

# Tidy Towns Competition 2014

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Tagshinny** Ref: **486**  
County: **Longford** Mark: **206**  
Category: **A** Date(s): **17/06/2014**

	<b>Maximum Mark</b>	<b>Mark Awarded 2014</b>
Community Involvement & Planning	60	26
Built Environment and Streetscape	50	26
Landscaping and Open Spaces	50	29
Wildlife, Habitats and Natural Amenities	50	17
Sustainable Waste and Resource Management	50	9
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	48
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	50	22
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	50	29
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>206</b>

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

The Tidy Towns welcomes Tashinny to the 2014 competition. Many thanks for your entry form, map and photos. You have a small committee to maintain the village. The support of workers and Tashinny National School give great assistance in the on-going maintenance and new projects that may be developed to enhance the village. Does the local authority give support to your group? If not do contact them as they give valuable support and funding when pursued. The work that you are doing is making a great difference to the village and this is encouraging for the group.

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

Tashinny is a rural village set in green fields with mature trees bordering the village. The green is a nice feature of the village. The stone Church building overlooks the green and the Bell Tower which were admired. The well maintained graveyard and stone wall was also noted. The school an important part of the village streetscape was well presented. Well done to the school on their green flag status. The copper and yellow foliage of the trees brought lovely colour to the streetscape.

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

There was some good planting at the river however more plants could be sown on the wall top. Perhaps a hanging basket at the wall of the river would further enhance this area. Groups are encouraged to plant seasonal year round plants. This type of landscaping gives all year round interest and is more cost effective for groups. There were some trees noted in pots and these need to be planted out.

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

Well done on the schools organised bat walk which included parents and children. Further wildlife was identified this year on more school outings. This is very educational and all reports should be recorded, documented and presented on wildlife information boards. The village is fortunate to have natural wildlife habitats in its river, walls and hedgerows. Any further school outings and discoveries can be added on to your records which in time will give you a very good overview of the wildlife that exists in your village. This will ensure that any new developments in the village will help in the protection and creation of wildlife habitats.

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

Well done on the work the school does in promoting waste minimisation and recycling. Savings on transport from carpooling to cycle to school days are encouraged. Using water from rainwater harvesting can be spread to the

wider community and save water and funds. This is an important area with water meters being introduced this year. Groups are encouraged to carry out a waste awareness survey to ascertain what level the community is at in terms of waste prevention. 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:**

Well done on your plan on controlling litter which appears to be working well. Taking part in National Spring Clean creates awareness among the wider community. Involving the school children in all of your projects is encouraged as the schools participation in the Green Schools has gained them knowledge that the community needs to tap into. The village is generally tidy but a rusty roof needs painting which distracts somewhat from the village centre.

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

The residences in Tashinny were well presented and maintained to a high standard. They are all stand alone houses with no estates. There are some vacant houses but that is the norm in most towns and villages. Gardens are neat and colourful. Hanging baskets and window boxes all added extra colour to the streetscape. Well done to the residents on their work in this category.

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

The approach roads into Tashinny had nicely trimmed verges, mature trees and superb stone walls. On Colehill road the School sign needs attention either by painting or replacing. The name signs for the village were admired. There is space for planting at signs if desirable.