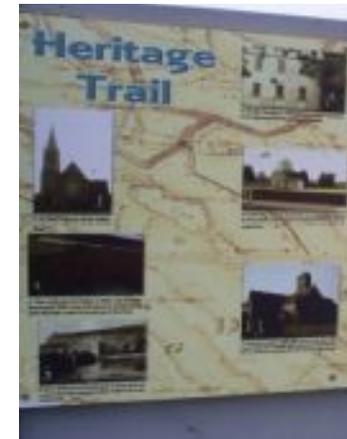
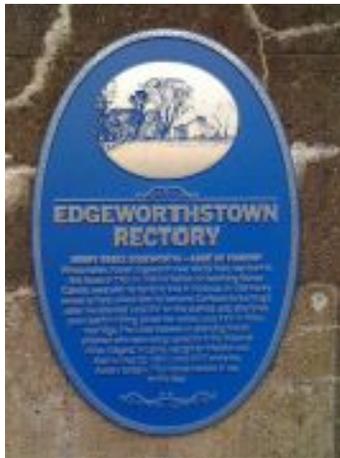


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WELCOME TO EDGEWORTHSTOWN

Our Town

Edgeworthstown is a small Co. Longford town close to the border with Westmeath on the junction of two national roads. The town is also known as *Mostrim* deriving from 'border of the elder tree'. The town has been involved with Tidy Towns for many years and has made great progress in recent years, thanks to help and support of our residents and volunteers and from Longford County Council and Longford Community Resources. We are very proud of the work done to date but look forward to meeting more of the challenges we have ahead.

*Thank you for visiting
Edgeworthstown*



Our Plan

The Tidy Towns Plan outlines the key priorities and actions for Edgeworthstown for 2014 to 2018. The plan sets out the tasks in order of priority and gives indications of the partnerships and other resources that may be required.

This present document is Year 3 of the Tidy Towns Plan. Here we set out the above tasks under the 8 no. categories of the Tidy Towns Competition and present these with some photographs of our work and the work we have ahead. We will use this year's plan to guide our work and help us to gauge progress. We hope that you will also find it informative.

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Community Involvement & Planning

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 Tidy Towns Plan. Social inclusion, whole of community approach, the role of volunteers and new residents that is apparent in activities.



No.	Action	Detail
1.	Talking Business	Edgeworthstown Tidy Towns Association (ETTA) will consult with local businesses and take part in positive initiatives.
2.	Supporting Heritage	ETTA will continue to support the Edgeworthstown Heritage Group in their ongoing work.
3.	Festivals	ETTA will continue to be involved with the annual Literary Festival and support the new Busking Festival.
4.	Working with our schools and young people	Whenever possible, ETTA will continue to work annually with each of our 2 national schools.
5.	Tidy Towns Committee	The ETTA committee will remain active and strive to 'up-skill' and increase our capacity over the next year.
6.	Tidy Towns Plan	A new Tidy Towns Plan is to be devised in 2017 to guide our work over the next 3 years.

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Built Environment & Streetscape

Buildings: Conservation and presentation of heritage buildings and quality of shop-fronts: design, sustainability and suitability of new structures to their location and environment; treatment of derelict sites and unoccupied buildings; design and suitability of civic amenity buildings. Public Spaces: Squares, parks, streetscape, paving, landscaping and street furniture; street lighting, building facade lighting, appropriately designed signage relating to streets and place nameplates, parking locations, historical trails, walkways and access points to local amenities and facilities, way-finding and the general use of the Irish language; sustainability and access for everyone.

No.	Action	Detail
1.	New Street Plan	ETTA will review the new street plan, input into revisions and adopt changes into our planning as appropriate.
2.	Derelict premises	ETTA will carry on its work with derelict properties and their owners. This is to include contact with the local authority, review of condition of houses 'on the ground' and progress.
3.	Shopfront Competition	ETTA will continue to hold this worthwhile competition between local business premises.
4.	Remedial Works	ETTA will assist as much as possible with remedial works following the services and roadworks of 2017.

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No.	Action	Detail
5.	Poor quality and informal advertising signage is to be addressed	ETTA will continue to work with businesses and Longford County Council on reducing and removing this.
6.	Porterhouse upkeep	This condition of this very prominent building must be reviewed annually in consultation with businesses owners and local authority.
7.	Costcutter exterior	This is a very prominent building and ETTA will work with the manager and owners to help improve its exterior and curtilage.

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Landscaping and Open Spaces

Appropriate planning and management of open spaces, selection and siting of native trees, shrubs and flowers for year round effect and maintenance of planted areas. Presentation of roundabouts and all grass strips.



