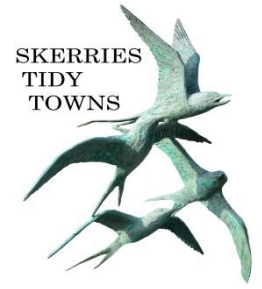
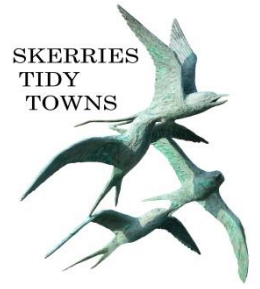


Skerries TidyTowns



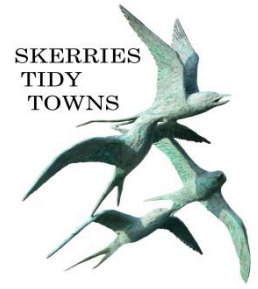
A Cleaner Greener Town

What we are about



- Sustainability
- Our Environment
- Our Community
- Our Town
- Our Planet

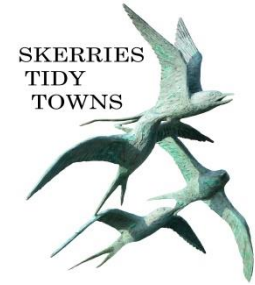
Sculpture



- Plant life
- Water
- Built Environment
- Heritage



TidyTowns Name



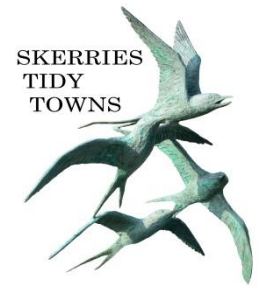
With the changing nature of the competition
We have lobbied to have a name change
Caring for our Environment
was eventually added as a sub-text



Rialtas na hÉireann
Government of Ireland

Brought to you by the Department of Rural
and Community Development

Synonymous with cleaning litter

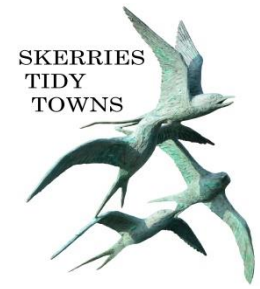


This is part of caring for our Environment

Think of the problems plastic packaging causes to our sea life.

Think of the germs which linger in old litter, if it is not cleaned up





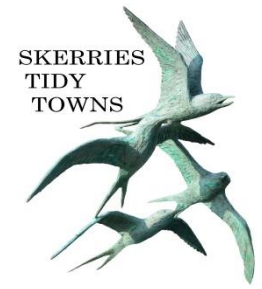
What we do

Adopt a Patch

S-Skerries
E-everyone
A-against
L -Litter



If you pick up even one piece of litter you are part of team
TidyTowns



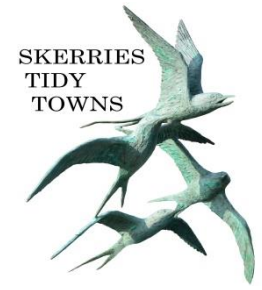
The Stream

The Stream Huggers led by Dara remove litter and dumping from the stream and surrounds

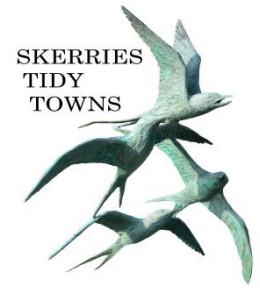


Dog Poo

What we Have Tried



Biodiversity

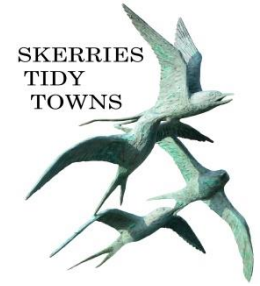


Biodiversity is the variety of all living things and their interactions. It supports all life on Earth



Without biodiversity, our entire support system for human and animal life, would collapse.

