

Report on	Big Spring Clean 2019
Date of Meeting	1 st July 2019
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To update members on the Annual Big Spring Clean Campaign and clean-up activities.
2.0	Background
2.1	<p>Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful (KNIB) promotes the annual Big Spring Clean, which is Northern Ireland's biggest volunteer clean up. The Big Spring Clean supports local community clean-ups across all 11 council areas in Northern Ireland. It is open to schools, community groups and businesses wishing to rid their streets of litter/rubbish.</p> <p>The aims of Big Spring Clean 2019 were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To raise awareness of the problems that litter causes in our local area in a fun and practical way. • To reduce litter in Mid Ulster through increased understanding and awareness. • To improve the quality of our local environment by physically removing litter from our local, schools, parks, roadsides and public places.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>The Spring Clean activities supported by Council were scheduled to coincide with and complement the annual "Big Spring Clean" Campaign run by Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful. Whilst the Big Spring Clean focused on the month of April, clean ups took place from March right through to June, as schools, community groups and individuals all did their part in helping to tidy up their local area and environment. A total of 58 local clean ups were supported by Environmental Services, 39 schools and 19 community groups as listed below, involving hundreds of volunteers who collected hundreds of bags of rubbish. Encouragingly this was a significant increase in the number of events supported compared to 2018 which saw 36 clean ups take place across Mid Ulster.</p>

Ballyronan Marina Beach Clean
St Patricks Primary School, The Loup
Grange Road, Cookstown Clean Up
Stewartstown & District Village Forum - Drumcairn Forest Clean Up

Cookstown High School
South West College, Cookstown
Coagh Primary School
Derrychrin Primary School
First Cookstown (Derryloran) Guides Unit – Clean up following
Cookstown 100
Orritor Primary School
St Peters Primary School, Moortown
Holy Trinity Primary School, Cookstown
Take-A-Bow Archery Club – Clean up following Cookstown pipe band
contest
St Patricks Primary School, Moneymore
Ballinderry Clean Up
Moortown Clean Up
Integrated College, Dungannon
Holy Family Primary School, Aughamullan
Caledon in Bloom
St Patricks Academy, Dungannon
Aughnacloy Primary School
St Mary's Primary School, Aughnacloy
St John's Primary School, Moy
Eglish Cross Community Group
St Patrick's Primary School, Donaghmore
Augher Central Primary School
10th Tyrone Killeshill Scouts
St Mary's Primary School, Fivemiletown
Donaghmore Horticultural Community
St Columb's Primary School, Cullion
Spires Integrated Primary School
Culnady Primary School
St Brigid's Primary School, Mayogall
St. Mary's Primary School, Draperstown
St. Colm's High School, Draperstown
Castledawson Primary School
Knocknagin Primary School, Desertmartin
St John Bosco's Primary School, Ballynease
Magherafelt Primary School
St Mary's Grammar School, Magherafelt
Kilronan School, Magherafelt
Tobermore Primary School
Desertmartin Primary School, Dromore
St John's Primary School, Swatragh
Maghera Primary School
St Mary's Primary School, Glenview
Crossroads Primary School, Drumnagarner

	<p>St. Columba's Primary School, Straw St. Eoghan's Primary School, Moneyneena Gaelscoil na Speirini, Straw Swatragh GAA Desertmartin GAA Bann Valley Community Association Carntogher Community Association Moneymore Community Association Granaghan Community Association Slievegallion and Lissan Community Groups</p> <p>In most instances in order to help facilitate the clean ups the Council loaned the groups litter pickers, provided bags and/or removed the rubbish for collection. Another important point to highlight is that this year a number of new community clean up events were held in areas not previously participating over the last few years showing that more and more residents are taking local action to combat the blight of litter.</p> <p>Clean ups ranged in size from individual schools and small groups of concerned residents living in specific areas cleaning an area close to them, to large community events such as the Big "Screen" Clean which involved almost 100 volunteers from Men's Shed, STEPS, Balinascreen GAA, Draperstown Celtic FC, Balinascreen Scouts and four local schools collecting over 200 bags of rubbish from throughout the whole parish areas.</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: The cost of supplying refuse bags and disposing of the waste/litter collected.
	Human: Some officer time in coordinating the various activities across the District
	Risk Management: All groups taking part were advised to conduct their own risk assessments and to ensure that all persons taking part were equipped with the appropriate PPE (the Council had no responsibility or liability for any incident arising)
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: The opportunity to participate in a clean-up was open to all throughout Mid Ulster District.
	Rural Needs Implications: Clean ups are especially welcome in rural areas where littering is a particular problem.

5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Members are asked to note the content of this report and success of Big Spring Clean.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Photographs of 2019 Big Spring Clean events supported by Mid Ulster District Council.