



**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

8<sup>th</sup> May, 2023

Dear Councillor,

I enclose details of the applications evaluated and recommended for funding under the 2023 Amenity Grant Scheme.

**Budget** – The 2023 budget approved for Amenity Grants is €140,000.

**Promotion** – The Amenity Grant Scheme was advertised in the Kilkenny People Newspaper and on the Council's website on the 25<sup>th</sup> of January 2023. An application form was also posted out to each of the previous year's applicants. The closing date for applications was the 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2023.

**Applications:**

- A total of 180 applications have been received;
- 1 application was ineligible as it did not meet with the objectives of the Amenity Grant Scheme;
- A total of 179 applications are therefore being recommended for approval as per the attached schedule.

**Evaluation Committee** – the applications were evaluated by the following:

- Eoin Dullea
- Lisa Bourke

An evaluation of the applications was undertaken with reference to a range of evaluation criteria and category classifications (i.e. 15 categories A – O based on size of town or village, number of houses in the estate, etc). There was a slight decrease in the award under some of the categories due to the slightly higher number of applications this year as compared to 2022 (172).

I recommend the allocations as outlined on the attached schedule in the total amount of €139,880. The small balance remaining will cover some of the cost of advertising the scheme.

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Denis Malone,  
Director of Services,  
Planning, Economic & Environmental Services.

## Criteria Used for Amenity Grant Awards 2023

The following criteria was used to allocate the awards to the wide variety of application types received: -

Category	Description	Amount
A	District Town Tidy Towns Group	€2000
B	Large Village Tidy Towns Group	€1400
C	Small Village Tidy Towns Group	€900
D	Individual street in a village	€276
E	Park / Playground	€690
F	Community Garden/Allotment/FRC/Grotto	€650
G	Sports Clubs (full public access without membership fee)/Other clubs	€460
H	Housing estate under 20 houses	€460
I	Housing estates 21 - 50 houses	€580
J	Housing estates 51-100 houses	€750
K	Housing estates 101 -150 houses	€900
L	Housing estates 151-200 houses	€1220
M	Housing estates 201 – 250 houses	€1400
N	Housing estates over 251 houses	€1550
O	Community Centre/Parish Hall	€900

# Schedule of Recommendations under Amenity Grant Scheme 2023

	Group Name	Brief Description of Project	Recommended Award	Category
North	The Weirview RA	Planting - shrubs & flowers	€ 1,220.00	L
	The Weir Residents Assoc	Upkeep of Estate	€ 750.00	J
	Glendine Court RA	Upkeep of Estate	€ 460.00	H
	St Canice's Parish Homes	Upkeep of Communal Gardens	€ 460.00	H
	Kilkenny Allotments & Community Gardens	Maintenance of Allotment	€ 650.00	F
	Talbots Grove Estate Management	Upkeep of Estate	€ 460.00	H
	Talbots Court Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€ 750.00	J
	Talbots Gate Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€ 750.00	J
	Hillcrest Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€ 460.00	H
	Cashel Downs Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€ 750.00	J
	Parkview/Parkview Residents Association	Maintenance of Estate	€ 580.00	I
	Parcnagowan Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€ 1,220.00	L
	The Grange Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€ 460.00	H
	Ashfield & Ashfield East Residents Assoc	Upkeep of Estate	€ 1,400.00	M
	Springmount Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€ 580.00	I
	Rath Ullord Residents Association	Powerwashing of estate	€ 550.00	J
	Steeple Court, New Row Residents Assoc	Upkeep of Estate	€ 580.00	I
	Sion Meadows	Maintenance of green area	€ 460.00	H
	Beechpark Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€ 580.00	I
	Springfields Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€ 750.00	J
	Ayrfield Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€ 750.00	J
	Rose Hill Court Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€ 460.00	H
	Outrath Court Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€ 400.00	I
	The Orchard Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€ 750.00	J
	Mayfield Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€ 580.00	I
	Whitegate Lawn Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€ 460.00	H
	Dukesmeadows Residents Association	Sanding of paths	€ 750.00	J
	Rose Hill Residents Association	Powerwashing of estate	€ 900.00	K
	Sycamores/Aylesbury Residents Associations	Replacement of flower boxes	€ 1,500.00	N
	Richview Residents Association	Bench and grass cutting	€ 750.00	J
	Melville Heights Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€ 750.00	J
	Beechlawns Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€ 580.00	J
	Smithlands Court Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€ 580.00	I
	Maiden Hill Residents Association	Tree Planting	€ 300.00	I
	Clongowen Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€ 1,000.00	M
	Maragertsfield Mgmt Co	Planting of wildflower meadow	€ 750.00	J
	The Paddocks & Breaghagh Place RA	Seating and wildflower garden	€ 900.00	K
	Newpark Lawn Resident Assoc	Maintenance of green area	€ 460.00	H
	Rosewood Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€ 750.00	J
	Kilkenny Great War Memorial Committee	Planting	€ 600.00	J
	Loreto Park Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€ 460.00	H
	Lintown Hall Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€ 1,550.00	N
	The Fairways Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€ 750.00	J
	Glendine Heights Residents Assoc	Upkeep of estate/new lawnmower	€ 750.00	J
South	Cois Bearbha Co-op	Upkeep of green areas	€ 650.00	F
	Barrack St Residents Group	Purchase of lawnmower	€ 580.00	I
	Lower Grange Residents Group	Plants and paint	€ 580.00	I
	Goresbridge Rural Development	Insurance	€ 1,400.00	B
	Riverside Park Res Association	Grass cutting	€ 580.00	I
	Mill Family Resource Centre	Upkeep of Community Garden	€ 650.00	F
	Togher Lawns	Upkeep of Estate	€ 580.00	I
	Togher Crescent	Upkeep of Estate	€ 580.00	I
	Urlingford Tidy Towns	Upkeep of Village	€ 1,400.00	B
	Urlingford Town Development	Purchase of powerwasher & insurance	€ 1,400.00	B
	Clomantagh Heritage Committee	Maintenance of graveyard	€ 900.00	C
	Mullinabro Woods Residents Assoc	Upkeep of Estate	€ 580.00	I
	Castlecomer Tidy Towns	Landscaping at Barrack Hill	€ 2,000.00	A
	Oakhill Residents Association	Grass cutting	€ 750.00	J
	The Acorns Lower Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€ 580.00	I
	Deenview Inclusive Garden	Upgrade surface at polytunnel	€ 650.00	F

