

# Tidy Towns Competition 2016

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Murroe** Ref: **464**  
County: **Limerick** Mark: **284**  
Category: **C** Date(s): **03/07/2016**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2015	Mark Awarded 2016
Community Involvement & Planning	60	41	41
Built Environment and Streetscape	50	43	43
Landscaping and Open Spaces	50	43	43
Wildlife, Habitats and Natural Amenities	50	29	30
Sustainable Waste and Resource Management	50	11	13
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	47	50
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	50	34	34
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	50	30	30
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>284</b>

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

Murroe is very welcome to the 2016 SuperValu National Tidy Towns Competition; thank you for your submission, next year please include a Tidy Towns Action Plan and identify work achieved on your map to facilitate adjudication. It is good to note the use of Facebook and other media to communicate the Tidy Towns message; well done also on the links forged with supportive groups and the local community. Youth involvement is a significant investment in the future life of the village in general and the Tidy Towns in particular. Congratulations on your success in the Pride of Place Competition and 'Going For Gold'.

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

Public buildings within the village are nicely presented; the Garda station appears to have been recently painted and looks really well; The school its grounds and boundary wall all look well, flagpoles but no flags were noted. The church and its grounds were admired also. The Community Hall looks very well and the recycling point is here was well-managed. Croakers Pub looks well too and one wonders why its self surfaced car park to the rear is unused any its roadside area full of parked cars! Johnny's Cottage to the rear of Croakers Pub is noted favourably also. Other well presented premises include The Forge and the Post Office; the small building beside the Post Office with no name looks as though it has been recently painted, it should now be identified. The forecourt area of the BP service station is very rough and there are a lot of cars parked here which is unfortunate for the visual amenity of the village centre as it is located across from the beautiful Cross Monument. A petrol station across from Aherns has an enormous piece of plant equipment guarding its entrance. A large car park in centre needs resurfacing. The interpretive panel on the Slieve Felim Way is noted favourably.

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

The Celtic Cross Monument is a most impressive feature occupying centre stage in Murroe and rightly so! Well done on the installation of seating, we note your intention to locate more and encourage you in this. Lovely flower displays on the patio of the Valley Inn were admired as indeed were numerous stands of flowersthroughout the village. The water pump is beautifully presented. Greens with maturing trees marking the entrance to Glenstal Abbey look magnificent. Well done on the continuation of your tree planting program this year with ten native saplings and a weeping birch. Check that all amenity areas have universal access and continue with the installation of seating.

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

The Glenstal Pitch & Putt across the road from the entrance to Glenstal Abbey is a visual amenity from the

roadside. Glenstal Abbey and grounds is an enviable amenity facility available to the community and its wild life sanctuary is invaluable; consideration should be given to establishing its biodiversity status. The talk to the school children on the caterpillar patch, trees and native woodlands by a local expert is a wonderful initiative. Do you know if there are invasive species present within the environs of the village? this should be checked and expert advice taken if found. The entrance to the GAA grounds across from the church looks reasonably well together with the clubhouse. We look forward to further developments on the proposed nature walks.

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

Both rainwater harvesting and composting are excellent initiatives and it is great to note that you are considering another survey to judge the success of last years's initiative; keep us updated on the results. Log onto [livegreen.ie](http://livegreen.ie) for more ideas on performing in this category and refer to the Tidy Towns Handbook also which is an excellent resource. Well done on the segregation of waste.

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

A small amount of litter was noted in the car park at the small shopping / residential development, it was not a problem but perhaps this area needs greater monitoring? Murroe's involvement in the Team Limerick Clean-Up earlier in the year together with your regular clean up mornings has obviously raised awareness of litter and dumping. Perhaps the untidiest element of the village is the overhead wirescape.

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

'Garanbawn' features a beautiful entrance and the estate itself if well managed. Green spaces marking the entrance to the Glenstal development could be nicely landscaped, there are nice green areas inside but also a few overgrown areas and the plastered sections of some of the houses are showing weather staining. The plain cement finish fascia area of the small shopping development should be painted if it is not to be utilized for fascia signs. There is a beautifully maintained hedgerow boundary to a dwelling on school road. A handsome stand of mature trees marks the entrance to Cois na estate and Ros Ferna Estate. Weather staining to roadside boundary walls across from the Garda station. is unfortunate. The Gilmartin estate is beautifully landscaped but some boundary walls need attention here too. Stone roadside boundary walls were admired as was a thatched cottage in the centre.

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

Neat verges with a beeline on the Cappamore approach and entrance with a good name plate was admired. The car park at the small shopping development is well surfaced and lined and a nice car park well lined and surfaced to the rear of Coakers Pub is notable. Good road and footpath surfaces were noted throughout and high stone walls are a handsome feature. Painted stones are charming and signage is clean and legible.

### **Concluding Remarks:**

Murroe is a charming village with much potential particularly in the areas of wildlife habitats and natural amenities such as forest walks and nature trails.