

SuperValu TidyTown Newsletter

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A Chairde,

Cuirimid fáilte chroíúil roimh léitheoirí uile an dara heagrán de Nuachtlitir na mBailte Slachtmhara SuperValu do 2025. Tá súil againn go bhfuil an t-eagrán seo ag teacht chugaibh féin, bhur theaghlach, chuig d'oibrithe deonacha agus chuig an bpobal mór slán agus folláin, agus go bhfuil sibh ag súil go mór leis an séasúr féile a cheiliúradh.

We extend a warm welcome to all readers of the second issue of the SuperValu TidyTown Newsletter for 2025. We hope this issue finds you and your families, volunteers and wider community safe, well, and looking forward to celebrating the festive season.

In this edition, we congratulate all our winners who were announced at this year's awards ceremony on October 24th.

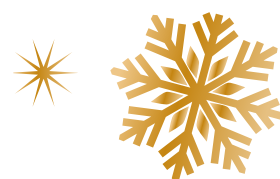
Congratulations to Carrick-on-Shannon who were named as Ireland's Tidiest Town for 2025.

Arís, ba mhaith linn buíochas a ghabháil le gach grúpa a ghlac páirt sa chomórtas i mbliana agus leis na mílte oibrithe deonacha atá taobh thiar de gach ceann de na hiarratais sin. Tá an obair a dhéanann sibh chun bhur mbailte agus bhur sráidbhailte a dhéanamh mar atá siad inniu gan phraghas; ba chóir go mbeadh sibh go léir chomh bródúil as bhur gcuid iarrachtaí.

We want to once again say a sincere thank you to all our groups that entered the competition this year and to the thousands of volunteers behind each of those entries. The work you do in making your towns and villages what they are today is priceless, you should all be so proud of your efforts.

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SuperValu Survey Gift Card Winners

We were delighted with the response to this year's survey – thank you to all who took the time to complete.

26 winners of the €100 SuperValu Gift Cards have received their prizes just in time for Christmas.

One winner was selected from each county:

Tullow TidyTowns, Killeshandra TidyTowns, Kilkee TidyTowns, Macroom TidyTowns, Carndonagh TidyTowns, Raheny Tidy Village Group, Clifden TidyTowns, Castleisland TidyTowns, Rathangan TidyTowns, Ballyragget TidyTowns, Durrow TidyTowns, Fenagh TidyTowns (Co. Leitrim), Bruff TidyTowns, Abbeylara TidyTowns, Dunleer TidyTowns, Kiltimagh TidyTowns, Dunshaughlin TidyTowns, Carrickmacross TidyTowns, Kinnitty TidyTowns, Strokestown TidyTowns, Enniscrone TidyTowns, Cashel TidyTowns, Tramore TidyTowns, Glasston TidyTowns, Gorey TidyTowns, Enniskerry TidyTowns.

SuperValu TidyTowns Awards Ceremony 24th October 2025

We were delighted to welcome you all to Croke Park for the 2025 SuperValu TidyTowns awards ceremony. Carrick-on-Shannon were announced as Ireland's Tidiest Town for 2025 as well as Ireland's Tidiest Small Town – and what worthy winners they were!

Congratulations to Carrick-on-Shannon, and indeed to all our winners on the day.



Carrick-on-Shannon TidyTowns were named Ireland's Tidiest Town for 2025



Tralee TidyTowns were named Ireland's Tidiest Large Urban Centre for 2025



Rosscarbery TidyTowns were named Ireland's Tidiest Village



Dalkey TidyTowns were named as Ireland's Tidiest Large Town



More photographs of the day can be found on our website – www.tidytowns.ie

Ballinlough TidyTowns

Ballinlough recently created a mural about their Market Gardening heritage. The Market Gardening mural is more than just public art; it is a celebration of Ballinlough's heritage. The mural, which was painted on the wall of the community garden in April 2025, depicts scenes of local people planting, harvesting, and bringing goods to sell at the English Market.

It serves not only as an aesthetic enhancement to the community garden but also as an educational tool that remind viewers of the importance of fresh, locally grown produce, our heritage and particularly our social history. It gives a voice to the farmers and market gardeners who may otherwise remain unseen in the wider historical narrative of Cork city's past.

The mural features a rich palette of colours and intricate designs that mirror the diversity of produce that was grown in these gardens in the past and currently in the community garden today. Vibrant red strawberries, baskets full of vegetables, and the bright yellow of the sunflowers.

