

Tidy Towns Competition 2021

Adjudication Report

Centre: Dromiskin - Droimineasclainn	Ref: 492
County: Louth	Mark: 339
Category: C	Date(s): 30/08/2021

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2021
Community – Your Planning and Involvement	60	53
Streetscape & Public Places	60	39
Green Spaces and Landscaping	60	44
Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality	50	39
Sustainability – Doing more with less	50	29
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	65
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	50	31
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	50	39
TOTAL MARK	470	339

Community – Your Planning and Involvement / An Pobal - Pleanáil agus Rannpháirtíocht:

Fáilte Chuig Comórtas na mBailte Slachtmhara SuperValu 2021. Táimid buíoch daoibh as ucht na hiontrála a chur chugainn. Go raibh maith agaibh as ucht bhur dtacaíocht le linn na paindéime. Lean leis an dea-obair.

Welcome to the 2021 SuperValu TidyTowns competition. Thank you for your entry and for your commitment to your place in these difficult times. Keep up the great work. Please be assured that although I may not mention specific projects from your application in this adjudication report, all works have been taken account of in your marks awarded.

You have a good size committee and a large number of general volunteers. You also get support for your work from a wide variety of different organizations. You have good communication channels with your local community. You engage with the local schools and have an extremely active junior tidy towns committee. Your Facebook pages gaining additional followers.

Streetscape & Public Places / Sráid-Dreach & Áiteanna Poiblí:

You have a wide variety of different projects under this category including the Heritage Park works, additions to your sculpture trail, green infrastructure mapping, your slide sculpture, Fagans takeaway refurbishment, your street furniture color scheme, Lawlors Peace Garden entrance, works to derlict sites, the heritage mural at the village graveyard to name but a few. I'm sure all these have contributed greatly an enhanced the overall appearance of your streetscape and public places.

Green Spaces and Landscaping / Spásanna Glasa agus Tírdhreachú:

Again you have included a wide variety of innovative and interesting projects in this category. The construction of four integrators tree pits incorporating sustainable urban drainage systems is impressive. The trees chosen also form a soft edge and deflect attention away from the concrete post and chain link fence. You have carried out refurbishment to the landscape bed in the church car park, additional tree planting at the central crossroads, yew tree planting along the boundary fence of the apple green M1 service station, a tree audit to name but a few interventions.

Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality / An Dúlra agus an Bhithéagsúlacht i do cheantar:

The work At Ginnety's pond look impressive and appeared to be carried out to be both aesthetically pleasing and to create additional wildlife habitats. You've also carried out wildflower Meadow planting in the Co-op field, works at the credit union garden, creation of a butterfly garden, extension to the Bee positive gardens, a purple pollinator patch and a feasibility study off a local stream which will provide you with best practice management for the stream.

You also have numerous other on going biodiversity projects mentioned in this section also.

Sustainability – Doing more with less / Inmharthanacht - Mórán ar an mbeagán:

Your rainwater harvesting initiative looks impressive and has obviously contributed to the reduction and use of treated water. You've also carried out a home composting initiative, encouraged the Centra supermarket and St Joseph's GFC to carry out an energy audit, your SUDS project uh numerous other projects.

Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:

Well done to 13 individuals and family bubbles who undertook the weekly "Clean in 15" litter picking initiative. You've taken part in the national spring clean, carried out an analysis of litter, carried out beach cleanups, organize Facebook campaigns, carried out village litter patrols and cleaning of signage, won a gold medal in Louth County Councils litter league. It's encouraging to hear the weeding of your landscaped areas was undertaken without the use of herbicides or pesticides by your volunteers.

Residential Streets & Housing Areas / Sráideanna Cónaithe & Ceantair Tithíochta:

Well done to the residents of Church View housing estate on their upgrading of their landscaping beds. Innis Linn, The Hamlet, Rath Na Gloine, Commons Grove, Seabrook, Bealach Na Tuir housing estates have all been carrying out works to improve their areas. It is encouraging to see widespread community involvement.

Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes / Bóithre Isteach, Sráideanna & Lánaí:

Well done on securing funding for a new section of footpath from the Commons Road to link with the existing stretch along Railway Road. You have also refurbished your hand carved wooden name signs and added a curved section to the top of the sign to incorporate a Viking boat. You maintain your verges later in the year to help pollinators.

Concluding Remarks:

Well done in all your work over the past two years and I wish you every success in the Tidy Towns competition in the coming years