

Statement from Cork County PPN on New Local Authority Tidy Towns Insurance Scheme

We acknowledge the new Local Authority Tidy Towns Insurance Scheme, a national initiative underwritten by IPB and supported by Cork County Council, effective from 1st April 2025, which requires Tidy Towns groups to be registered with the Public Participation Network (PPN) for coverage. Although Cork County PPN were not consulted about this initiative prior to it being announced we welcome it as we believe it is a good initiative for our member groups.

We understand that Cork County Council has issued correspondence to some Tidy Towns groups saying that the insurance scheme is designed to support and protect everyone involved, committees, volunteers, and the Council alike, but in reality the situation has created significant challenges for Tidy Towns groups seeking insurance, and we have received several queries from Tidy Towns groups and many Local Councillors.

Key Information for Tidy Towns Groups:

- **Existing PPN Members:** You can check if you are registered with Cork County PPN and find your PPN number here: <https://corkcountyppn.ie/cork-county-ppn-members/>)
- If your group is already registered with Cork County PPN, no further action is needed with the PPN for insurance purposes. i.e. you do not have to contact us or re-register with us.
- **New Registrations:** You can register with Cork County PPN here - <https://corkcountyppn.ie/join/> . Please note that new PPN registrations can take approximately 6 weeks. We cannot expedite this process, and whilst we did offer, IPB has advised that letters confirming in-progress registrations cannot be accepted for immediate insurance coverage.
- **PPN Registration Queries:** Contact ppn@corkcoco.ie for any questions regarding PPN registration.
- **Insurance Scheme Queries:** For direct assistance with the insurance scheme, please contact IPB Insurance at 01 639 5511 or tidytown@ipb.ie .

Please note, Cork County PPN does not endorse any specific insurance provider. We wish all Tidy Towns groups in County Cork the best in securing insurance, whether through IPB or another provider, so they can continue their vital work in our communities. The PPN reminds all members that it is their individual responsibility to ensure they have sufficient insurance cover for their requirements.

The Secretariat of Cork County PPN would also request that people treat our staff, Cork County Council staff and the staff of IPB, with dignity and respect, and note that abusive behaviour will not be tolerated.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support of Cork County PPN.