

SuperValu Tidy Towns – Terms and Conditions

1. These terms and conditions together with any guidelines set out in the Tidy Towns Handbook or the Tidy Towns Entry Form are the competition rules (“the Rules”). By entering the competition, entrants agree to be bound by the Rules.

2. The SuperValu Tidy Towns Competition (“the Competition”) is organised by the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs (“the Department”). In the event of any dispute the decision of the Department will be final.

3. To enter the Competition, the entrant must be a body entering on behalf of a town, village, island or stand-alone area (“town”) and should be working towards being broadly representative of all sectors residing or working in the town.

4. Only one entrant per town is allowed. Where a town has more than one entrant, the Department will, at its absolute discretion, select one to participate in the Competition.

5. Competition entries should be made in the manner, and by the closing date, specified. Late entry may be accepted in exceptional circumstances only.

6. The Department cannot accept responsibility for entries lost, damaged or delayed, and proof of posting cannot be accepted as proof of delivery.

7. Prize winners will be selected by a panel of adjudicators appointed by the Department. Unless otherwise stated all prizes will be awarded to the entrant. Adjudication will normally take place during June, July and August.

8. Prize winners will be announced in September and prizes awarded on dates decided by the Department. Failure to claim a prize in the manner specified by the Department may result in the prize being withdrawn or selection of an alternate winner. The Department reserves the right to substitute / alter prizes at any time.

9. The Department cannot accept responsibility for any damage, loss, injury or disappointment suffered by any entrant entering the Competition or as a result of accepting any prize.

10. Information supplied will only be used for the purposes of organising and promoting the Competition and related initiatives. Contact details for committees will be shared with the sponsors and the printing company to allow mailing correspondence with committees. These details will be destroyed following each mailing.

11. Main prizes are the prizes awarded to entrants by virtue of their overall score in the Competition, assessed under the following categories:

Category Marking Structure

• Community Involvement & Planning	60
• Built Environment & Streetscape	50
• Landscaping & Open Spaces	50
• Wildlife, Habitats & Natural Amenities	50
• Tidiness & Litter Control	90
• Sustainable Waste & Resource Management	50
• Residential Streets & Housing Areas	50
• Approach Road, Streets & Lanes	50

Total 450

12. Prizes unless otherwise stated, consist of a money prize and a certificate.

13. The overall title, Ireland’s Tidiest Town is awarded to the entrant with the highest score in the Competition. In addition to a money prize and certificate, the winner receives a perpetual trophy (which must be subsequently returned to the Department on request), a plaque and funding towards a day of celebration the following year. It is imperative that you enter under the correct Population Category.

14. The titles Tidiest Village, Tidiest Small Town, Tidiest Large Town and Tidiest Large Urban Centre are awarded to the entrant with the highest score in population categories A & B, C & D, E & F and G & H respectively. In addition to a money prize and certificate, the winner receives a perpetual trophy, which must be subsequently returned to the Department on request. It is imperative that you enter under the correct population category.

Population categories are as follows –

Population category	Population
A	Under 200
B	201 to 1,000
C	1,001 to 2,500
D	2,501 to 5,000
E	5,001 to 10,000
F	10,001 to 15,000
G	15,001 to 25,000
H	25,001 and over

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15. The Regional Awards are awarded to the first placed entrant in each of the following regions:

Region	Counties
Midlands & East	Dublin, Kildare, Laois, Longford, Louth, Meath, Offaly, Westmeath, Wicklow
North West & West	Cavan, Donegal, Leitrim, Monaghan, Sligo, Galway, Mayo, Roscommon
South & Mid-West	Cork (North), Cork (South), Cork (West), Kerry, Clare, Limerick
South East	Carlow, Kilkenny, Tipperary (North), Tipperary (South), Waterford, Wexford

16. The County Awards are awarded to the first, second and third placed entrant in each county, (Tipperary is divided into North and South, and Cork into North, South and West). The Endeavour Awards are awarded to the entrants in each county that made the biggest percentage improvement on the previous year's score.

17. A Gold, Silver or Bronze Medal is awarded to an entrant with a score falling within a specified range of marks of the overall winner of the competition as follows –

Gold/Silver/Bronze.

Population A&B Within 5 / Within 10 / Within 15

Population C&D Within 10 / Within 15 / Within 20

Population E&F Within 15 / Within 20 / Within 30

Population G&H Within 20 / Within 30 / Within 40

18. The Gaeltacht award will be €2,500. The winner will receive €1,500 and the runner up will receive €1,000. The Gaeltacht Award is awarded to the two highest scoring entrants from a Gaeltacht area. The Entry Forms must be completed in Irish.

19. This year the Islands Award will be €1,500. The winner will receive €1,000 and the runner up will receive €500. The Islands Award is awarded to the two highest scoring entrants that is an island not connected to the mainland by a bridge, is cut off daily from the mainland by the tide, is permanently inhabited and is not in private ownership.

20. Official photographs taken at awards ceremonies and other official Tidy Towns events may be used in publications,

press articles, promotional material, Social Media and websites, to promote the SuperValu Tidy Towns Competition.

21. One of the highest scoring entrants in each population category will be nominated by the Department to participate in Ireland's Best Kept Towns competition the following year. This competition involves representative towns from the SuperValu Tidy Towns competition and Northern Ireland's Best Kept Awards, subject to the terms and conditions of this competition.

22. One of the highest scoring entrants in population categories A, B, C & D inclusive and one of the highest scoring entrant in population categories E, F, G & H inclusive will be nominated by the Department to participate in the European competition Entente Florale the following year, subject to the rules of this competition.

23. Other initiatives may arise from time to time and qualifying towns will be contacted by the Department as required.



The Great Windmill, Skerries



2016 Winner – Skerries Tidy Towns Committee