

### **Barley Field Residents Association, Co. Leitrim**

The Barley Field Residents Association, Carrigallen, County Leitrim, have carried out their spring clean on Friday 21st April. Led by the chairperson of our estate, Mr Matthias Brady, who is also one of the founder members of the residents association, the majority of the local children aged from three to seventeen enthusiastically took part in collecting litter and other household refuse in and around the local authority housing estate know as The Barley Field in Carrigallen.

The residents and their children went around every laneway connecting the estate to the village and collected such items as cycle frames, a washing machine carcass, and several bags of rubbish which had been illegally dumped and subsequently burst causing the contents to be spread.

The attached photograph of Mr Brady and the children i give an indication of the enormity of the task the local residents undertook. The Barley Field Residents Association organise regular litter collections throughout the summer months with the children, but this would only be for smaller items, which is usually wrappers for sweets, and by involving the local children we have noted a considerable reduction in discarded litter.



The Barley Field Residents Association have enjoyed some success in recent years by winning the Leitrim County Council Environmental Awards for Best Estate, and Most Improved Estate in 2004, and by achieving second prize in the Best Estates for 2005. The association are understandably proud of their achievements and take pride in their estate which is why the residents decided to tackle the surrounding lanes leading to the estate, as the first sight to welcome visitors to the area was the litter and refuse in the lanes which undermined the resident's good work and gave a bad impression.