This mural was a collaborative project involving local artist Blanca Rice, members of the community garden, Ballinlough Tidy Towns and residents. Schools and local groups can use the mural to highlight the heritage of Ballinlough and also to discuss where our food comes from and the effort required to grow it. It is hoped that the mural inspires curiosity and even encourages the next generation to take an interest in gardening or farming themselves!



Cashel TidyTowns meets Tramore TidyTowns

Cashel Tidy Town was delighted to meet Tramore Tidy Towns who visited Cashel to see the work being done by the volunteers, this was discussed whilst sharing a table at the national tidy town awards ceremony at The Ballykisteen Hotel. Cashel are going to arrange a meeting with Tramore to see their work especially the new Sensory Garden. The day The Tramore Tidy Towns group arrived we started at O Neills Restaurant Main St with scones and tea before heading to the Palace Hotel gardens where the head gardener gave a talk on weed control as well as advice on many aspects of gardening, after leaving the gardens the group had a tour of The Rock of Cashel where all the town can be viewed, this was followed by a visit to the cultural centre of Bru Boru and the gardens there, to finish the day a meal was arranged at O Neills Restaurant Ladywell Street. We had a fabulous day with Tramore and did a lot of exchanging ideas and ways we can both try to improve with Biodiversity and sustainability, but the most important part was the amount of laughing and fun



Clonbullogue, Co.Offaly

Pictured are some of the 3rd and 4th class pupils of St Patrick's primary school, Clonbullogue, Co Offaly being presented with pencils made by members of the CE scheme. The school children collect the bottle tops which are deposited in the pencil. When the pencil is filled the plan is to create a mural of St. Patrick which will go on display on the exterior wall of the school. Clonbullogue Development Association applied to the Laois Offaly Education Training Board for a woodwork grant and a tutor to work with the CE Participants with the following results.

The pencil was made by the local CE participants over the winter, working with a tutor appointed to. They also made vegetables trugs for our community garden and some outdoor furniture. Our next plan is to get the mural made and then continue to work with the school children, the children are interested in creating a mural of St. Bridget.

Folklore tells us that St. Patrick gave St Bridget her veil on Croghan hill in Co Offaly. Who knows, but the children are absorbed by the whole story since we are in close proximity to Kildare and Croghan Hill.



Claregalway TidyTowns

Done in such a short time, the town looks beautiful and the little efforts from all members will benefit the whole parish. The Tuam Herald team was also excited to meet the youngest member of this group, Senan Noone, who likes to come out and take part in various activities with his mother Laura.

Senan is the youngest helper, six-year-old Senan is very enthusiastic about his contribution to the tidy town group and never forgets to bring his high-visibility jacket, gloves and his little shovel each time he goes out for a clean-up. He enjoys doing everything that he can, but sweeping is his favourite task while watering the plants is his least favourite task. His mother Laura said that Senan hates seeing cigarette butts thrown away everywhere and often tells people who smoke to put the cigarette butts in the bins. Her main drive is her son loves to come out and help the group.

Another volunteer Joe Cormican who has been working alongside the group for a number of years, said different people got involved in the group in the last 15 years, but Maura has actually turned it around. Maura has put a lot of effort along with the new people who came onboard. Footpaths are best things in Claregalway where people come out to walk around and all we need to do is maintain it.

The oldest supporter of the group and owner of the thatched single storey cottage in the centre of Claregalway, Padraic Casserly (80) admires the work being done by the local tidy town group. Although he is unable to take part in the activities due to his health conditions, he tries his best to maintain the house which is a big part of Claregalway landscape. Maura along with the other members of the group love him and thank him for his generous support.

The group is also thankful to Landscaper Gerry Brennan for his help and advice around landscaping, George Glynn for his guidance on planters, Parish Priest Ian O'Neill for maintenance of church grounds and Area Engineer

Maintaining a town like Claregalway is not an easy task, and hence Claregalway Tidy Town group is looking for more people to join them. Those interested in getting onboard can get in touch with chairperson Maura Doyle at Mauradoyle1604@gmail.com.



A small but mighty team in Claregalway

Hard work and support from the youngest to the oldest member is the biggest strength of Claregalway Tidy Town group. Situated almost 10km from Galway city, Claregalway sees thousands of passers-by each day who admire the colorful flower beds and the beautiful landscape of the town. All these landscapes, flower baskets and the cleanliness in the area are maintained by none other than the volunteers of the local tidy town group who come together every week and oftentimes every day to spare some time on these works.

