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Diabetes meeting

A Diabetes Federation meeting will be held at Molloy's, Abbeytown, Roscommon, on Wednesday, 28th April at 8 pm. The meeting is open to anybody with an interest in diabetes.

Have you time to spare?

Foróige Castlereah's 'Neighbourhood Youth Project' now has vacancies for volunteers. If you are an adult and would like to work with young people on a new programme, this could be the place for you.

Volunteers will gain valuable experience working with young people within their own community while brushing up on their team building and general working skills! If you would like more information please call or text (086) 810277.

Tidy Towns anger at theft of flowers

Members of Ballaghaderreen Tidy Town Committee this week expressed anger and disappointment at the theft of plants from flowerbeds on the Sligo Road during the weekend of 10th to 12th April.

Ballaghaderreen Tidy Towns Committee has been working hard with FAS and the Rural Social Scheme to prepare the town for the 2010 Tidy Towns competition. Numerous flowerbeds have been

developed on all approach roads and planting commenced in the past two weeks.

Comments have been very positive towards the work carried out by the committee in the town over the past twelve months. However, the committee are very angry and disappointed to see that plants have been taken from these flowerbeds.

"These culprits are obviously

not interested in their local area or indeed care about the good work that this committee is doing for the benefit of the town.

The matter has been reported to the Gardaí and a line of enquiry is being followed.

We would ask the local community to observe and report anyone they might think are vandalising these flower beds or indeed any other area in the town."



Frenchpark Junior Tidy Towns committee members Amy Burke, Lorna Burke, Katie Ann Burke, Lisa and Alison Flanagan, Samantha Casserly, Jane and Teresa Devine, Oisín Vincent and David Cullen, pictured with Annette Donlon, Sarah Scott and Danny McHugh, Roscommon Co Council; Tony Ward, Mayor, Roscommon Co Council and Sarah McGovern National Spring Clean ambassador.

Fine Gael public meeting on health care reform

Fine Gael will host a public meeting to outline its approach to reforming the health service, as proposed in the party's Fair-Care policy, next Tuesday 27th April at 9 pm. in Gleeson's, Roscommon town.

The meeting will be the ninth in a series of meetings held across the country by the party and will be addressed by the Fine Gael spokesperson on Health, Dr James Reilly TD, pictured right.

Speaking ahead of the meeting local TD Denis Naughten said: "Fine Gael's plans for the reform of the health service will secure the long term future of local services at hospitals like Roscommon.

"At the core of the Fine

Gael reform strategy is the fact that local hospitals, like Roscommon, would not only retain existing medical services but also see new investment to improve the level of treatment provided. The principle behind the Fine Gael plan is that the money follows the patient so the more patients are treated in Roscommon Hospital, the more funding it will receive."

"The Fine Gael Fair Care Policy will deliver a health system that is concerned solely with people's medical needs and not with the money in their pocket. We have devised a plan based on best practice in the Netherlands and Canada, which will eliminate trolleys in A&E, slash waiting lists and end



the current health divide that denies fair treatment to the less well-off in our society.

"Our goal is clear: to give Ireland a world-class health service where everyone is treated fairly, regardless of income, and where the patient is central to that service. Fine

Gael will make sure that the people of Ireland get the health service that they pay for and deserve. The Fair Care health reform is the most radical reform of health services that this country has seen and is the only programme that wants to see local hospitals at its centre, rather than closed. I warmly invite the public to come along to this public meeting to hear our radical proposals first-hand."

The meeting, will include a discussion forum after a short presentation which will allow patients, local people and those at the frontline of Ireland's health service to give their feedback, which will then be fed into Fine Gael's radical and patient-focused policy.



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