

# Tidy Towns Competition 2014

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Killashee**

Ref: **1379**

County: **Longford**

Mark: **224**

Category: **A**

Date(s): **25/06/2014**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2014
Community Involvement & Planning	60	28
Built Environment and Streetscape	50	28
Landscaping and Open Spaces	50	31
Wildlife, Habitats and Natural Amenities	50	22
Sustainable Waste and Resource Management	50	10
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	54
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	50	26
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	50	25
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>224</b>

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

Killashee is welcomed to the 2014 Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your entry, map and village enhancement plan. Well done on your work in compiling the plan and continued success in achieving your goals and objectives. You have a strong committee of ten supported by local agencies through funding, to help you complete your projects. Liaising with the school and working together will create a greater awareness on areas such as litter and sustainable waste. Your involvement in the competition has helped to enhance the village and create a sense of pride in the community.

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

The village is fortunate to have the canal in its midst. The church with planters was noticed and admired. The house at the canal edge with fuchsia growing close by was admired. On entering the village you have a nice stone wall which was admired but the spraying of grass with weed killer was detrimental to the appearance of the grass verges and is not recommended. The Health Centre with hanging baskets was noted. The Chestnut Tree Pub and stone residence again with hanging baskets looked very well. The pump painted red had two splendid landscaped beds and a nice tub of Busy Lizzies in front. The mature trees in the background complemented this superb area. The school was visited and admired on its presentation. Mangan's Pub had pleasant roses growing close by. The graveyard was noted but yet again an over use of weed killer was used. Finding the old weigh bridge dating back to its manufacture day in 1850 is a nice piece of the village history to uncover.

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

The village has superb landscaping in the mature trees that border the village. There are good areas of landscaping notably at the village pump with two types of planting noted, year round seasonal and annuals. The superb stone wall and seat completes this area. There are many areas of boundary fences throughout the village that the planting of hedges would enhance. Whips of hawthorn or similar would be recommended. In future landscaping projects it is recommended that seasonal year round planting be used. The containers of plants will bring colour where needed. Grass verges should be trimmed leaving a beeline for wildlife and no weed killer used. It looks unsightly and is damaging to wildlife.

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

The village has many areas of natural habitats suitable for wildlife such as in the canal, the mature trees and stone walls that are part of the village boundary. Groups are encouraged to carry out an overview of the wildlife and habitats in the area. This can be a study or survey. Many areas have local wildlife experts who would be willing to

give their time to help with this. Places most likely to be of value to wildlife would be water courses, hedgerows or bog lands. The key results and outcomes of the survey should be presented with your entry. The canal walk could be further enhanced by keeping vegetation in check. Bird Boxes on the trees on School road corner were noticed.

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

Working with the school children and its Green Flag endeavours will assist the community on areas of sustainable waste and resource management. Your group should look at one to two areas and build from there. One area is a survey on how the community manage waste. Results from this will give an indication of areas that can be focused on. Composting units in the village for grass cuttings and leaves would be good and this compost could be used on flower beds in the village. A much wider look at resource of efficiencies is needed and one such way could be water saving. Rain water harvesting is one area which is topical presently with water meters being introduced. This could save the community water and funds and can be extended to the wider community. 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:**

Killashee is generally tidy but has some areas that need to be addressed. Near the Killashee stone there was a rusty pole that looked untidy. Bollards on corners need attention, either in cleaning or painting. Your plan on litter control appears to be working well having the workers and volunteers working together, creating a rota of patrols. This has ensured the villages anti-litter campaign is under control. Some litter was noted on the day of adjudication but amounts were small and it was fresh litter. To mention again the over use of weed killer in controlling grass growth gives a very untidy feel.

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

The housing areas have nice stone entrances with well maintained green areas. Stand alone houses dotted through the village were well presented. Gardens were neat and colourful.

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

Clondra road had a good example of mature trees. The stone bed complemented the nice stone wall on one side. Wire fencing opposite could be enhanced by planting some native hedging. On the Longford road approach some gates need painting. All field gates if possible should be painted to a common colour scheme. The Lanesborough road had a nice green area where a bicycle with flowers created a good focal point. Other areas noted were the landscaped stone flower beds on the Kenagh road.