

Tidy Towns Competition 2016

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Carlanstown** Ref: **1143**
County: **Meath** Mark: **255**
Category: **B** Date(s): **15/06/2016**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2015	Mark Awarded 2016
Community Involvement & Planning	60	30	32
Built Environment and Streetscape	50	36	37
Landscaping and Open Spaces	50	36	38
Wildlife, Habitats and Natural Amenities	50	18	20
Sustainable Waste and Resource Management	50	15	17
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	48	49
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	50	27	28
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	50	32	34
TOTAL MARK	450	242	255

Community Involvement & Planning / Rannpháirtíocht an Phobail & Pleanáil:

Carlanstown Kilbeg Community Development are welcomed to the SuperValu Tidy Towns Competition for 2016. Thank you for your comprehensive application, copy of your plan for the village and helpful map. The committee is made up of eight people and a number of volunteers only too willing to help out with whatever tasks are assigned to them. One of those volunteers was awarded a volunteer of the year award by Meath County Council for dedication and work with the Tidy Towns. You engage well with all the agencies and businesses who help you with funding or support as required. Your communication is varied and this is mainly done by a designated PRO who has developed a website and Facebook page. Last year Irish TV done a piece on the village and this was aired last September. You have a good relationship with the school and the youth club. You are also fortunate to have dedicated workers who help and support you at all times. Since joining the competition the village has been enhanced and it has created a greater sense of pride in the community. You are wished well with your next project the development of a community park in the village.

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

Carlanstown is similar to many rural villages that has grown in population over the last few years with the addition of housing estates. Deerpark the site of your new community field was visited and the wooden fencing and gates have improved this area. The footpath along this road was noted. The village stores and Pharmacy looked good. Centra also impressed as did the village pump with flower pots adorning. The old national school was admired and the landscaping here was superb. Gerry's Pub and Kiernan's add great interest to the streetscape. Work on the bridge was noted and this will improved traffic flow and pedestrian safety. The entrance signs to the village were also noted and admired. Renaissance Cabin and surrounding area looked good.

Landscaping and Open Spaces / Tírdhreachú agus Spásanna Oscailte:

Landscaping throughout the village is of a high standard with well-maintained areas of planting noted. The raised stone surround bed of shrubs was noted and admired. The use of stone surroundings complement the landscaping. The Village Green with excellent landscaping was admired. Across from Gerry's pub colourful landscaping was also noted. The use of planting that gives all year round seasonal colour and interest is encouraged. Do try and remove any dead trees as it takes from the overall appearance.

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

The hedgerows, trees and stone walls are natural areas for wildlife not forgetting the river Borora. Groups are encouraged to host events that celebrate and raise awareness of local species and habitats. There are many areas

around the village where such events could be facilitated. This should be done in conjunction with the local school and the help of a local expert. Maybe you have a committee member only too willing to give their time to help. A survey could be carried out of the wildlife in a particular area and the findings documented and displayed on an information board and added to when new information is established. When the bridge is complete there may be an area that could be developed into an amenity area.

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

Well done on your thrift shop project. This is a superb way of reusing which has resulted into a growing enterprise. This is no easy task to run such a busy enterprise with voluntary help. It is hoped that more groups will learn from your experience of setting up and running such a successful venture. It certainly will result in less waste going to landfill while at the same time providing much needed funds for local groups. The adjudicator did not note the eco greenhouse on day of adjudication but will watch your website for details. You are wished well in the Tidy Towns EPA waste prevention award.

Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:

Well done on your achievements in the Meath Council Anti-Litter League. This competition creates an awareness among the wider community and gets them involved in helping out with litter patrols. There was signage noted throughout that needs cleaning. One was the school sign, also do remember to cut back foliage from signs.

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

The houses along the streetscape were well presented with well painted facades and colourful window boxes and hanging baskets. The housing estates are commended on the well maintained green areas and good landscaping. All estates should have bilingual name stones at entrances. It is good to note that the residents have set up a forum. This keeps them in the loop and they are aware of any grants or supports that become available. It also takes some of the work off the Tidy Towns committee that are over stretched particularly during the busy summer months.

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

The new entrance signs to the village gives a great lift to the approach roads. Splendid landscaped beds were also noted. All approach roads had nicely trimmed verges, hedging and trees. Leaving a corridor for wildlife on the inside of verges is recommended. Colourful red painted gates were noted. It is recommended that all gates are painted a uniform colour and red certainly looks attractive in the setting.

Concluding Remarks:

Carlanstown is a village with a vision for the future. Well done on the work you have done for this year's competition. Keep up the good work.