Acorns Upr Residents Committee	Upkeep of Estate	€	580.00	I
Deerpark Shrine Assoc	Grass cutting and painting at Shrine	€	650.00	F
Ard Crann Residents Association	Grass Cutting	€	460.00	H
Spa Development Association	Planting at village entrances	€	1,400.00	B
Paulstown Community Playground Group	Playground Footpaths	€	690.00	E
Oaklawns Residents Assoc	Upkeep of Estate	€	750.00	J
Marble Court Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€	750.00	J
Paulstown Development Association	Upkeep of Community Areas	€	1,400.00	B
An Choill Rua Residents	Upkeep of Estate	€	750.00	J
Gathabawn Rural Development	Upkeep of Village & Park	€	900.00	C
Freshford Heritage Group	Upkeep of Village	€	1,400.00	B
Freshford Tidy Towns	Insurance, maintain flower beds	€	1,400.00	B
Freshford.ie	Erection of stretch tent	€	650.00	F
St. Lachtain's GAA Club	Seats around walkway & planting	€	460.00	G
Freshford Development Association	Planting around village	€	1,400.00	B
Coon Tidy Towns	Village projects	€	900.00	C
Doheny Memorial Grotto	Upkeep of grotto	€	650.00	F
Ballyragget Playground Committee	Development of biodiversity area	€	900.00	C
Ballyragget Development Association	Upkeep of town	€	1,400.00	B
Glenvale Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€	750.00	J
Brookfield Residents Association	Maintenance of equipment	€	580.00	I
Muckalee Grotto Restoration Committee	Planting, petrol for strimmer	€	650.00	F
Galmoy Community Group	Upkeep of village	€	900.00	C
Galmoy Community Hall	Improvements to exterior of hall	€	900.00	O
Moneenroe Community Council	Signage, Wildflower meadow	€	900.00	C
Old School Crescent Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€	460.00	H
Clogh /Moneenroe Playground	Purchase of equipment	€	690.00	E
Clogh Community Council	Painting and planting	€	900.00	C
Clogh Tidy Towns	Build a flower bed	€	800.00	C
Conahy Ladies Club	Upkeep of Village	€	460.00	G
Tullaroan Tidy Towns	Upkeep of Village	€	900.00	C
Tullaroan Development Association	Planting around village	€	900.00	C
Cloneen Hurling Club	Purchase of lawnmower	€	460.00	G
Clontubrid Village Group	Stone plaque / upkeep of village	€	900.00	C
Castlewarren Hall Committee	Electric point in car park/ seats/ plants	€	900.00	O
Lisdowney Development Association	Planting/repair signs in village	€	900.00	C
Ballyfoyle Community Council	Upkeep of Village	€	900.00	O
Ballyfoyle Active Retirement	Painting and planting	€	520.00	F
Crosspatrick Tidy Towns	Purchase equipment	€	850.00	C
Gowran Development Association	Upkeep of Village	€	1,400.00	B
The Steeples Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€	580.00	I
Abbeygrove Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€	500.00	I
Bradog Way Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€	580.00	I
Mill Road & Mill Lane Resident Association	Maintenance of road verges/planting	€	400.00	H
Gowran Paddocks Residents Association	Grass Cutting	€	580.00	I

