### Litter Picking During Lockdown In Celbridge

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My Module 3 Community Action Project



Myself and my partner Georgia, decided to do our Module 3 project on litter picking around Celbridge. We realized there was not enough bins in the town and litter was a problem. We wanted to help out the community by picking up litter in an area that was very litter polluted. We wanted to raise the issue of litter and see if there was anything that could be done about it.



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### - The Plan \*

For our plan, our first step was to go on a walk around Celbridge and count the amount of bins there are. Take note of all the bins, what street or road they are on and which ones were overflowing. We would then look closer to the streets that we think need bins. We would also pick a area to do the litter picking while on this walk. The next step would be to get in contact with the TDs and Councillors in the Kildare County Council and explain the issue of litter in the town. We would have to get the equipment for the litter picking and figure out the details. The litter picking would then take place.





### Bins in Celbridge \*

As part of our project, we walked around Celbridge to see how many bins there. We counted each bin on each road and neighbourhood. In total, there are 38 bins in the town. We took note of the roads with no bins, in which, we thought there should be bins and of the bins that were overflowing. The bins were especially overflown after the bank holiday weekend.









For our research, we had to research the TDs and Councillors in our area and find out who we should get in contact with. We found out their emails and drafted an email explaining the programme and the basis of the project. We asked some questions on the issue and suggested areas in which we thought bins were needed based off our walk. They all came back with very informative and nice responses. We also had to research about the Tidy Towns in Celbridge. We needed to find out their contact details to ask a few questions and if they would be able to supply us with equipment.

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### Here are examples of just some of the emails that we sent to the TDs and Councillors on the Kildare County Council who are in charge of the Celbridge and Leixlip area:

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Myself and Georgia are in TY and we are part of the Dermot Earley Youth Leadership Program in the Celbridge GAA. As part of our Module 3 community action project, we are doing litter picking around Celbridge. Our project title is "Litter During The Pandemic". We chose this project as with the lockdown, we noticed there has been a lot more litter around the town and the bins have been overflowing. This especially was a problem around the bank holiday.

We counted the bins during the week in Celbridge and figured out there are 34 bins. The main area where there were bins was in the village with 12 bins. To our surprise, there was a bin outside of the Wolstan Haven estate and if you were to travel along the Shackleton Road, the next bin is not till the bus stop outside of St. Wolstan's Community School. This could be a big factor as to why there often lots of litter along this road.

We are going to go litter picking around Celbridge and so we are getting in contact to ask for supplies such as litter pickers and bags to be able to help out. We were hoping you

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We are going to go litter picking around Celbridge and so we are getting in contact to ask for supplies such as litter pickers and bags to be able to help out. We were hoping you would be able to help us get some supplies as we think it would be a huge benefit for the town. We were also hoping that you would be able to lobby with the Council to be able to get more bins for the area as it would be a step closer to making the town look more clean and help people be more responsible for their litter.

I have attached an image of a picture we took during the week of the bins outside of Castletown gates.

Thanks for taking the time to read this and looking forward to hearing from you, Many thanks, Abbie

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### **RE: Litter During The Pandemic-**Celbridge

Hi Abbie and Georgia Thank you for your inspiring email, really good to see what you are doing. I will email you more fully tomorrow as I'd like to give your email more thought.

I have already requested a meeting with ClIrs and the roads dept and environment dept for next week in order to discuss all litter problems and possible solutions in our area, as litter in the County is a problem for KCC and I want to get focus on Celbridge and Leixlip.

Litter is a pandemic in itself and kcc havent the staff or resources to fight it adequately. We do however now have a new coordinator for new litter prevention measures, he will be responsible for the COVID litter measures.

Talk more tomorrow Regards íde

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### Hello Abbie,

Delighted to receive your email this evening with your interest and positive attitude in dealing with litter in our town. Yourself and Georgia are a credit to your family, your school and our community for taking on the project "Litter During the Pandemic". I served in the Defence Forces with Dermot Early who was a true gentleman and a leader second to none. I am working with the Celbridge Tidy Towns to find a solution to the litter problem which is a blight on our community. The black spots are Castletown gates and the bin on the Ardclough Road, this is on weekends because there are no collections of bins on Sundays. The solution would be to have 7 day collection of bins and larger compacter bins at these points. I have a motion for the Celbridge Leixlip Municipal District Meeting this Friday asking for an increase in Budget 2022 for a 7 day collection. I believe there are a total of 38 bins in Celbridge with almost double that in Leixlip. Kildare County Council are at present doing an audit on bins County wide with a redistribution of bins when audit is completed. Bins had to be removed at the playground and Thornhill

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## The Litter Picking \*

Total Time 5:01:17	<sup>Distance</sup> 10.49KM	
Active Calories 560CAL	Total Calories 976CAL	
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We spent 2 days doing litter picking. The first day we picked behind the Daybreak shop in Celbridge to do our litter picking. We spent 3 hours doing so. We had heard some complaining on social media about the area and our mentors had advised to pick the area too. For our second day, we picked a field in Castletown that many teenagers go to drink and we knew ourselves was known for having a lot of rubbish. We spent 3 hours picking up litter also on this day. We collected 6 bags of rubbish between the two areas

### Equipment \*

For the equipment, we needed litter pickers, bags and gloves and we asked a few people if we could borrow such things rather than buying them. We asked our family and friends first if they could help us out. Unfortunately, just like us they had none. We got in contact with the TDs and Councillors of Celbridge which were great at offering to us but, the Tidy Towns of Celbridge came back to

Tidy Towns of Celbridge came back to us with a quicker response and were a lot closer. They were able to supply us straight away and were willing to come out and help. We decided to go with the Tidy Towns and were able to get to work.





### Pictures \*

### Here are some pictures we took while doing our litter picking:









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## Results \*

By doing this project, I realised that the Tidy Towns do a lot for the town and I have a greater respect for what they do. If there were more bins in the town, there may be less rubbish and people may be willing to put their rubbish in the bins provided. It is not an easy thing to do and the fact the people involved are volunteers and give up their town to do something for the town, I think it is really honorable . If more people were to volunteer, the job would be done quicker and more rubbish will be cleamed! For me, I'm going to try and continue the work and do my best to help the town when it comes to litterand may even join the Tidy Towns.





Celbridge Information Trish Greene · 30 May · 🖬



Celbridge GAA CLUB

Thank you to volunteers Abbie Pimlott, Georgia Mooney from the Dermot Earley Youth Leadership Project for using their initiative as they were out litter picking at 10am on Saturday morning behind Daybreak. The before picture was taken from the Celbridge Information Facebook page.



# Thank You for reading and hope you enjoyed!



