

# Tidy Towns Competition 2014

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Cullyfad** Ref: **30**  
County: **Longford** Mark: **271**  
Category: **B** Date(s): **29/06/2014**

	<b>Maximum Mark</b>	<b>Mark Awarded 2014</b>
Community Involvement & Planning	60	31
Built Environment and Streetscape	50	33
Landscaping and Open Spaces	50	43
Wildlife, Habitats and Natural Amenities	50	33
Sustainable Waste and Resource Management	50	13
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	60
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	50	27
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	50	31
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>271</b>

### **Community Involvement & Planning / Rannpháirtíocht an Phobail & Pleanáil:**

Cullyfad is welcomed to the Tidy Towns competition for 2014. Thank you for your entry and map. Perhaps for next year a hand drawn map of the village indicating projects you wish the adjudicator to look at could be supplied with your entry. Also as mentioned in last years report a 2-3 year plan would be helpful to the group in setting out achievable tasks each year. You have a large committee with support from the local authority, Coilte and local businesses. It is also noted that the school children participate in litter picking and other projects. The competition has encouraged the community to become involved. It creates a social outlet for community members during work meetings. This alone is very encouraging for any group.

### **Built Environment and Streetscape / An Timpeallacht Thógtha agus Sráid-dreacha:**

Cullyfad is a rural village with a superb setting of mature trees and stone walls with the Arboretum as a backdrop. Cullyfad Community Centre was nicely painted with hanging baskets and helpful notice board looked well maintained. The red village pump an important feature would look more enhanced with a nice tub of flowers. The Church, with well landscaped stone wall to the front and nice hanging baskets looked superb. The Arboretum which is such a splendid amenity for the community was admired. The old school garden was also admired with plenty to catch the visitor's eye.

### **Landscaping and Open Spaces / Tírdhreachú agus Spásanna Oscailte:**

The old school garden is one of your prime landscaped areas. There are many areas of interest in the garden from the seats to the lovely mix of trees and shrubs. The picnic area was also admired. The entrance gates make this area look even more special. Do try and remove any dead or damaged trees. Planting at the community centre and at the entrance to the bring bank was admired. The landscaping at the unfinished estate along the road was commended as was the landscaping at the Church. The village planting has a lot of all year round seasonal planting and this is encouraged by the Tidy Towns unit with any further planting projects planned. The hanging baskets and window boxes all add a splash a colour.

### **Wildlife, Habitats and Natural Amenities / Fiadhúlra, Gnáthóga agus Taitneamhachtaí Nádúrtha:**

The Arboretum is a splendid amenity for the village. The area offers many hours of pleasure in the many walks through the woods to all the additional spots of interest. From insect hotels to composter, bird boxes and seating to sit and listen to the wildlife were just some of the areas admired. Any additional projects that are undertaken should be noted and copies attached to your entry. It will help you gain marks in the competition. Millbrook Mill has a natural habitat for wildlife. The river and stone bridge providing a haven for insects and wildlife was noted.

### **Sustainable Waste and Resource Management / Bainistiú Acmhainní agus Dramhaíola Inbhuanaithe:**

You are certainly making progress in this area. The composter in the Arboretum will certainly benefit the community. Having a demonstration undertaken on this will create an even better awareness among the community. Recycling is on going at the bring bank. Rainwater harvesting is a popular one for the community as savings in water and funds can be achieved by the entire community. Groups are also encouraged to move away from bedding plants that require large volumes of water. The local authorities prevention network website have added a specific Tidy Towns page to this website providing practical tips and advice on sustainable waste and resource management. The website address is <http://localprevention.ie/tidy-towns/> . This hopefully will be of benefit to groups.

### **Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:**

The bring bank looked neat and tidy. The brick surround gave a more attractive look to the bring bank and landscaping enhanced the entire area. There was some weed growth at kerbs and directional signage needs cleaning. Your plan on litter control is working well as litter is not a major problem in the village. Continue your action plan as it is working well.

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

The cottage at the entrance looks splendid. The residences throughout are all well presented. The unfinished estate Millbrook Bridge is not so notable with the splendid landscaping that is eye catching. The gardens are neat and colourful, window boxes and hanging baskets give further enhancement to the surroundings. The residents are to be commended on their work in this category.

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

The approach roads had nice trimmed verges. The village sign is attractive and the superb hedging and trees were admired. Nice stone walls were also noted. Road surfaces were generally good throughout the village.