

## *News from Julianstown*



**Bee visiting wild flowers in the Community Garden**

A **Public Meeting** takes place in the [Glenside Hotel](#) at 7.30 p.m. on the 4<sup>th</sup> March and all residents, neighbours, and friends are invited to come along and find out what is happening in your village.

### **Wave of Robberies and Burglaries in Julianstown**

In response to the wave of burglaries in Julianstown we have contact Sgt. Dooley in Laytown and he has appointed Garda Matt McKenna to liaise with us. You can contact Gda McKenna at [matthew.p.mckenna@garda.ie](mailto:matthew.p.mckenna@garda.ie). We are also continuing to have Text Alert set up around the village.

**The Meath County Council Anti-Litter League Competition** commences on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March and it runs for six weeks. During this time we ask your help to make sure that our village is kept litter free, so if you are out walking and see a piece of litter please pick it up and dispose of it safely. If you would like to give a hand with the litter picking in your area please contact Niamh on 086 3477283 for bags, gloves etc. We would really appreciate your help!

**The National Spring clean** will be on the 5<sup>th</sup> April starting at 10 am outside Whitecross National School. Last year we had something like 20 people out scouring the area for so if you know of any area that is particularly please contact us and we would be more than delighted to lend a hand.

We are doing Trojan work in the Community Garden at the moment; we have cut back all the dog wood and are generally giving the garden a spring clean. The Daffodils are just about to bloom and should be spectacular in the coming weeks. Come into the garden and see for yourself.

**Julianstown Drama Group** hopes to put on another play this year for Heritage Week which takes place nationwide from the 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 31<sup>st</sup> August. If you would like a part in the play please contact Emer on 087 2745539. The White Horse of Ballygarth was a tremendous success last year and we hope to write another play with a local theme – could be ‘Collier’ the Robber or The Battle of Julianstown in 1641.

## **Help our Native Bees!**

### **Plant a variety of flowers that bloom from early spring to late autumn**

Don't expect our native bees to wait around until your vegetable crops bloom. Bees need pollen and nectar to live, and if they can't find flowers in your yard, they'll move elsewhere. Digger bees begin foraging as soon as spring arrives, while [bumblebees](#) and dwarf carpenter bees are still active in the autumn. Plant a variety of flowers to provide blooms from early spring to late autumn, and you'll keep native bees happy all year.

### **Leave some sunny areas of your yard free of vegetation.**

Many native bees nest in the ground; these bees usually seek out loose, sandy soils free of vegetation. Leave a few patches of ground so they can burrow, and they won't have to travel so far to pollinate your flowers. Remember, bees like it sunny, so try to designate plant-free areas where there's enough sun exposure to please them.

### **Make the most of your garden**

**Gardening Classes for all** are continuing in the Community Garden on Saturdays and Wednesdays from 10 am to 1 pm. No experience necessary, just come along and join in.

**Contact us on Facebook** – Julianstown Tidy Towns Group or [www.Julianstowncommunity.com](http://www.Julianstowncommunity.com)

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