

Tidy Towns Competition 2013

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Sallins**

Ref: **384**

County: **Kildare**

Mark: **255**

Category: **D**

Date(s): **04/07/2013**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2012	Mark Awarded 2013
Overall Development Approach	50	35	36
The Built Environment	50	26	28
Landscaping	50	35	37
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	25	27
Litter Control	50	30	30
Sustainable Waste And Resource Management	20	7	7
Tidiness	30	17	17
Residential Areas	40	33	34
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	31	32
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	400	246	255

Overall Development Approach:

Many thanks for your entry in this year's Tidy Town's competition. Thank you for your map although there was no key. The numbers only were on the map. Remember to write beside the number what projects they are. You have a nice size committee engaging well with the County Council and school. The local Business community are also a good support. The green school initiative is good to be involved in as this helps the community under sustainable waste and resource management. The competition has helped the committee with the great improvements that have taken place in the village. The Tidy Towns appreciate your nice comments. There is no mention of a plan for your area. This would greatly help you with further developments. This could be done by one of your group or you can get it professionally done. Funding is available for this type of project. Looking forward to your new plan for the area.

The Built Environment:

Sallins has no shortage of fine buildings. Following your map from Sallins Road roundabout many fine buildings were encountered, like the modern glass building of the shopping complex and the railway station which is part of the town's heritage where work was in progress. The small stone building adjacent to the station house is a lovely old stone building. The railway Inn with nice hanging baskets was the next attractive building noted. The Church, School and surrounding buildings were admired. Café Grange, a pleasant coffee shop with the smell of coffee all round was noted. Flanagans Mill Lock 13 and the Bridgewater Inn looked superb with hanging baskets, window boxes and lanterns. The Bridgewater Inn sign was eye catching. The adjudicator was feeling peckish at this stage and dined in Lock 13 which was delightful. Throughout the town many more businesses were noted all adding to this pleasant town.

Landscaping:

Many areas of landscaping were noted. The many fine areas such as the new rose beds were admired. Nice planting was also admired at the junction for Supervalu. Two large planters of flowers decorated the fine stone bridge at the railway. The nice raised flower planters through the town added a lovely splash of colour to the area. After the canal bridge rose beds, trees and shrubs provided a haven for wildlife. The many hanging baskets and window boxes were all in full bloom.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Your wildlife habitat project in conjunction with the school when finished will display all the local wildlife along the canal on Information Boards. The Information Boards with compliment the use of signage. The canal is a lovely amenity in the town and this sort of project will bring more people to the area. Do continue to develop this project along with the local school children.

Litter Control:

Your litter policy is working well although litter was noted on the day of adjudication on the way into Lidl and the walk from the station. These areas have a lot of footfall and it makes it more difficult to address the problem. The litter noted was fresh litter. Do include the school children with as many litter picks as possible. It is also good that the community are recognising the work you are doing and are becoming more aware.

Sustainable Waste And Resource Management:

This section is about how you can reduce the amount of waste produced. A survey of the community will give you an indication of what waste households are producing and then you can look at the results of the survey to see how waste can be reduced. One website to look at is www.foodwaste.ie which will be helpful in this area. Resource Management is another area in how water, energy and transport usage can be reduced. This can save money for the community. Lower down the pyramid is the reuse section where items like books can be sold or given to charity for use. The list is endless. If your group works along with the school they will know many ways of reducing waste from the green schools initiative. Recycling is also an important part of this section. Look at the Tidy Towns handbook for more information on this area.

Tidiness:

You are doing a lot of work as a committee in this category. Signage is good to hear about. A rusty road sign was noted on the canal bridge and a pole with no sign needs to be removed. Also there were more signs that need attention by the canal. Weed growth at kerbs on the Clane entrance road gave an untidy feel. The bottle bank was in need of emptying where there were bags of bottles lying on the ground. There was graffiti on the wall at the school, fly posting and graffiti on services point's looked untidy.

Residential Areas:

It is good that the residents association maintain their own estates. There is a lot of work for the Tidy Towns groups to do dealing with, such as unfinished estates. Hunterswood apartment's complex looks well with wooden bollards in front as well as trees and green open spaces. St Brigids estate with the nice herbaceous plants, surrounding beds looked splendid. The pleasant single storey houses near the station bring a special charm to this area. There are many more houses that are all well presented. Continue to work on securing hoarding for unfinished estates, you are doing good work here.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The approach roads are well maintained. The bridges look good and the two large planters on the bridge were noted and admired. The road surface by the canal was very uneven and the boundary wall Castlesize Park needs cleaning.

General Impression:

Well done on your work in the town. The town is very busy and this brings its own problems. You are doing good work in the community. Do continue your work with Kildare County Council in addressing issues that they maybe able to help with. Wishing you continued success in the future of the competition.