East	Banagher Court RA	Grass cutting /weed control	€	750.00	J
	Pil River Park	Purchase - lawnmower/trimmer	€	690.00	E
	Clonmore Hall Residents	Upkeep of Estate	€	580.00	I
	The Meadows	Maintenance of green areas	€	580.00	I
	Kildalton Close Association	Upkeep of Estate	€	460.00	H
	Piltown AFC CLG	Purchase of equipment	€	460.00	G
	Turkstown Tidy Towns	Purchase - plants and equipment	€	900.00	C
	Mooncoin Tidy Towns	Purchase of equipment, petrol	€	900.00	C
	Mooncoin Drug Awareness Programme	Wildflower garden and notice board	€	250.00	F
	Sinnotts Cross Committee	Insurance costs	€	450.00	F
	Bellfield Estate	Grass cutting /planting	€	1,220.00	L
	Clover Meadows Estate	Upkeep of Estate	€	750.00	J
	Abbey Park Residents Association	Grass Management	€	1,220.00	L
	Ard Glas Residents Association	Tree pruning, general upkeep	€	900.00	K
	The Beeches Estate Committee	Upkeep of Estate	€	750.00	J
	Hollybrook Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€	750.00	J
	Christendom Estate Residents Group	Upkeep of Estate	€	580.00	I
	Estuary Woods	Upkeep of Estate	€	450.00	H
	Arbourmount Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€	580.00	I

Residents Club Cooleigh	Grass cutting	€	460.00	H
Tullahought Community Development Ltd	Upkeep of Village	€	900.00	C
Mullinabro Woods Residents Assoc	Upkeep of Estate	€	580.00	I
Listerlin Tidy Towns Group	Purchase of equipment and insurance	€	900.00	C
Kilmoganny Tidy Towns	Shrub and wildflower beds	€	900.00	C
Windgap Tidy Towns	Planting at grotto & insurance	€	900.00	C
Bigwood Residents Association	Provision of new flower bed	€	900.00	C
Mullinavat Matters	Upkeep of Village	€	1,400.00	B
Kylemore Housing Estate	Upkeep of Estate	€	580.00	I
Glenmore Tidy Towns	Upkeep of Village	€	900.00	C
Kilmacow Sports Complex	Improvements to River Bank	€	450.00	G
Chapelgate Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€	750.00	J
Rosbercon Parish Hall & Sports Centre	Repairs to fascia and painting	€	900.00	O
St Moling's Holy Well	Upkeep of well	€	650.00	F

West	Friar's Hill Mews RA	Upkeep of Estate	€	460.00	H
	Berkeley Lawns Residents Committee	Upkeep of Estate	€	460.00	H
	The Greens Residents Committee	Upkeep of Estate	€	750.00	J
	Maudlin Court Resident Assoc	Develop/maintain flower beds	€	750.00	J
	Upper Paddock Biodiversity Garden	Maintenance of space	€	650.00	F
	Thomastown Community Centre	Upkeep of area around comm centre	€	900.00	O
	Thomastown Tidy Towns	Upkeep of village	€	2,000.00	A
	Graignamanagh Mens Shed & Comm Garden	Security camera - plants, pots	€	500.00	F
	Graignamanagh Tidy Towns	Insurance & flowers, planters	€	2,000.00	A
	Graignamanagh Canoe Club	Bicycle Rack/Shelter	€	460.00	G
	Graignamanagh Regatta Club	Outdoor lockers	€	460.00	G
	Graignamanagh Hall	Maintain	€	900.00	O
	Calvary Cemetery	Upkeep of graveyard	€	650.00	F
	Kyleva Development Committee	Upkeep of area	€	650.00	F
	Knocktopher Development Committee	Flowers etc	€	900.00	C
	Ballyhale Development Association	Upkeep of Village	€	1,400.00	B
	Hazelbrook Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€	460.00	H
	The Rower Street Committee	Upkeep of Village	€	900.00	C
	Inistioge Tidy Towns	Upkeep of Village	€	1,400.00	B
	Bennettsbridge Tidy Towns	Upkeep of Village	€	1,400.00	B
	Bennettsbridge Community Development	Maintenance of playground	€	690.00	E

Lawcus Fields Residents Association	Upkeep of estate	€	750.00	J
Chapelview Residents Association	Upkeep of estate	€	580.00	I
Stoneyford Tidy Towns	Upkeep of Village	€	900.00	C
Stoneyford History & Heritage	Signs/Seating at heritage garden	€	650.00	F
Stoneyford Development Association	Upkeep of Community Facility	€	900.00	C
Ennisnag Church & Community	Maintenance of roadside approaches	€	800.00	C
Ennisnag Anglers & Conservation Club	Conservation work at river bank	€	460.00	G
Bolton Residents Association	Upkeep of estate	€	460.00	H
Kingscourt Community Group	Upkeep of estate	€	580.00	I
Clonkiil Residents Association	Upkeep of estate	€	750.00	J
Bolton Woods Residents Association	Upkeep of estate	€	750.00	J
Callan Tidy Towns	Purchase of tools, insurance etc	€	2,000.00	A
Bridgetown Management - Oldtown	Upkeep of estate	€	460.00	H
Burgess Court Residents Association	Upkeep of estate	€	580.00	I
Priory Grove Residents	Tree management in estate	€	460.00	H
Kells Tidy Towns	Upkeep of Village	€	900.00	C
Gairdin an Ghorta	Upkeep of gardens	€	650.00	F
Dunnamaggin Development Group	Planters and flowers	€	800.00	C
Danesfort Cross Community Group	Upkeep of area at cross	€	900.00	C
Hunter's Wood Management Company	Powerwashing and decorative stone	€	460.00	H

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