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East Meath dignitaries don wellies for comm

The dignitaries of east Meath are being asked to roll up their sleeves and get digging for Julianstown.

In Julianstown's community garden on Saturday, May 24th our local TDs and councillors along with the chairman and officials of Meath

County Council will be found at 10.30am, hard at work in their wellies.

The idea was sparked by Meath County Council Chairman Nick Killian who was very impressed when Julianstown's residents' group won first prize at the recent anti-litter league awards.

'Councillor Killian volunteered to come over to do some work in our community garden.

'His suggestion gave us the idea to invite all our local representatives. We are asking them to come along on Saturday, bring a tree and plant it,' said residents chairman Fred

Logue.

Among those who are being invited to the Julianstown gardening fest are Meath's County Manager Tom Dowling, Slane Area Manager Tadgh McDonnell, TD's Shane McEntee and Thomas Byrne and our five local councillors.

Parish Priest Fr Declan Kelly and Archdeacon Patrick Lawrence are also being encouraged to don their gardening gear.

'We are hoping as many people in the locality that can, will come along and help out,' Mr Logue added.

The residents group are also asking local businesses to support their plan to create a community garden just outside the village.

'The whole project will cost €25,000. Meath County Council has agreed to provide 60% sponsorship and we have

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to supply the other 40% which amounts to €15,000.

'We have already raised €3,000 in donations gathered door to door in Julianstown but now we need local businesses to come on board with us,' Mr Logue explained.

The residents group plan to step up their fund raising campaign in the coming weeks.

In the meantime the gardeners of the coastal villages are being asked to join our local dignitaries and get digging in Julianstown at 10.30am on Saturday, May 24th.

IN BRIEF

Appeal win

A local mother of two with a disability who found she couldn't apply for a grant because Meath County Council hadn't any forms, has had her case successfully appealed to the Ombudsman thanks to Sinn Fein activist Joanne Finnegan.

'Before the complaint