

Tidy Towns Competition 2015

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Rosegreen** Ref: **569**
County: **Tipperary(South)** Mark: **227**
Category: **B** Date(s): **19/06/2015**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2014	Mark Awarded 2015
Community Involvement & Planning	60	31	34
Built Environment and Streetscape	50	26	27
Landscaping and Open Spaces	50	31	34
Wildlife, Habitats and Natural Amenities	50	12	12
Sustainable Waste and Resource Management	50	7	9
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	50	53
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	50	26	30
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	50	25	28
TOTAL MARK	450	208	227

Community Involvement & Planning / Rannpháirtíocht an Phobail & Pleanáil:

Thank you for the completed entry form for 2015 and thank you in particular for your kind welcome, which seldom comes with an entry form/ Keep it simple appears to be your motto and your simple map, keyed into the various locations of the village was ideal for the task on hand, together with an outline of your various projects, your strengths and challenges for the future. You have a large committee for a village of it's size and this enables your to call on a good variety of helpers for your various tasks. Well done on your logo headed notepaper though it was difficult to decipher all the details because of its font size.

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

The school is really well presented and the display of green flags is always a welcome sight for each adjudicator. The church of St. Thomas the Apostle is excellent and our visit to the inside was enjoyed. There is a lone specimen lime tree here that sits in well with the environs. Raceside Garage is well presented on this busy approach. Rosegreen. The Community Hall is presented to a high standard. Well done on the improvements to the old cottage. You may need to revisit it in a year or two again. Wallers has improved with the building of a new wall. We hope it will continue with developments and improvements here. For the erection of appropriate estates identity signs you only need neat bilingual timber signs, no need for stone material. We acknowledge the improvements at the water tower environs. Encourage more indigenous hedging when next they plant.

Landscaping and Open Spaces / Tírdhreachú agus Spásanna Oscailte:

This category is certainly your strongpoint and the village approaches have excellent landscaping and well kept green areas in abundance. The new work on the Clonmel approach is a huge addition to the village and of course now calls for increased grass cutting. The tree planting, permanent flower beds, container and hanging baskets all combine to make the area most colourful. Quality is very good and maintenance is praiseworthy, so well done in this category. You mention your failed trees that were planted in 2014, we hope you will replace and keep them well watered. The lime species seems very healthy in this area and they are already prevalent in the village. The Vincent O'Brien monument is a classic and a great addition to the beauty and proud history of the village.

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

We did not see the site for the planned butterfly garden and we wonder if you can record any progress. You should consider contacting the Co. Council for the advice on this category. Don't be expecting too much from the bird boxes, especially from bat boxes as they are quite selective in their habitats.

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

The bring bank units are well located and no doubt put to good use, also the clothing bins. However, the aim in this category extends beyond bring banks and you are urged to provide evidence of practical steps of reduction in the use of water and more efficiency in dealing with transport and energy. Do they have a rainwater butt at the school and are you using local water supply for watering your plants etc.

Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:

The village was tidy and free of any obvious litter problems. Some untidiness arises from unpainted boundary walls in the housing estates. The works underway at the Water Tower could be improved but now that you already dealt with them you can keep the pressure on for improved presentation. Remove the No Dumping sign up from the water tower as it is unnecessary. The new post and rail fencing here is good and should be followed by planting an appropriate indigenous hedge which would favour the wildlife in the long run.

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

Both housing estates are well presented and some individual houses excel in presentation. Consider a residents association for improved performance. Houses on the two principal approaches are well presented and some with high class performances. The trees and maintenance at the green in Mountain View are of high quality.

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

The two principal approaches are excellent and very lengthy. Would it be possible to relocate the village approach sign at each approach and this would include the new planting at the Clonmel and also the high quality landscaping on the 'racing' approach. This might also help with your markings as they would be between the village proper. You might also consider two illustrated Fáillte signs with some artwork that would highlight further the approaches and indeed they might also help to slow the traffic which is abusing the speed limit on these approaches.

Concluding Remarks:

Well done on a fine performance. In this adjudicator's opinion you have been under marked and consequently your marking has been significantly increased, but well deserved. Go néirí libh amach anseo.