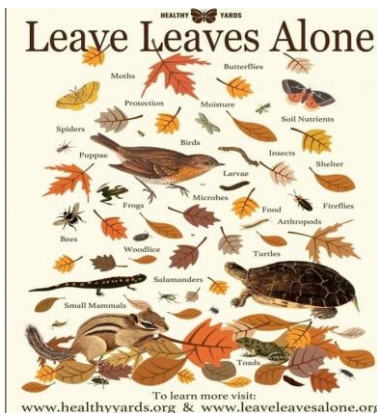
What Can we do to Protect Biodiversity



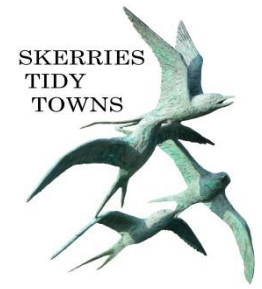
No chemical sprays

Leaving space in our gardens for wildlife

Gaps in walls for hedgehogs to pass through



Undisturbed leaves in spring for insects until the weather gets warmer



Biodiversity

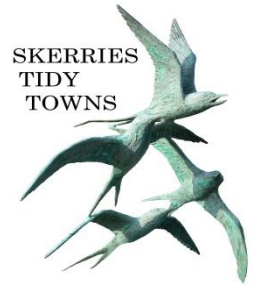
We have worked with FCC over the past number of years to reduce the cutting of grass in specific areas of the town whilst retaining the cutting regimes for the playing fields

We support No Mow May - allow dandelions to bloom in gardens and grass verges.

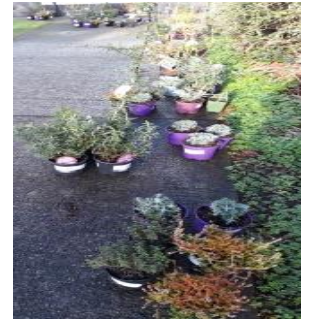


Environment and Plant Life

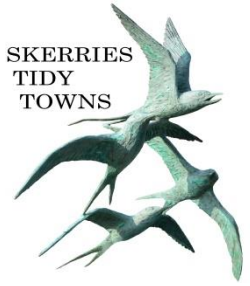
Over the past number of years we have all become more environmentally aware.



Many years ago we began offering native pollinator friendly plants to residents, to establish wild life corridors in the town



We plant unused corners in all areas of the town with pollinator friendly plants



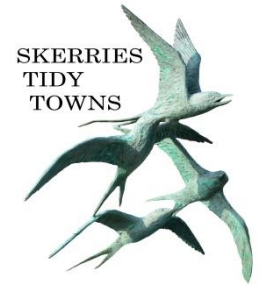
Plant Life

The area around the Stream is being planted by volunteers (Stream Huggers) with wild flower seeds and native trees

Rewilding areas: We monitor these



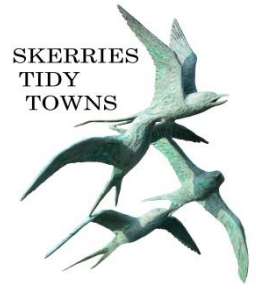
Take Aways



Although all our coffee shops use compostable cups we have some way to go to rid our town of disposable coffee cups



Sustainability

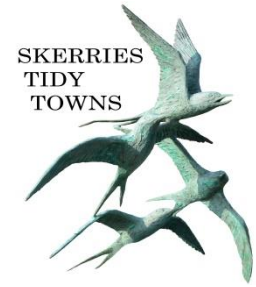


Our keep cup campaign is very successful. Bring your own cup



If you forget your keep cup you can support the 2GoCup.

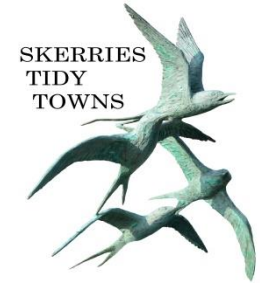
Water



Don't forget your reusable Water Bottle to help cut down on plastic waste

Many cafes and bars have signed up to Refill water bottles free.





Sustainability

In the past we supplied water butts to anyone who adopted flower pots or window boxes



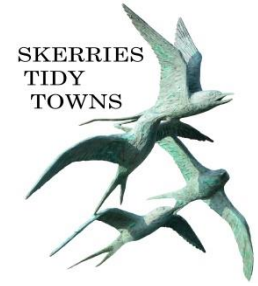
Through our social media we encourage residents to support Voice Ireland initiatives.



