confidence in our future, improve quality of life for our citizens and promote a more sustainable and inclusive society

The Corporate Plan specifically refers to the environment in Strategic Objective No. 3: Protect and Enhance Natural Environmental Resources.

"Cavan County Council will act to protect, conserve and enhance the natural and built environment of the County in the interests of present and future generations."

## **Supporting Strategies**

### **1. Environmental Quality**

- a. Foster environmental awareness in the wider community and schools
- b. Support local Tidy Town Committees.
- c. Implement Regional Waste Management Plan.
- d. Support and stimulate Sustainable Economic Activity objectives by improving the aesthetic appearance of our county, through reducing dereliction, street cleaning and town and village improvement works.



# **Objectives of the Litter Plan 2016-2019**

## **Objective 1: Education and Awareness**

One of the main objectives of this litter management plan is to ensure that everyone has a significant level of awareness and understanding of the negative impact of litter on the environment and on the quality of life for the community as a whole.

Cavan County Council recognises that everyone has a role to play in tackling the issue of litter pollution. This problem can only be solved through the Local Authority working in partnership with a range of different stakeholders. The local authority will seek to heighten public awareness of environmental matters and is aware of the need to work with residents associations, tidy towns committees, local business and chambers of commerce and sporting clubs etc. and foster participation in existing anti-litter initiatives.

### **Educational and Awareness actions**

#### **Staff**

Cavan County Council employs a Litter Management Officer and an Environmental Awareness Officer who promote the environmental awareness and education programmes in schools and to local communities. The Litter Wardens also provide talks and presentations on litter in schools and other fora.

#### **Promotion of the Green Schools Programme**

Cavan County Council will continue to prioritise the green schools programme during the period of this plan. The participation of the County's schools in the programme increases awareness of the litter problem. It is worth noting the first theme of the green schools programme is litter and waste. Council staff will work with Teachers to ensure that young people will learn about recycling and waste prevention and engage in litter prevention and litter management initiatives.





*Pupils from the Royal School in Cavan Town celebrating the awarding of their second green flag in June 2016*

The litter staff will continue to visit schools throughout the year to raise awareness of the harmful effects of litter and graffiti. This ensures educational benefits and awareness fostered at primary and secondary level will be retained by pupils for the long term. Cavan County Council will provide educational materials and posters on litter awareness and provide equipment to support schools' participation in anti-litter initiatives such as National Springclean and Gum Litter Campaign.

As part of this litter plan, the Local Authority will prioritise the following new actions:

- Develop an-Anti-Litter Media Project with secondary schools;
- Develop Anti-litter Initiatives and Projects with Cavan Comhairle na nÓg;
- Establish a Schools Arts Competition at both primary and secondary level;
- Develop a new Tidy Schools in the community competition;
- Develop a new anti-litter mascot for Cavan County Council for visits to preschool and school visits;
- To explore possibility of anti litter initiative with Scouting Ireland and Foroige.
- Develop Litter Awareness Programme for 3<sup>rd</sup> level students attending Cavan Institute



## National Campaigns

Cavan County Council will continue to support national anti litter campaigns such as the National Spring Clean, Irish Business Against Litter (IBAL) initiative and National Gum Litter campaign.



*Cllr Fergal Curtin, Cathairleach, Cavan County Council, Cllrs. Carmel Brady, Clifford Kelly, Paddy McDonald, Val Smith and Litter Management Team at the launch of the local 2016 Gum Litter Campaign at Tesco, Bailieborough – June 2016*

## Local initiatives

Cavan County Council runs a number of local competitions which include anti-litter initiatives.

- Annual Estate Award competition (82 Estates currently involved) – Cavan County Council will continue to support Housing Section with litter prevention equipment.
- Golden Mile competition.

Cavan County Council will continue to support the participation of local communities in these competitions.



## **Dog Fouling**

Both the Litter and Dog Warden will continue to undertake patrols in areas of towns and housing estates and public areas to monitor incidence of dog fouling. The provision of doggy bags and posters will continue to be used during future dog fouling information campaigns. They will be available to the public from the Municipal District offices, and Cavan Public Library network. Posters identifying the responsibility of pet owners will be developed and displayed in Libraries, Veterinary Clinics and Pet Establishments. The provision of additional dog fouling bins will be considered.

## **Junior Tidy Towns**

Kilnaleck Tidy Towns established a Junior Tidy Towns committee in 2015. Other Tidy Towns Committees will be encouraged to develop Junior Tidy Towns Committees.