Established in 2009, the Claregalway Tidy Town group went downhill during the years of Covid. However, support from some new members of the committee has helped it revive and hit the ground running again. The group was rejuvenated in 2022 with only 12 people working as both committee members and volunteers. This small but mighty team has members ranging from young families to retirees who have transformed the village into a vibrant and welcoming space for residents and visitors alike.

The town's landscape consists of a mix of traditional and new single, two and three-storey structures along the main streets and some amazing historical structures like the tower house (Claregalway Castle), the Franciscan Friary and the nine arch old road bridge right beside the national road, the former N17, now N83. A number of green spaces are scattered around the town which are full of colorful flowers adding to the charm of these spaces.

The newly painted green gates throughout the village boundaries have also drawn many compliments and added a charming touch to the Claregalway landscape. Although the work is mostly done by the Tidy Town group, they also appreciate the support they receive from local GAA clubs and the Claregalway-Annaghdown CE Scheme workers who play a huge part in the Tidy Towns operation. Maura and her team are also grateful to the generous financial support from Hughes SuperValu and the Local Enhancement Programme from Galway County Council.

Their Biodiversity team is led by Cathriona Cunningham who organised the purchase of House Martin Nest Boxes located in the community center to ensure the continued return of these migratory birds to the local eco- system.



Quin named on the Irish Times long list Ireland's Greenest Place 025

Quin has been named one of the five Villages in Ireland to make the Irish Times long list for Ireland's Greenest Place 2025. The shortlist was selected by a panel of sustainability experts, including former Green party Leader, Eamon Ryan.

The Quin Village Tidy Towns (QVTT) submission highlighted the combined efforts of volunteers, Scoil na Mainistreach Green School, local businesses, and the wider community in delivering a broad range of environmental and sustainability actions.

Energy and transport projects include the promotion of retrofitting and solar panels, as well as the simplification of three Bus Éireann timetables into a single A3 display showing Quin's arrival and departure times, with a QR code for easy access to real-time updates. Biodiversity initiatives featured in the submission include the Clare Church Return to Nature Biodiversity Project, with wildflower meadows, pollinator planting, and installation of swift, bat and bee boxes. Other measures include the creation of seven biodiversity zones in housing estates, conservation



work for the Lesser Horseshoe Bat, native tree planting, and Flower Insect Timed Counts carried out by Scoil na Mainistreach Green School. Education and community engagement are also central to the village's efforts, with workshops on bumblebee monitoring, wildflower and grass identification, native apple tree planting and foraging events led by the QVTT Foraging Team, Lena and Tom. Food and green space initiatives include the Edible Quin herb beds at the Community Centre, Village Inn and Malachy's, three community vegetable beds, and the Monks Well wellness bed, which combines wellness planting with pollinator and bat-friendly plants and herbs. Quin Named on the Irish Times Long List.

The village also promotes a circular economy through a uniform swap, book exchange, furniture upcycling, and a deposit return scheme supported by the Monks Well. This recognition reflects Quin's strong community spirit and the collective effort of local volunteers and partners. The next stage in the competition will see the judging panel visit the village in the coming weeks

Castlebar Tidy Towns

Castlebar Tidy Towns has played an essential role in the community for over three decades. Founded 31 years ago from a meeting of the Castlebar Chamber of Commerce, the group has grown from simple litter picking to heading up large-scale projects that focus on sustainability and biodiversity.

Major initiatives such as the Lough Lannagh enhancement scheme, the Bee Kind Project, and the Biodiversity Enhancement Project have been taken on in recent years and helped Castlebar work toward a sustainable future.

The transformation of the group's capabilities has been driven in large part by the arrival of new volunteers from asylum seekers, refugees, and migrant communities living locally.

What began as a handful of volunteers has now become a diverse and dynamic group, with over 30 nationalities represented.

The contributions from new residents have been vital in allowing Castlebar to expand its projects and ambitions. For many of these newcomers, however, joining Tidy Towns is more than volunteering, it is about safety, belonging, and starting again.

With the extra help, Castlebar Tidy Towns has flourished, taking on new projects that once would not have been possible. The next project is a mural celebrating Castlebar's rich history.



New arrivals have revitalised Mayo Tidy Towns group with volunteers from 30 nations lending a hand.



