

## Press Release - Civic Responsibility Week 9<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> May

### Let's show the world the beauty of our country

Mr. Phil Hogan T.D., Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government, today called on everyone to work together to ensure Ireland is presented in the best possible light during the upcoming State visits.

“The visits will put the country in the spotlight of international media attention and will offer us a unique opportunity to market the country to potential visitors and investors,” said the Minister.

The Minister commended the civic responsibility displayed by many individuals and businesses in taking pride in the appearance of their localities. This is supported by the work of community groups, Tidy Towns groups and local authorities.

He said that even if each person picked up one piece of litter, it would have a significant impact.

“In the next week, I want to see all of us working together to ensure all our visitors see the true beauty of this wonderful country of ours”, concluded the Minister.

To supplement the work already carried out by local authorities, local community groups, the vast majority of the business community and of the general population in maintaining and enhancing the appearance of our rural and urban environment, Mr. Phil Hogan T.D., Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government has announced special once-off grants to local authorities to further assist activities in this area.

The grants, totaling €350,000, are to support a once-off event, *Civic Responsibility Week*, which will run from 9 May to 15 May. The grants will be distributed to local authorities, who may use them to support a range of environmental projects, including awareness raising and the visual enhancement of areas with high amenity value.

Whenever possible these projects should be co-ordinated with local business and local community groups and the funding should be utilized towards activities that will contribute to Ireland's clean, green image in the immediate period leading up to and during the forthcoming State visits to Ireland.

For further information on Civic Responsibility Week in North Tipperary, check out [www.tipperarynorth.ie](http://www.tipperarynorth.ie)

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