## **Community Clean ups**

Cavan County Council will continue to support local communities throughout the year in relation to local clean ups.



*Group from Kilnaleck Tidy Towns undertaking a community clean up in 2016*



**Cigarette litter**

One of the main components of litter in Co. Cavan as cited in the 2014 National Litter Pollution Survey is Cigarette Litter. Cavan County Council will run an awareness campaign in partnership with publicans, bookmakers and tidy towns committees during the lifetime of this plan.

**Cavan Institute**

The Litter Management Officer and Litter Wardens will liaise with College Authorities and Student's Union in respect of a litter awareness campaign. The Local Authority will explore the possibility of developing a green campus initiative similar to other programmes at third level that have been developed by an Taisce.

**Leave no Trace Ireland**

Cavan County Council has funded a number of Leave no Trace Initiatives with schools in 2015 and 2016. The Environmental Awareness Officer will explore opportunities with Leave No Trace Ireland to include their ethos in our schools litter awareness initiatives.



## **Objective 2: Enforcement & Prevention**

The prevention of the creation of litter will be an ongoing feature of this plan. Our objective is to create a litter free county. The enforcement of the provisions of the Litter Pollution Act is the responsibility of Cavan County Council and it will exercise our powers under this Act to penalise and prosecute offenders.

### **Litter Enforcement & Litter Prevention measures**

#### **Litter Warden**

The Litter Wardens will continue to investigate all complaints and undertake litter patrols of the County. They will fully implement the provisions of the Litter Act and issue fines to would be litter polluters. The securing of court prosecutions for non-payment of fines will be a priority.

#### **Litter Complaints**

All complaints that are received will continue to be recorded and fully investigated in a prompt manner. Cavan County Council will initiate appropriate action through enforcement of the Litter Pollution Act 1997 as amended. We will implement the Polluter Pays Principle in respect of litter and waste. A designated telephone number and further contact details to assist the public will be displayed on all Litter Warden vehicles.



*An example of illegal dumping which was observed by the Litter Wardens following a litter complaint*



## **Waste Management**

The Local Authority will enforce the provisions of the Waste Management Act 1996 as amended.

## **Banking Agreement**

The Litter Wardens will monitor and patrol and undertake litter surveys of ATM machines in line with the national agreement.

## **Litter Bins**

Cavan County Council provides bins on an ongoing basis to towns and villages.

- Litter bins will be provided where the need arises as per the requirement of the Municipal Districts. The provision of segregated bins will also be considered.
- Bins will be relocated if required following consultation with Tidy Towns Committees / Development Associations.
- Any older or damaged bins will be replaced as part of an ongoing improvement programme
- Where development associations highlight an area that additional bins are required, the Local authority will provide bins where it feels there is inadequate provision in the locality.

The Litter Management Officer and Litter Wardens will monitor litter bin usage and follow upon any misuse.

## **Fast Food Outlets**

The Litter Wardens will call and review fast food outlets, traders and mobile food outlets to ensure compliance with the act.

## **Waste Storage and Presentation Bye-Laws**

The 2008 Waste Storage & Prevention Bye Laws will be reviewed in light of recent changes in Waste Management legislation. Litter wardens will carry household surveys in respect of waste disposal and will ensure compliance with byelaws.



## **Local Authority Housing**

The Litter staff will work with the Housing Liaison Officer in respect of new housing tenants and provide advice and inform in relation to the proper disposal of litter and household waste.

## **Signage**

Cavan County Council will provide anti litter signage in area where illegal dumping is taking place and in litter black spots. It will also provide anti litter signage in public amenity areas and playgrounds in consultation with the Municipal areas.

## **Casual Traders**

The Litter Warden will visit and provide advice to Casual Traders to ensure that they have appropriate facilities for bins and that their trading bays are kept free of litter. The new Casual Trading Bye laws will contain a provision that all Casual Traders have a Litter Plan in place.

## **Litter Patrols**

Increase in presence of Litter Wardens in towns with a particular focus on main thoroughfares. This will include engagement with owners of commercial premises etc.

## **Fixyourstreet.ie**

The Litter Wardens will monitor and proactively respond to litter complaints received under the [fixyourstreet.ie](https://www.fixyourstreet.ie) website.

## **Dog Fouling**

The Litter and Dog Wardens will undertake regular patrols of towns and villages in order to record and deter incidences of dog fouling.



## **Objective 3: Partnership with Communities and Business**

Cavan County Council recognises the significant contribution made by community groups throughout the county in regard to litter control. It is only through partnerships with local businesses and community groups that real progress can be made with regard to the problem of litter.

