



Letterkenny gets Tidy Towns Special Award

Letterkenny has won the Tidy Towns Biodiversity Notice Nature Award for the North West region. The Notice Nature campaign congratulated Letterkenny Tidy Towns Committee creating a butterfly garden, planting flowers and native trees and erecting bird boxes. One of the committee's priorities was to bring biodiversity into the classroom. Water conservation, composting, bee keeping and birdwatching, including golden eagle, were just some of the activities organised in local schools.

For the last 20 years, local groups have been carrying out surveys of the local flora and fauna in Letterkenny. This award recognises a long term commitment to protecting biodiversity by the whole community," said Jim McCormick of Letterkenny Tidy Towns.

Since 2006, the Tidy Towns competition has included a special category on wildlife and natural amenities for Tidy Towns initiatives which foster biodiversity and the natural environment. The Notice Nature Award rewards actions taken to conserve, enhance and create local wildlife areas such as ponds and hedgerows. Ireland's biodiversity enhances the health and wellbeing of everyone on this Island. We should all play our part in protecting the natural environment for our benefit and for that of generations to come. You may never have considered that you could play an important part in protecting biodiversity, but the volunteers on

Tidy Towns committees around Ireland have shown that you can," said Emma El-Sahn, spokesperson for the Notice Nature campaign.

The Tidy Towns Biodiversity Notice Nature Award is sponsored by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government National Parks and Wildlife Service as part of the Notice Nature campaign.