No.	Action	Detail
1.	Landscape Plan	A landscape plan is to be commissioned imminently. ETТА will incorporate this plan into its ongoing work.
2.	Planted Areas	Existing raised beds and planted areas are to be managed to maximise benefit for pollinating insects.
3.	The Green	An area here is to be devoted to new planting. Wildflowers of benefit to pollinators are to be included.
4.	Roundabout Maintenance	ETТА will assist in the upkeep of these prominent planted areas.
5.	Old Longford Road	Tree-planting is to be carried out here to allow for long-term screening of buildings on this road.

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Wildlife, Habitats and Natural Amenities

Raising understanding and awareness of the natural amenities in your area, including any aspects that make your area important for conservation (e.g. waterways, field boundaries, coastal features). An appreciation of how species and habitats should be best protected and managed. Provide evidence of good co-operation with expert groups and relevant authorities, especially in carrying out work in sensitive areas. Provision of access to natural areas and interpretation of key aspects.

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No.	Action	Detail
1.	Invasive species	The condition of invasive species should be reviewed year on year.
2.	Plants for pollinators in the Green and Planted Areas	The new landscaping plan will include an area of benefit to pollinating insects. This will be planted with species such as <i>Sedum</i> , <i>Salvia</i> , <i>Napeta</i> and <i>Eupatorium</i> .
3.	Schools Biodiversity Project	ETTA will help to organise at least 1 no. biodiversity project / event per year with the national schools
4.	Biodiversity Amenity	ETTA will continue to work with National Parks and Wildlife Service to develop this amenity at Glen Lake and explore possibility of events here.

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Tidiness and Litter Control

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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.

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 community.

No.	Action	Detail
1.	Anti-litter strategy	ETTA are to implement the actions of the anti-litter strategy for 2017-2018.
2.	Litterbin Reduction	ETTA, in co-operation with the County Council will reduce the total no. of litterbins. These will be of a new wooden design.
3.	Anti-litter awareness	ETTA is to develop awareness measures. These will include signage. This will be assisted by Longford County Council and Edgeworthstown businesses
4.	Anti-litter actions	The Sunday litter-picks will continue. The regular anti-litter events such as Spring Clean and The N4 Clean-up are to be continued.
5.	A review of signage	An annual review of all road and commercial signage is to be carried out. This is to assess the condition of dirty, damaged, obsolete and disused signage. Vigilance over illegal signage is to be maintained.

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Sustainable Waste & Resource Management

How you manage waste and promote efficient use of resources (e.g. water, energy, transport) in your community. Provide evidence of practical steps taken to prevent or reduce waste produced across your community or how you reuse your resources. Provide examples of awareness campaigns, events or activities hosted by the community.



No.	Action	Detail
1.	Composting	ETTA is to facilitate composting classes for the Edgeworthstown community.
2.	Community Projects	ETTA is to develop a number of waste-saving community projects from the new Tidy Towns Sustainable Waste & Resource Management guidelines.
3.	Better Businesses	ETTA is to work with local businesses on improving recycling and reduction of waste packaging.
4.	Water Conservation and Harvesting	We will reduce our overall number of hanging baskets in order to save on water. We will begin rainwater harvesting at the community garden on the Ballymahon Road.
5.	Green School Initiatives	ETTA's schools liaison officer is to promote waste-savings made by the national schools in order to inspire the community.

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Residential Streets and Housing Areas

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 cut regularly. 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. How the community is addressing the issue of unfinished estates.



No.	Action	Detail
1.	Our Housing Estates	A plan is to be drawn up for maintenance of housing estates.
2.	Main streets upkeep	Side areas are to be targeted for a comprehensive clean-up in the current year
3.	Inter-estate tidiness competitions	The inter-estate competitions are to be continued. More residents are to be encouraged to enter.
4.	New Estate Name Signs	New estate name signs are to be maintained as a priority.
5.	Window-box competition	A main street window-box competition will be held for householders and small businesses in the main street areas.

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Approach Roads, Streets and Lanes

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.

No.	Action	Detail
1	Approach Road Signage Review	ETTA / volunteers are to undertake a review of the road traffic signage on approach roads.
2	Roundabout Upkeep	An annual inspection of the condition of the two new roundabouts is to be carried out.
3	Post Road and Services Works	ETTA is to work in conjunction with Longford County Council to 'snag-list' major works as due for completion in 2017.
4	Rear of premises	ETTA is to continue to work with owners to improve the upkeep and appearance of often neglected areas.