### **Measures for strengthening Community & Business**

#### **Partnerships**

Cavan County Council will continue to encourage groups to participate in the Annual Environmental Competitions such as the Golden Mile, Annual Estate Competitions, etc.

Work with the business community and Chamber of Commerce in developing anti-litter initiatives, targeting the most common types of litter.

Use the Anti-Litter Awareness grant to co-fund suitable projects and campaigns in relation to litter.

Encourage Tidy Towns Committees to work with area staff with regard to street cleaning, and organise litter picking prior to grass cutting.

Consult with Tidy Towns when national Tidy Towns results are announced, and work with them to identify measures to help improve their rating in the Litter and Tidiness category.

Continue to provide assistance to community groups organising Clean Up Campaigns, and participating in the National Spring Clean. The Local Authority will seek to develop a new Autumn Clean initiative.

Promote 'Green Your Festival' to organisers of local festivals and events throughout the County.

Create more 'Litter Free Zones' in the County in co-operation with local businesses and community groups.



Work in partnership with Cavan Public Participation Network to promote objectives of this litter plan through their network.

Cavan County Council will review the existing Adopt A Road Litter Programme. It will seek to increase participation levels across the County.

The Local Authority will explore the possibility of a new Adopt a Street litter programme during the lifetime of the plan.



## **Facilities provided by Cavan County Council**

The Connaught Ulster Regional Waste Management Plan provides a co-ordinated regional approach to waste management. Each County in the region has to provide recycling facilities for the public and introduce initiatives with regard to waste reduction and prevention.

### **Bring Centres**

Cavan County Council provides a network of 30 bring centres throughout the County. Items such as plastic bottles, clothing, aluminium cans and glass can be recycled by householders.

### **Civic Amenity Sites (CAS)**

The Local Authority has three civic amenity sites which are run on its behalf by a private operator. These facilities provide a suite of recyclable options for householders and disposal of domestic waste for a fee. The recycling centres are located in Corranure, Cavan Town, Bailieborough and Ballyconnell. Under the WEE Regulations electrical white goods are accepted free of charge at each site. Appendix 6 shows a full list of materials that are accepted at the three recycling centres.



## **Promotion of Litter Management Plan**

Copies of this Plan will be available in Libraries, and all County Council offices. All departments in the County Council will be notified when this Plan is adopted.

The Plan will be available on Cavan Council Council's web site at [www.cavancoco.ie](http://www.cavancoco.ie)

Staff in each Municipal District will receive copies of this Plan and their support in achieving its objectives will be sought.

Everyone who made submissions will receive copies of the Plan.

The Litter Plan will be made available through the Public Participation Network.

All Garda Stations will receive a copy of the Plan.

Social media will be used to promote this plan, as well as subsequent Cavan County Council anti-litter programmes and initiatives.



## **Waste Collectors**

There are six permitted refuse collectors operating in County Cavan. These provide a segregated waste collection service to householders and businesses throughout the County.

Appendix 7 shows names, addresses and contact number for these Collectors.

Details of permitted waste collectors operating within County Cavan can be accessed at the National Waste Collection Permit Office at [www.nwcpo.ie](http://www.nwcpo.ie).



# Conclusion

## Performance Indicators

In order to measure the success of this litter plan, a number of performance indicators will be in place.

These indicators will measure 3 important areas, principally, enforcement, awareness and cost of litter control measures.

## Enforcement

- Number of litter complaints received
- Number of fines issued
- Number of fines paid.
- Number of prosecutions.

## Awareness

- % of schools registered with the Green Flag Programme
- % of schools with green flag
- Participation in National Spring Clean
- Number of articles in local media
- Spend on awareness related activities

## Litter Control Costs

- Street cleaning

## Litter Monitoring

- Results from the Litter Monitoring System



## **Appendix 1**

### **Street / Road Cleaning 2015**

Removal of litter is a major drain on Cavan County Council resources in terms of street cleaning bin emptying and maintenance. In 2015 a total of €432,521.13 was spent on street and road cleaning.