(the VOICE of Irish concern for the Environment)

Voice Ireland Initiative

Shop Second Hand

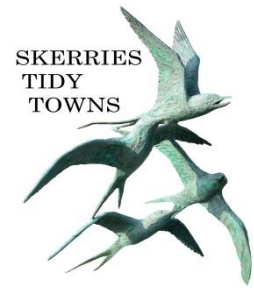


Golden Rules for Shopping Second Hand

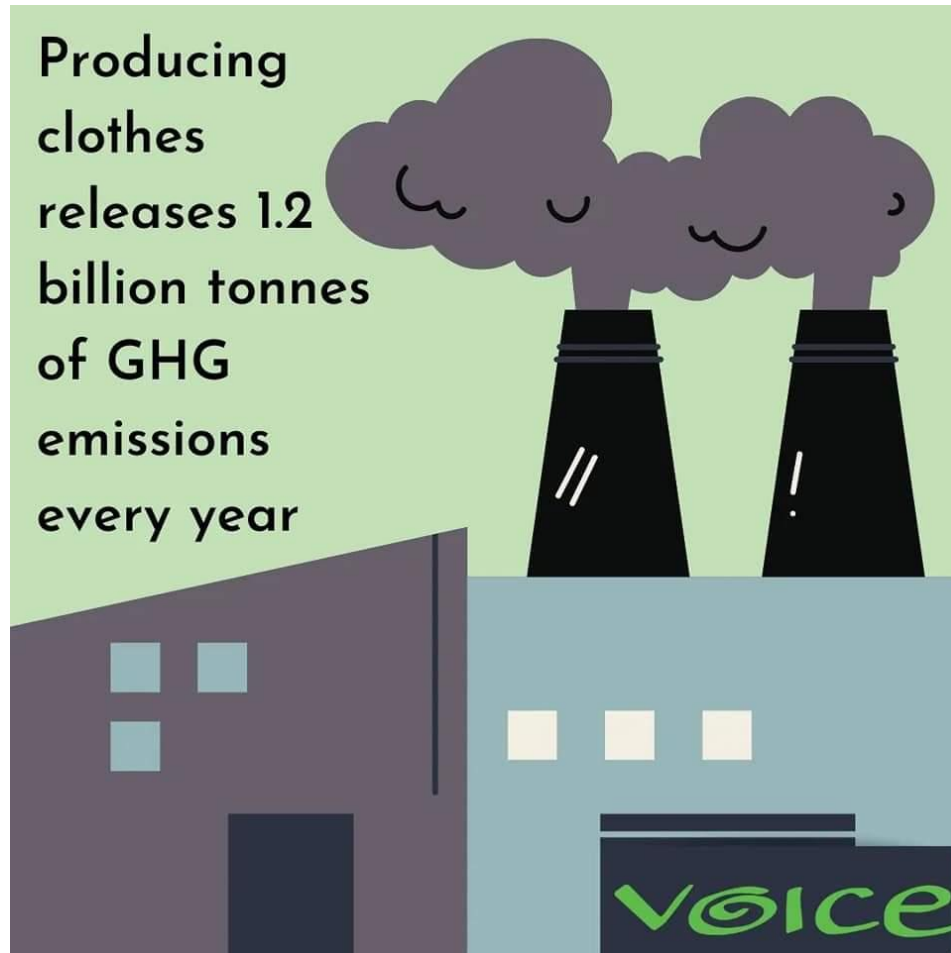
- Change the way you think about shopping
- Don't think you have to buy the latest fashion
- Ignore distractions, shop for what you need for your own wardrobe

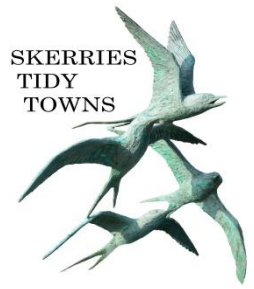


Voice Ireland



Producing
clothes
releases 1.2
billion tonnes
of GHG
emissions
every year



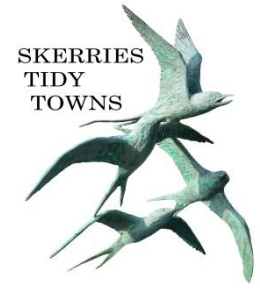


Built Environment

We actively monitor planning applications especially those in the Architectural Conservation Area of the town

