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### **‘COMMUNITY SPRING CLEAN’ OF CARMARTHEN IN FULL FLOW**

The ‘Community Spring Clean’ of Carmarthen is progressing very well. The campaign, that is being led by the Mayor of Carmarthen Councillor Gareth John, is taking place throughout the spring and a great deal of work has already been carried out across the town by a number of volunteers and organisations.

Carmarthen Round Table have carried out a litter pick from Abergwili to Johnstown and the chairman of Carmarthen Round Table Johnny Griffiths said:

‘We are delighted that we are able to contribute to this initiative and help make Carmarthen a more attractive place for all of us. The Round Table has been carrying out litter picks for a long time, and hopefully more groups will join in with us this spring’.



Pictured are members of Carmarthen Round Table carrying out a litter pick in Johnstown

Hwb Tywi Hub with Men2Men is a Hywel Dda Health Board funded unique service for men, led by men. It has been set up to enable men to connect with others, generating a sense of belonging, fellowship, and a space in which they may feel comfortable to talk about how they really are feeling. They have been very active in tidying up the floral borders at the entrance to St Peter's Car Park and other areas within the town. Spokesman Fred Luckman explained "These shared activities help men talk about themselves, in an often deep and simple manner. This challenges isolation and offers a highly supportive environment in which men can make changes in how they feel about themselves and their lives. We have all really enjoyed planting the borders and look forward to future projects in Carmarthen."



Pictured are volunteers of Hwb Tywi Hub Men2Men, who have been cleaning up and replanting the flower borders at the entrance to St Peter's car park.



Pictured are the Mayor of Carmarthen Cllr Gareth John with two volunteers from the Carmarthen Business Improvement District Paul Raven (BID Chair and owner of Tea Traders) and George Reid (BID Manager) planting flowers and plants at the 'chimney pots' displays in Red Street, Carmarthen.



Pictured with the Mayor of Carmarthen Cllr Gareth John is volunteer litter picker Lesley Francis Evans from Brechfa, who has been very busy carrying out several litter picks in Carmarthen during recent weeks.

Carmarthen Town Council and Carmarthenshire County Council staff have also been very busy during the first few weeks of the 'spring clean'. The planters in Red Street and Nott Square have been washed ready for replanting, and a significant amount of litter has been cleaned from Parc Hinds, behind the gardens of houses in Priory Street.

The Wilko's car park was cleaned up last week, and arrangements are progressing to further improve the appearance of the area. Arrangements are in hand to clean the town centre monuments, and this will take place during the coming weeks.

Carmarthen Town Council is a litter collecting hub as part of the 'Keep Wales Tidy' initiative and equipment including waste bags and litter grabs are available at St Peter's Civic Hall, Nott Square, Carmarthen. Advice is also available about risk assessments for people wishing to undertake litter picks as part of this co-ordinated approach.

Anyone interested in participating in the 'Spring Clean' should contact Carmarthen Town Council via telephone on 01267 235199 or by email via [jafox@Carmarthentowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:jafox@Carmarthentowncouncil.gov.uk)