



# Newsletter July 2023

Let's celebrate  
We have more than 350 members

## To start

De Barra's Irish Bar on Calle Pico Lobo and The Nook on Calle Picos de Europa have both very kindly contributed to the printing costs of posters and flyers. These are currently in production and we hope they will spread the message about what El Galan Tidy Town is trying to achieve and how everyone can help.

Euronics The Electrical Shop on Calle Pico Lobo will collect any good quality second hand items from your home and take them to charity shops.

A big **Thank You** to the local businesses who are supporting us!

## Article in The Leader

Our group featured in a recent edition of The Leader. The article explains the aims of our group and has attracted more attention from locals wanting to get involved.



## Group Tidy Ups

Here are some pictures from recent tidy up sessions. These will begin again in September.



# THANK YOU

to everyone who has worked hard to tidy up around the bins, clean up other people's rubbish, and report illegal dumping of rubbish. We know many of you are doing this regularly and often as individuals. Together we are making a difference and El Galan is now a much cleaner and tidier place to live, work and visit.

## Dog Walkers

If possible can you take your litter picker with you when you walk your dog? Many of you will walk regular routes through some of the green areas where litter collects. Combining two jobs at the same time would make a noticeable difference to our green areas.



## Our New Email Address

We have our own email address to help keep everyone informed, particularly those who are not on FaceBook. We are looking for a volunteer(s) to manage the new email. This will not take up much time and only involve:

1. adding new members to our contacts list who prefer to communicate through email rather than FaceBook
2. keeping an eye on any emails coming in
3. responding to email questions

Very few emails are received and almost none of those will require any response beyond being added to the mailing list.

## General Information

During the summer time San Miguel Council and Orihuela Council will continue to collect garden waste on Thursdays (1m<sup>3</sup> per household per week). Please leave it on Wednesday afternoons ready for the collection. In addition, San Miguel Council will collect **small furniture** that can be left out tidily on Tuesday afternoons for collection on Wednesdays. Large furniture (sofa, bed, sunlounger etc.) requires prior contact with the town hall to make collection arrangements.

If you are refurbishing your property, please order a skip to dispose of old furniture and building rubbish. It is your responsibility and not the council's to dispose of building rubbish. Please remember that some of the illegal rubbish left on our streets is from builders and gardeners who should dispose of it in specially designated places for professionals and not on the streets.

Here are the contact details for both Town Halls that cover El Galan area:

**Orihuela Town Hall:** [costa@orihuela.es](mailto:costa@orihuela.es) (0034) 96 676 00 00

**San Miguel Town Hall:** [atencionciudadano@sanmigueldesalinas.es](mailto:atencionciudadano@sanmigueldesalinas.es)

WhatsApp (0034) 687920657

## Fines for illegal rubbish dumping

Anyone who disposes their rubbish incorrectly by leaving it on the streets and green areas can be fined. This includes residents as well as builders and gardeners. If you spot someone illegally fly tipping, please report them to the councils – remember if you take a photo do not share it publicly. The councils will only pursue and fine people if you have not published a picture publicly. Please contact them *politely in Spanish* (you can use google translate).

**San Miguel Town Hall** - contact details above.

**Orihuela Town Hall** – as above or [residentes@orihuela.es](mailto:residentes@orihuela.es) or the Department for Urban Cleaning: Orihuela Costa Municipal Office, Oriol Square 1, 03189 Orihuela Costa (0034) 96 60761 00