

Litter Picking During Lockdown In Celbridge



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My Module 3 Community Action Project



Our Idea

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.



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 overflowed after the bank holiday weekend.



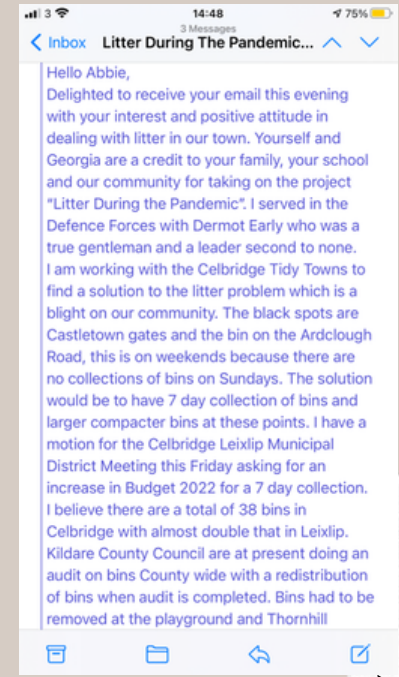
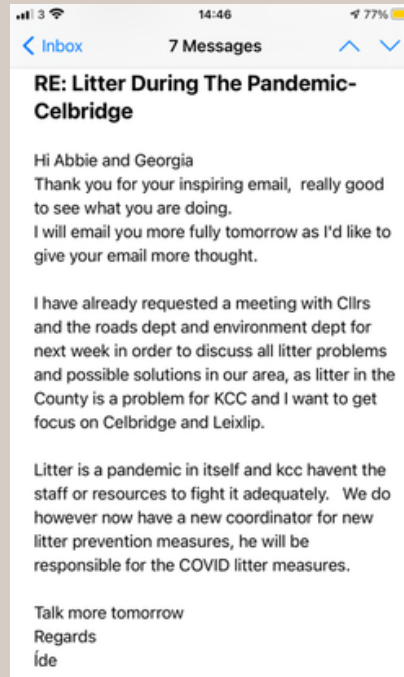
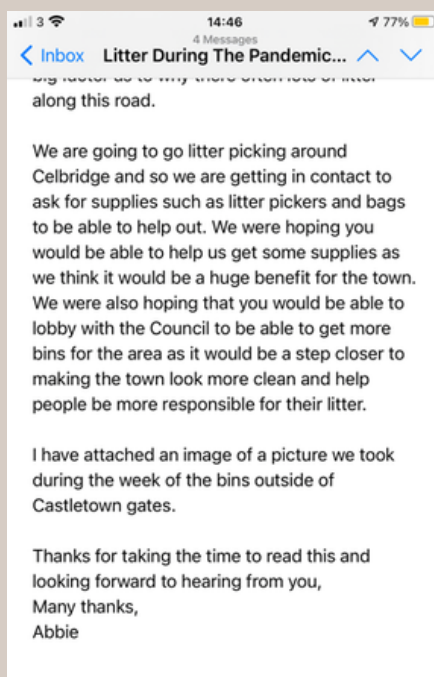
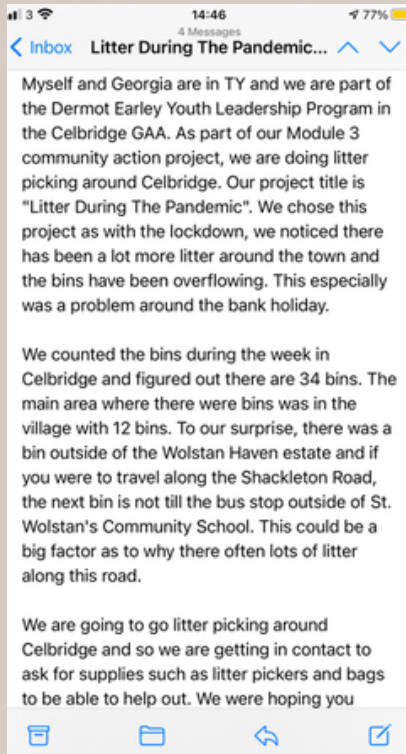
Research

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.



Emails

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:



The Litter Picking



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.

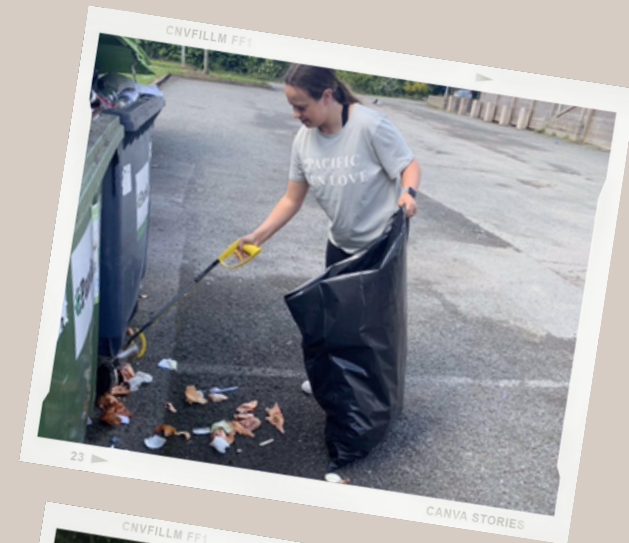
Unfortunately, just like us they had none. We got in contact with the TDs and Councillors of Celbridge which were great at offering to us but, the Tidy Towns of Celbridge came back to us with a quicker response and were a lot closer. They were able to supply us straight away and were willing to come out and help. We decided to go with the Tidy Towns and were able to get to work.



Pictures



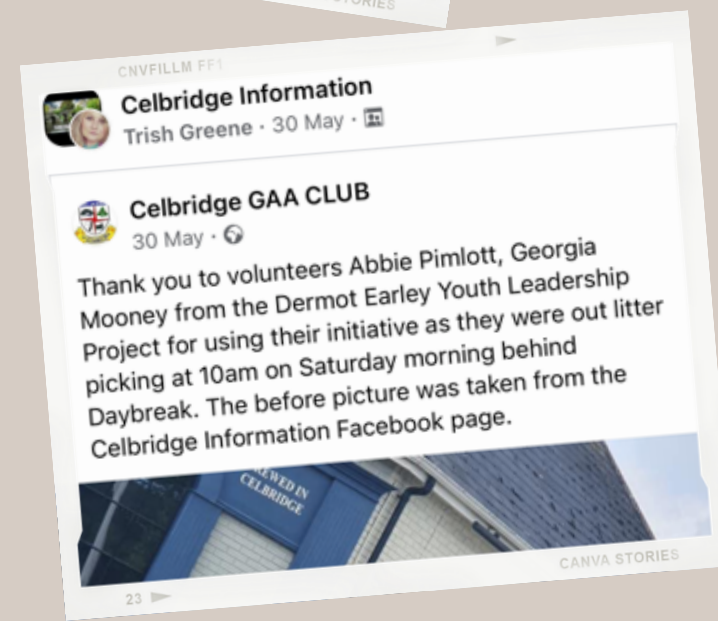
Here are some pictures we took while doing our litter picking:



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 cleaned! For me, I'm going to try and continue the work and do my best to help the town when it comes to litter and may even join the Tidy Towns.



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