 **‘Adopt a Patch’ Registration Form**

A Message from the HSE: To protect yourself and others from coronavirus (COVID-19), think about how the virus is spread. Be responsible, be safe.

**Further information on protecting yourself and others from COVID-19 is available at** [**https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/protect-yourself-and-others.html**](https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/protect-yourself-and-others.html)

**Existing Biodiversity**

Biodiversity is in crisis and we have a role to play in restoring it. You can enhance the area without clearing away wild plants. Please do not spray weed killer on Adopt a Patch areas.

We are asking that habitats are left intact – please do not clear away ivy, brambles, undergrowth or ‘weeds’ - these are our native pollen-rich wild plants and our species depend on these to survive.

**The Adopt a Patch scheme addresses litter and there is no commitment for people to plant flowers or bulbs etc.**

1. **Register for the Adopt a Patch:**

Please complete **page 1** (this page) of this form and email it as an attachment to environment@fingal.ie or post it to: Fingal County Council, Environment & Climate Action Department, County Hall, Main Street Swords, Co. Dublin.

Adopt a Patch Individual or Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ No. of members: \_\_\_\_

Area/ location to be maintained: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Contact name(s): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Email address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. **GDPR and Confidentiality:**

I agree to having the information on this form retained by Fingal County Council for the purposes of the Adopt a Patch Scheme and I understand that the information will not be shared with any other parties. **Yes / No** (please indicate)

1. **Agreements**

**I understand and acknowledge that the above named are not protected or insured under any liability or indemnification by filling out this form. This form is a statement of intent and not a legally binding document. Yes / No** (please indicate)

1. **Please engage with local neighbours** (and landowners if applicable) to gain a participatory approach to tackling litter in the area.

**I/We have consulted with neighbours before making any changes such as planting flowers, shrubs, bulbs or installing and flowerboxes or pollinator areas, rockeries etc. and agreement was reached. Yes / No** (please indicate)

The following materials may be available (subject to availability) to Adopt a Patch participants.

* Litter pickers
* Hi-vis vests
* Bags – these are also available from your local Tidy Towns
* Paint for community spaces

Your local **Tidy Towns groups have litter equipment available – including the rolls of bags.**

**For the Adopt a Patch there are litter pickers available at the locations listed below: (Please note these are subject to stock so you might wish to check in advance).**

1. **Mulhuddart Community Centre**, Church Rd, Buzzardstown, Dublin 15, D15 R2VF, Phone: (01) 821 5120
2. **Mountview Youth and Community Centre**, Lohunda Downs, Coolmine, Dublin 15, (01) 821 8665
3. **Donabate Portrane Community & Leisure Centre**, 3 Portrane Rd, Ballalease North, Donabate, Co. Dublin, K36 FY26 Phone: (01) 843 4546
4. **Baldoyle Community Hall**, Main St, Baldoyle, Dublin 13, Phone: (01) 8395338
5. **Flemington Community Centre**, Hamlet Ln, Balbriggan, (01) 841 5070
6. **Our Balbriggan Main Office**, Georges Square, Balbriggan, email: ourbalbriggan@fingal.ie
7. **Applewood Community Centre**, Castleview Lawn / Bunbury Gate Road, Swords, Co. Dublin, Phone: 353 (01) 807 9582, Email:  info@applewoodcc.ie

**In your ‘Adopt a Patch’ please retain any existing habitats such as ivy and wild flowers for use by pollinating insects.**

**Important actions include the following: -**

1. **Less mowing**
2. **Less Spraying** of weed killer/ pesticides/ herbicides. (Pollinator friendly vinegar or garlic-based solutions are available online and in shops).
3. **Plant more pollen-rich flowers** – as recommended by the National Biodiversity Data Centre: One-page leaflet on pollen-rich flowers to plant. <http://pollinators.ie/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/AIPP-Garden-Plants_A5-Flyer-PRINT.pdf>

Visit [www.pollinators.ie](http://www.pollinators.ie) for more details

You could take before and after photos of your area and promote your effort locally.

**Thank you** for making this positive contribution to your community.

See <https://www.fingal.ie/adopt-patch> for further details

This initiative is run by the Environment Department in partnership with Operations Department of Fingal County Council.