### **Anti Litter Activity Costs 2015**

#### **Expenditure 2015**

Anti Litter Activities Merchandise, Spring Clean, Green Schools, Media Campaigns	€57,820.089
Litter Wardens	€189,583.13
Street Cleaning	€432,521.13
Legal Costs	€1,664.83

#### **Revenue 2015**

Litter Fines	€11,320
Costs Awarded by Courts	€427.13
Anti Litter Awareness Grants	€15,000



## Appendix 2

### **List of Submissions Received**

1. Cavan Public Participation Network
2. Cavan Environmental Network
3. Cavan Comhairle na nOg
4. Cavan Tidy Towns Committee
5. Mullagh Tidy Towns Committee
6. Leave no Trace Ireland
7. An Taisce
8. Cavan Fire Services
9. Cavan Tourism Section
10. Cootehill – Bailieborough Municipal District (Section)
11. Submission from Cavan Arts Office



## Appendix 3

### Registered Green Schools

Bailieborough Community School			Bailieborough	Co. Cavan
St. Aidan's N.S.			Bawnboy	Co. Cavan
Cavan Youthreach	Moynehall	Ballinagh Road	Cavan	Co. Cavan
Corliss N.S.	Corliss		Killeshandra	Co. Cavan
Darley N.S.			Cootehill	Co. Cavan
Gaelscoil Bhreifne	Farnham Street		Cavan	Co. Cavan
The Cavan Centre	Kilnacrott		Ballyjamesduff	Co. Cavan
Rehab Resource Centre	Drumalee	Cootehill Road	Cavan	Co. Cavan
The Model National School			Bailieborough	Co. Cavan
St. Patrick's N.S.		Corlough	Belturbet	Co. Cavan
St. Clare's N.S.	Virginia Road		Ballyjamesduff	Co. Cavan
Aughadreena N.S.	Dublin Road	Upper Lavey	Stradone	Co. Cavan
Ballyconnell Central N.S.	Church Street	Ballyconnell	Ballyconnell	Co. Cavan
Scoil Naomh Pdraig	Killinagh	Blacklion	Cavan	Co. Cavan
Ballynarry N.S.			Kilnaleck	Co. Cavan
St. Michael's N.S.	Clifferna		Stradone	Co. Cavan
Corlurgan N.S.	Corlurgan		Cavan	Co. Cavan
Crossreagh N.S.		Crossreagh	Mullagh	Co. Cavan
St. Mogue's N.S.	Killycluggin		Ballyconnell	Co. Cavan
Drumcrave N.S.	Drumcrave		Cavan	Co. Cavan
St. Maodhóg's N.S.	East Knockbridge		Bailieborough	Co. Cavan
St. Felim's N.S.	Farnham Street		Cavan	Co. Cavan
Kildallan N.S.			Ballyconnell	Co. Cavan
St. Patrick's N.S.	Loch Gowna		Loch Gowna	Co. Cavan
Greaghrahan N.S.	Staghall	Belturbet	Belturbet	Co. Cavan
Dóire Na Ceise N.S.	Maudbawn	Cootehill	Cavan	Co. Cavan
Royal School	College Street		Cavan	Co. Cavan
Killinkere N.S.	Killinkere		Virginia	Co. Cavan
Scoil Naomh Brid	Redhills		Killoughter	Co. Cavan
Laragh N.S.	Laragh	Stradone	Stradone	Co. Cavan



### **Registered Green Schools (continued)**

Milltown N.S.		Milltown	Belturbet	Co. Cavan
Laragh N.S No. 2		Muff	Kingscourt	Co. Cavan
St. Anne's N.S.	Chapel Road		Bailieborough	Co. Cavan
Loreto College Cavan			Drumkeen	Co. Cavan
St. Patricks College Cavan	Cullies		Cavan	Co. Cavan
Scoil Mhuire N.S.	Swanlinbar		Cavan	Co. Cavan
St. Brigid's N.S.	Tunnyduff	Bailieborough	Bailieborough	Co. Cavan
St. Clare's College			Ballyjamesduff	Co. Cavan
St. Mary's N.S.			Drung	Co. Cavan
Virginia College			Virginia	Co. Cavan
St. Killian's N.S.	Mullagh		via Kells	Co. Cavan
St. Mary's N.S.	Ballyhaise		Cavan	Co. Cavan
Butlersbridge N.S.			Butlersbridge	Co. Cavan
Scoil Naomh Brid			Ballyconnell	Co. Cavan
Lisboduff N.S.	Lisboduff		Cootehill	Co. Cavan
Castlerahan N.S.		Castlerahan	Ballyjamesduff	Co. Cavan
St. Patrick's N.S.	Castletara		Ballyhaise	Co. Cavan
Crubany N.S.			Crubany	Co. Cavan
Farnham N.S.	Drumelis		Cavan	Co. Cavan
Breifne College	Cootehill Road		Cavan	Co. Cavan
Scoil Mhuire Lacken	Lacken		Ballinagh	Co. Cavan
Scoil Bhríde	Killeshandra		Cavan	Co. Cavan
St. Patrick's N.S.	Barrock Hill		Kilnaleck	Co. Cavan
Ballinamoney N.S.			Bailieborough	Co. Cavan
St. Clare's N.S.		Ard Mhuire	Cavan	Co. Cavan
St. Felim's N.S.	Leiter		Bailieborough	Co. Cavan
Scoil Naisiunta Naomh Feilim		Corstruce	Ballinagh	Co. Cavan
St. Patrick's N.S.	Bruskey		Ballinagh	Co. Cavan
Carrigabruise N.S.			Virginia	Co. Cavan
Holy Family School		Old Bridge Road	Cootehill	Co. Cavan
Convent of Mercy N.S.			Belturbet	Co. Cavan
Killyconnan N.S.	Laviestradon		Stradone	Co. Cavan