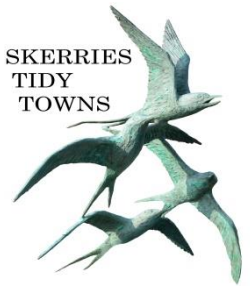


Caring for the Built Environment



We try to keep the town graffiti free





Local Awards

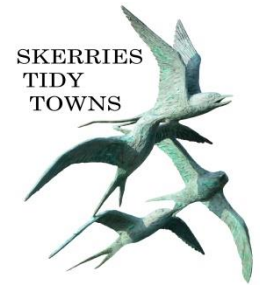
Best presented business



Best presented Estate



Local Awards



Best Presented House in
an Estate



Best Presented House in the
Town Centre



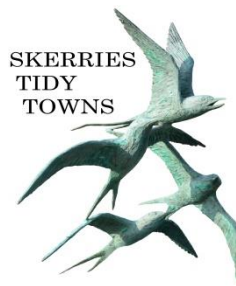
Accessibility Award

Heritage

Beautiful limestone kerbs and cobbled roadsides



We physically remove growth



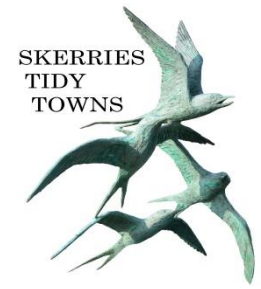
Heritage

Many old shop fronts beautifully preserved



New Shopfronts

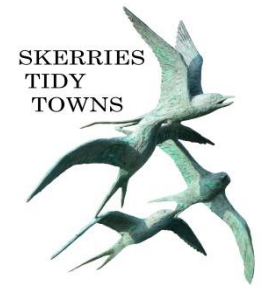




Thatched Cottages

We are unique in that a town so close to our capital city retains a number of well maintained thatched cottages



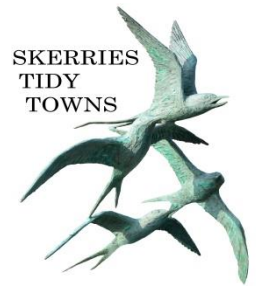


Heritage

We worked with Fingal County Council and Abarta Heritage on an Audio Guide for Skerries
This can be downloaded for free on abartaheritage.ie



What you can do (Water)



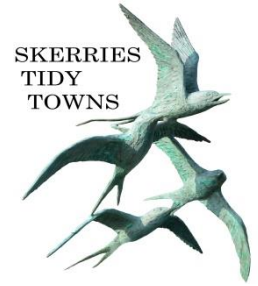
Install a water butt in your garden

During a dry spell fill water bottles with grey/
waste water and place upside down in wet soil

Water in the evening

When travelling through airports bring an empty
bottle going through customs. They can be filled
for free on the other side

Love Food Hate Waste



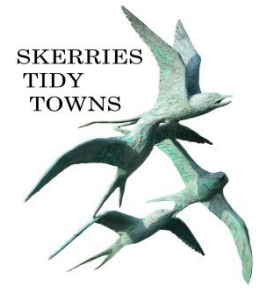
Buy only what you need

Eat what you buy

Keep food fresh

Avoid the Bin





Community

Use the recycling facilities but do not leave empty boxes etc

Never litter

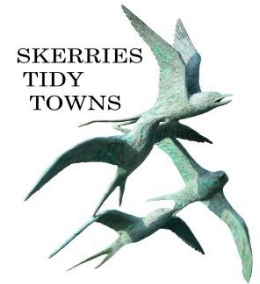
Clean the kerb outside your house
or premises of growth

Use second hand shops

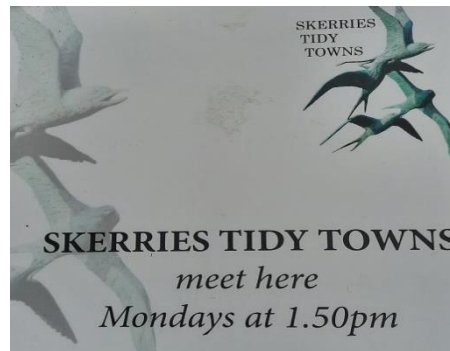
We all have a personal responsibility to our town and our planet



Skerries TidyTowns



Thank you for listening



We always welcome volunteers at our Quay St shed

Email: maevemcgann@gmail.com

Contact us through our Facebook Page

Or email tidytowns@skerriesca.com.