

# Tidy Towns Competition 2015

## *Adjudication Report*

Centre: **Glanmire** Ref: **117**  
County: **Cork(South)** Mark: **249**  
Category: **A** Date(s): **14/07/2015**

	<b>Maximum Mark</b>	<b>Mark Awarded 2015</b>
Community Involvement & Planning	60	36
Built Environment and Streetscape	50	32
Landscaping and Open Spaces	50	34
Wildlife, Habitats and Natural Amenities	50	22
Sustainable Waste and Resource Management	50	12
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	55
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	50	29
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	50	29
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>249</b>

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

Glanmire is most welcome to the 2015 SuperValu Tidy Towns competition. Thank you for your application, copy of your plan and very helpful map which clearly defines your area. Your supporting documentation makes very interesting reading of some of the history of your village. Your participation is important to the Tidy Towns unit and hope that Glanmire will benefit from the recommendations you receive. Your committee of nine together with your volunteers are working diligently to develop and enhance the village. You are also fortunate to have TUS workers to assist. Your means of communication to members are many from social media to word of mouth which works well. You engage with a large number of agencies and businesses that can assist and support you in your activities to develop and enhance the village. The schools involvement is also positive as the Tidy Towns unit encourages youth participation in the competition. There is now a Youth award which celebrates the contribution of young people to Tidy Town's activities. This can be applied for with your application in May.

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

The committee have been busy ensuring many buildings have been brightened up for this year's competition. Starting at the Grotto this area is well presented and makes a nice feature as you enter the village. The amenity area in this splendid setting was admired. Alms Houses too looked good. The Church of Ireland on its elevated site was noted. The School was also visited. O'Cearnaigh Pub was looking bright and welcoming. There is a house at the bus stop that needs attention. AIB looked bright in its purple and yellow. A splendid stone wall landscaped complemented Mace. Monkey Maze was bright. Business Park was also noted, is all the signage necessary? The stone building of the Chiropractic Clinic was admired but the external wall needs attention. The Garda Station and widow boxes were also admired.

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

This village has a beautiful setting of water, woodland and superb stone walls. You have complemented this setting with your landscaping. The village signs and Fáilte tubs were bright and welcoming. The natural landscaping at the grotto was also admired. Mace is also complimented for its colourful landscaping. Do ensure ground planting of year round seasonal interest which gives colour and also plants that provide food for wildlife is included. Containers of plants add colour to areas where ground planting is not possible. This is more effective and reduces cost and time spent watering containers. The use of uniform containers in planting that complement the surroundings is also recommended.

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

There are many areas of natural habitats within the village that need to be celebrated. Groups are encouraged to carry out an overview of the wildlife and habitats of their area. This may be referred to as a study. The aims are to gather baseline information on the species and habitats found. Many communities have local wildlife experts who would be willing to give their time to help with such a study. The report from this study can then be documented and built on in further surveys. Your transition year students would certainly help with any studies undertaken. Groups are also encouraged to host events that celebrate and raise awareness. This could be a tree planting day or a talk on wildflowers. Along your splendid walks would be an excellent location to host such events. Heritage week should also be celebrated with some event each year. Assistance for such events can be obtained from the environment section of the County Council.

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

This category causes problems for some groups. It is about looking at ways of reducing the amount of waste produced in the community and more efficient use of resources. Harvesting of rainwater and using it to water flowers is one way of saving. Car-pooling saves on transport. All groups recycle and reuse which is positive. Joining the green school scheme will create awareness on how savings can be made in energy and water. Joining the Green home programme (<http://www.greenhome.ie>) is also another area where a number of homes could join and record where savings are made. The County Council run workshops on food waste which is an area where big savings are made. You can go to stop food waste website at (<http://www.stopfoodwaste.ie>) for more information and look at other groups and see what percentage savings are made. Look at one project for next year and keep a record of whatever activity you undertake and send a copy with your application.

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

Well done on your work in this category which has involved the schools and the wider community. Taking part in the County anti-litter campaign creates awareness among the wider community and competition is good as everyone wants to do well. Adopt a road is also positive as it gives members a sense of pride in ensuring their road is litter free. The village was generally tidy. The signage around the business park looked cluttered. There was also some signs needing cleaning. Some weed growth was noted in landscaping. You have done good work for this category.

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

The houses on the approach roads and along the streetscape are presented to a high standard. The housing estates too are all well maintained with nice landscaping. You have played an important part in addressing unoccupied houses by cleaning and painting to enhance the streetscape. The colourful landscaping of window boxes, pots and hanging baskets brought great colour and brightness to the streetscape. Gardens were all neat and tidy. The residents are commended for their work in this category.

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

The approach roads with superb village signs and well maintained verges give a good first impression when entering the village. Each approach road brings its own charm from the green area and grotto to the leafy surrounds of another. The village has its own charm with brightly coloured buildings and stone walls that reveals part of the heritage of this village.

### **Concluding Remarks:**

It was a pleasure to visit Glanmire for the first time and adjudicate your village. The village has great potential to progress in the competition. You are doing good work in all the categories and you are wished continued success.