**Registered Green Schools (continued)**

Knocktemple N.S.	Knocktemple		Virginia	Co. Cavan
Scoil Bhríde			Mounthugent	Co. Cavan
St. Michael's N.S.	Station Road		Cootehill	Co. Cavan
St. Mary's N.S.			Arvagh	Co. Cavan
Billis N.S.	New Inns		Ballyjamesduff	Co. Cavan
Drumkilly N.S.	Drumkilly		Kilnaleck	Co. Cavan
St. Mary's N.S.			Virginia	Co. Cavan
Kill N.S.	Kill		Cootehill	Co. Cavan
St. Brigid's N.S.	Killygarry		Cavan	Co. Cavan
Mullahoran N.S.	Kilcogy		via Longford	Co. Cavan
St. Aidan's Comprehensive			Cootehill	Co. Cavan
St. Patrick's N.S.			Shercock	Co. Cavan
St. Joseph's N.S.			Kingscourt	Co. Cavan
Fairgreen N.S.	Railway Road		Belturbet	Co. Cavan
Belturbet Boys School	Railway Road		Belturbet	Co. Cavan
Curragh N.S.	Curragh		Glangevlin	Co. Cavan
Cabra Central N.S.			Kingscourt	Co. Cavan
Crosskeys N.S.			Crosskeys	Co. Cavan
St. Brigid's College			Belturbet	Co. Cavan
St. Mogue's College			Bawnboy	Co. Cavan



## Appendix 4

### Tidy Town Results

<b>Town/Village</b>	<b>Litter Marks 2013 Maximum Marks 50</b>	<b>Tidiness&amp; Litter Control Marks Awarded 2014 Max. Mark 90</b>	<b>Tidiness&amp; Litter Control Marks Awarded 2015 Max. Mark 90</b>
Arvagh	33	51	51
Bailieborough	24	49	49
Ballinagh	-	46	47
Ballyconnell	-	47	48
Ballyjamesduff	32	54	54
Bawnboy	-	55	55
Belturbet	24	54	55
Blacklion	-	46	47
Butlersbridge	41	-	-
Cavan	36	60	62
Kilcogy	-	58	58
Killeshandra	33	61	61
Kilnaleck	-	50	52
Kingscourt	29	55	55
Lough Gowna	40	60	60
Maghera	23	55	55
Mullagh	33	59	59
Redhills	43	65	66
Swanlinbar	-	-	46
Virginia	26	-	44

In the 2014 National Tidy Towns Competition, the Litter and Tidiness Control categories were merged and the maximum marks increased to 90.



## Appendix 5

### List of Bring Centres

CAVAN	GLASS	PLASTIC	CANS	CLOTHES
Cootehill	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cavan Town	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ballinagh	✓	✓	✓	✓
Crossdoney	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cornafean	✓	✓	✓	✓
Arva	✓	✓	✓	✓
Killeshandra	✓	✓	✓	✓
Killydoon	✓	✓	✓	✓
Shercock	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kingscourt	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bailieborough	✓	✓	✓	✓
Virginia	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ballyjamesduff	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kilnaleck	✓	✓	✓	✓
Redhills	✓	✓	✓	✓
Belturbet	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ballyconnell	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bawnboy	✓	✓	✓	✓
Corlough	✓	✓	✓	✓
Glangevlin	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dowra	✓	✓	✓	✓
Blacklion	✓	✓	✓	✓
Swanlinbar	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cootehill	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ballyhaise	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cavan Town	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cavan Town	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cavan Town	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lavey	✓	✓	✓	✓
New Inns	✓	✓	✓	✓
Shercock	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bailieborough	✓	✓	✓	✓
Virginia	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ballyjamesduff	✓	✓	✓	✓
Munterconnaught	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mullagh	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kingscourt	✓	✓	✓	✓



