

Committee members pictured here are  
nn, Katherine Swift, Caroline Morris  
s Morris, Sharon White, Philomena  
lla Duffy.

Thanks also go to the people who  
gave generously of their time to  
sell the raffle lines and all who  
bought the raffle lines.

A most enjoyable evening was  
had by all and Aiden Fitzpatrick  
provided lovely food.

Finally the committee would  
like to thank all the dart players  
who attended and invite them all  
to the next annual event on  
Easter Monday, 28th March 2016.

The entire sum raised in this  
year's event, which totalled  
€4,505.80, was presented to  
Cootehill Community Cancer  
Support Group.

## Groups will be at Gov't refusal to amount — Smith

funding built heritage, and due to  
the significant reduction in  
funding" for her Department in  
recent years, resources were "not  
available" to consider its  
purchase.

Minister Humphreys said the  
Department had been working  
closely with the relevant local  
authority (Cavan Co Council) to  
ensure the maintaining and  
safeguarding of the Bellamont's  
future, and they would continue  
to assist and advise in  
determining "any suitable or  
viable uses for the property into  
the future".

But Deputy Smith told The  
Northern Standard that local  
community groups in the  
Cootehill area that were lobbying  
for the purchase of this house by  
the State would be disappointed  
by the news that this would not  
even be considered by  
Government.

...place to be next Monday,

• ONGOING LITTER PROBLEMS HIGHLIGHTED AS.....

THANKS  
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# Tanagh OETC, Abbott staff and Cootehill Area Development team up to clean up!



**SPRING CLEAN! — The hardworking group who rolled up the sleeves to tackle the scourge of litter at scenic attractions in the Cootehill area.**

### HUMAN littering — Immmm!

Last Tuesday, 21st April, on that  
beautiful hot sunny day, armed  
with litter pickers, gloves and lots  
of bags, Tanagh OETC staff joined  
forces with a strong team of  
volunteers from Abbott staff and  
members of Cootehill Area  
Development to start the  
daunting task of lifting roadside  
litter tossed from cars in an  
attempt to make our local area a  
much tidier place for those who  
live here and for the 16,000  
visitors that come to Tanagh on an  
annual basis.

Ironically, you could say, once  
again we were disappointed by  
the volume of waste collected as  
part of the National Spring Clean  
Campaign on short stretches of  
the roads leading into Cootehill.  
The results spoke for themselves  
when Monaghan County  
Council's environment division

arrived and took away a full skip  
and box trailer full of rubbish.

The waste was the usual fast  
food containers, snack wrappers  
and drinks bottles along with  
black bags of household rubbish  
— not the rubbish of children but  
of the adults in our communities.

The Manager of Tanagh  
Outdoor Education & Training  
Centre, Michelle Forester said it  
was always an embarrassment  
taking those early spring visitors  
to Tanagh and into the forest for a  
programme of outdoor pursuits  
to have so much litter at the  
entrances of the forest and along  
the roadside.

Tanagh's staff, staff at Abbott  
and members of Cootehill Area  
Development regularly lift litter  
at the forest entrances, roadside  
verges and the river shore. It's an  
on-going grind.

Ms Forester complimented the

great achievements of Cootehill  
Area Development for the  
improvements achieved at the  
park and walks at Halton's, which  
were a great addition for the local  
community and visitors to  
Tanagh. She said it would be great  
if people could be encouraged,  
perhaps through appropriate  
signage to "take their litter home  
with them".

"With the Outdoor Adventure  
Summer Camp season upon us  
and Cootehill's Saturday Park  
Run, it would be nice if we could  
make Cootehill Litter Free,"  
Michelle said.

To find out more about the  
upcoming summer camps email:  
info@tanaghoutdooreducation.co  
m or log on to  
www.parkrun.ie/cootehill to find  
out about the weekly Park Run  
Initiative.