

Rea's Wood Clean Up

Back in February it came to light that Rea's Wood, on the shores of Lough Neagh, was severely littered after the harsh Winter storms. Since then many volunteers contacted Live Here Love Here, Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council, the Forestry Service and the Lough Neagh Partnership to offer their support. We had to ensure the water levels had receded and that any dangerous debris was removed from the paths before we could call on the public to come and get involved.

Join us at Antrim Lough Shore Park on Saturday 23rd April at 10.30am, shuttle transport will be provided.

Volunteers will be joined by staff and team members from Forestry Service, Live Here Love Here, NIEA, Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council, Six Mile Water Trust, Lough Neagh Partnership and Tesco Antrim

Volunteers must register with Nicola Murray at Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful

nicola.murray@keepnorthernirelandbeautiful.org or call 02890736920.

We can all do one small thing

Rea's Wood BIG Spring Clean

Rea's Wood needs your help! Join us on Saturday 23rd April to help restore the natural beauty back to the shores of Lough Neagh and clear the debris washed in by the winter storms.

When? Saturday 23rd April starting at 10.30am

Where? A transport service will be provided for volunteers, picking up from Antrim Lough Shore Park.

All volunteers attending the clean up must register with Nicola Murray at Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful. Nicola.murray@keepnorthernirelandbeautiful.org or 028 9073 6920



Adopt A Spot: Dab Hands and New Recruits

One of our first Adopt A Spot groups, the Coast Office Watersports Club who have been an Adopt A Spot group for 2 years carried out a great beach clean at Portballintrae beach. They hope to expand the area that they have adopted to include the dunes area of the beach next time! During their clean up they bumped into our friends at NIEST!



On Saturday 5th March, the 2nd Donaghadee Brownies organised an event and volunteered their time to carry out a clean-up of Donaghadee beach. A great group of twenty eight girls and their leaders took part, and they were able to collect 14 bags of litter and remove it from the stretch of beach in the space of just two hours. During their clean-up they even found a car tyre!

The Brownies participated in the clean-up as part of the Clean For The Queen campaign which was run by Keep Britain Tidy and supported by Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful. The aim of the campaign and the event itself nicely compliments the Brownie promise- to serve their community and their Queen.



They caught the litter picking bug and have now become an Adopt A Spot group!

Two of our latest Adopt A Spot recruits have hit the ground running; Camowen Community Anglers are holding their first clean up on Camowen River on Saturday 2nd April and another group, Patrick Sarsfields GAC, are holding a weekend long clean up from Friday 8th to Sunday 10th April on their club grounds and surrounding area.

Good Luck to all!

Spring has arrived and so has our latest media splash!

Live Here Love Here is back on your television screens, busses, billboards and newspapers. We hope you enjoy our latest media offering and that the message inspires you to get involved in your local community and to help rid Northern Ireland of litter.

You can check out our latest television advertisement [here](#).

Look out for our colourful billboards in your community!



Money off from Helping Hand

Helping Hand Environmental is the UK's Number 1 Litter-picker manufacturers and distributors. They have been producing the litter-picker that we all know and love since 1965. Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful have been using Helping Hand Environmental products for over 10 years and we now have our own bespoke litter picker.

To place an order with Helping Hand using the discount code KNIBGROUP visit the Live Here Love Here [website](#) for more information or phone Helping Hand on **01531 635678**.

Were watching you...

Ards and North Down Borough Council will begin to use "Eyes" posters to combat dog fouling around schools in the Borough. When posters like these were put up at sites across England by Keep Britain Tidy, they recorded a 46% fall in dog fouling in the surrounding area. Ards and North Down Borough Council began placing the posters in March, while other councils and land managers have expressed an interest. Find out more about the campaigns available from chris.allen@keepnorthernirelandbeautiful.org



Coca-Cola Clean Coast Week

Dates have been set and planning is beginning for Coca-Cola Clean Coast Week 2016 which will take place from 6th to 15th May. This is a fun filled week of activities to get outdoors and do some practical actions to care for and enjoy our coastline. After your clean up there may even be a chance to have some refreshments on hand too, courtesy of Coca Cola. If you have any ideas for a large scale beach or inland waterway clean up please contact Nicola Murray on nicola.murray@keepnorthernirelandbeautiful.org to let us know about it.



FUNDING: Waterways Ireland Heritage Plan Grant Scheme 2016

Waterways Ireland have announced a fund of €20,000 to assist community based heritage projects which compliment or fulfil the delivery of the Waterways Ireland Heritage Plan along the Barrow Navigation, Erne System, Grand Canal, Lower Bann, Royal Canal, Shannon, Shannon-Erne, and the Ulster Canal (Upper Lough Erne to Clones).



Applications will be considered from communities seeking assistance for projects related to inland waterways' heritage including data collection & research, good heritage practice in managing sites, collections, objects, etc. And support fresh approaches and initiatives that link heritage to communities, promoting active engagement with heritage. To find out more please visit www.waterwaysireland.org. Closing date **22 April 2016**.

Dear Live Here Love Here Diary...

It has been a pretty busy month for Live here Love Here. Early in March we joined forces with our friends at Ulster Wildlife for a beach clean at Ballylumford power station in Larne. The event was organised by Katy Bell, Ulster Wildlife - AES Biodiversity Intern. A team of 10 headed on to the beach and we managed to collect a total of 13 bags of rubbish as well as 3 tyres and a car bumper. We were supported by the great staff of the power station who came out to take part as well.



On Wednesday 9th of March we were off to St George's Market for the Belfast Skills fair which was a great opportunity to meet lots of people who want to help improve their local area. A big welcome to all our new supporters.

On Wednesday 23rd of March we had a morning in the Kennedy Centre in West Belfast with Live here Love Here stall to promote some of the great work we do. We had a great warm welcome from staff and customers resulting in many new supporters for Live Here Love Here. It was great to see so many people interested in getting involved and we look forward to seeing what Live Here Love Here activities they come up with to help improve their local area.



We were even busy bunnies over the Easter Break as we joined in the fun at the Ulster Museum on Easter Monday and Tuesday. It was great to see so many families getting involved in both supporting and learning about the campaign; Thanks guys we now have lots of new supporters because of you!



As April approaches we wonder where we will be off to with all these Big Spring Cleans! Until next time, Bye.

Where to find us in April

Come along and say that you Live Here Love Here

12th April—Belfast Central Library

12th April—Kilroot Beach Clean

13th April—Richmond Shopping Centre

16th April— Love Your Lough Beach Clean, Rostrevor

23rd April—Rea's Wood Clean Up

Later in April

McClay Library at Queen's University and Dundonald Library

To check out all the events please visit our website [here](#).

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