## Appendix 6

### Cavan County Council's Civic Amenity Sites

List of Materials Accepted at Each site			
✓	Clean Cardboard	✓	Clean Glass Bottles
✓	Clean Newspapers/Magazines	✓	Used Cooking & Engine Oil
✓	Clean Mixed Paper	✓	Batteries ( Car, Truck, Tractor, Electric Fence & Household )
✓	Clean Plastic Bags	✓	Fluorescent tubes / Light Bulbs
✓	Clean Plastic Bottles	✓	Scrap Metal ( Bicycles, Radiators, Copper, Steel, Iron, Saucepans, Wire Coat Hangers )
✓	Clean Clothes & Footwear	✓	Mobile Phones
✓	Clean Food Tins		Aerosol Cans
✓	Clean Beverage Cans	✓	Gas Cookers / Gas Cylinders
✓	Clean Beverage Cartons		
	<b>* Free of Charge – Household Electrical Appliances</b>		
Please Note: Fair usage policy applies. Charges may apply for large quantities of a single material or larger mixed loads such as a Van / Trailer.			



List of Chargeable Materials			
✓	Bagged Household Waste	✓	Single Bed
✓	Household waste per wheel bin	✓	Arm Chair / Couch / 3 Piece Suite
✓	Food Waste – Organic materials	✓	Other Bulky waste items - Carpet, Mats, Windows, etc.
✓	Grass & Hedge Cuttings		Building Rubble ( Tiles, Ceramics, Bricks)
✓	Tyres – Car, Tractor/Truck	✓	Timber (Cupboards, tables, chairs, doors – with no glass, etc)
✓	Double Mattress	✓	Plasterboard
✓	Single Mattress	✓	Polystyrene
✓	Double Bed	✓	Hard Plastic

The Civic Amenity Site can accept many more materials which may not be listed above. Compost bins are available for purchase by the public at each of the Civic Amenity Sites. Please contact the site for further details.

#### **CORRANURE CIVIC AMENITY SITE Tel. 049-4327658**

Monday- Friday 8.00 am – 4.30 pm, Saturday 8.00 am – 12.30pm. Open during lunch time.

#### **BAILIEBOROUGH CIVIC AMENITY SITE Tel. 042-9666892**

Tuesday – Thursday 8.00 am – 4.30 pm, Saturday 8.00 am – 12.30pm. Open during lunch time.

#### **BALLYCONNELL CIVIC AMENITY SITE Tel. 049-9527593**

Tuesday & Friday 8.00 am – 4.30 pm, Saturday 8.00 am – 12.30pm. Open during lunch time.

**For more information contact: Cavan County Council, Waste Management Department Tel No. 049-4378406 [www.cavancoco.ie](http://www.cavancoco.ie)**



## Appendix 7

### Details of authorised household waste collectors in County Cavan

NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE NUMBER
Allied Recycling	Waste Management Service, Clonmellon Industrial Estate, Navan, Co.Meath.	Phone: Locall 046 94 33366 or 01 278 7080 Visit: <a href="http://www.alliedrecycling.ie">www.alliedrecycling.ie</a>
Barna Waste	Carrowbrowne, Headford Road, Galway.	Phone: 091 771619 Visit: <a href="http://www.barnarecycling.com">www.barnarecycling.com</a>
Blue Dolphin	Kincorragh, Smithborough, Co. Monaghan, H18 E338.	Phone: 047 57786 Visit: <a href="http://www.bluedolphinrecycling.ie">www.bluedolphinrecycling.ie</a>
Green Energy Recycling	Aplus Waste Management, Unit 1 Cappogue Industrial Park, Ballycoolin Road, Dublin.	Phone: 049 8542588 or 1890 401020 Visit: <a href="http://www.aplisskips.ie/green-energy/">www.aplisskips.ie/green-energy/</a>
Oxygen Environmental	Cavan Waste Disposal, Killygarry Industrial Park, Dublin Road, Cavan.	Phone: 1890 694436 Visit: <a href="http://www.oxygen.ie">www.oxygen.ie</a>
Wilton Waste	Kiffa, Crosserlough, Cavan, Co. Cavan.	Phone: 049 4374825 or 049 4336476 Visit: <a href="http://www.wilton-recycling.ie">www.wilton-recycling.ie</a>



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