Dunboyne TidyTowns – Paw Poo Patrol Project

Dunboyne Tidy Towns is delighted to continue our work with the ABC Club Playschool which we have been doing since 2018. We were delighted to donate dog poo bags to the playschool which they gave to dog walkers during their work. We also donated junior litter pickers to the playschool which were provided by Meath County Council. The children support our work each year during our annual An Taisce Spring Clean.

Paw Poo Patrol was founded in 2018 by the children and team from The ABC Club Playschool.

Mag Coogan of the ABC Club Playschool says “it was a child – led initiative, brought to our attention by a child who on her way to playschool stepped on dog poo and her brother’s buggy wheeled through it. Áine (the child) said to her mother that children should teach adults that picking up poo was part of taking care of pets. We asked the children at that time, what could we do to teach the adults and they said, we should spray the poo so that people would see it and not walk through it. For the last few years, this is what we have been doing although now we chalk around the poo and chalk a big X beside it. We do not pick it up! Our motto is, Paws, Pick up, Please. Last year, Dunboyne Tidy Towns asked us to design signs for the community, and we invited Áine back to support the children develop them. Dunboyne Tidy Towns got them printed and they can be viewed around the village and for the most part, the dog poo situation has improved.”

Last year following reports about an issue with dog poo at particular locations, we approached the playschool to work with us by designing a sign highlighting the issue, which we would have printed. When the signs were ready we assisted the children to erect them.



Together we're better – Dementia Inclusive TidyTowns



Tidy Towns are leading the way to ensure people with dementia can participate in and enjoy community life. There are 64,000 people living with dementia in Ireland and this number is expected to double by 2045. The majority of people with dementia live in the community and want to continue to be active and engaged.

Tidy Towns initiatives are at the heart of communities as they bring volunteers together to improve their local environment, fostering civic pride and a sense of shared purpose. For people with dementia and their families being connected to their local community, participating in community life in a meaningful way, is just as vital for their health and wellbeing as it is for everyone else.

Tidy Towns groups across the country are increasingly involved in projects that benefit people with dementia, be it as volunteers, or creating and enjoying sensory gardens which provide a stimulating and therapeutic environment.

What is a Sensory Garden?

These sensory garden projects use plants to engage the senses of sight, smell, touch, taste, and sound to promote reminiscence and a sense of calm for those with memory conditions and their families and supporters. A sensory garden is a garden area that allows visitors to enjoy a wide variety of sensory experiences. They may contain features such as scented and edible plants, sculptures and sculpted handrails, water features designed to make sound and play over the hands, textured touch-pads, magnifying-glass screens, braille and audio descriptions. They provide a safe and stimulating environment to relax, engage, reminisce and enjoy.

Dementia Inclusivity where to start

In County Tipperary Fiona Crotty, Age Friendly Programme Manager, and her team within Tipperary County Council are working closely with all 80 Tidy Towns across the county to raise awareness for dementia and inspire local groups to involve and

support the many people affected by dementia. This initiative is in partnership with the HSE's Dementia: Understand Together campaign, a national programme working with over 60 organisations ranging from retail, finance, transport and community, and local community champions, all taking actions to create an Ireland which shows solidarity and support for people with dementia.

The project includes Dementia Awareness Training for the Tipperary Tidy Towns with information on dementia, how it affects a person, the benefits of horticulture for people living with dementia, aspects of a sensory garden and how spaces can be used to reminisce. The training will be rolled out again in 2026.

As part of this initiative, volunteers of the Cahir Tidy Towns came together to participate in a video project in which Andy Moloney, Chairperson of the group, explained how they are supporting people with dementia to be included in their local Tidy Towns work. Jennifer Manning, HSE Clinical Nurse Manager spoke about the benefits of physical and social activities for people with dementia.

How you can get involved

All local Tidy Towns can contact the national HSE Dementia: Understand Together campaign for information of how to get involved, free training, resources and support guides. Signage that shows that your Tidy Town is dementia inclusive is available to order, too.

Please email the team at understandtogether@hse.ie



Poetry corner

THE MORAL OF THE STORY IS.

*Summer days are fading fast
As Autumn steals upon us.
O how the summer days flew by
I didn't seem to notice.*

*So now we sit and wait for Tidy Towns results
A bit of work I have for all
To take your mind
Off the pressure*

*Some seed I went to pick today
From fading sweet William
To my surprise the fading plant
Was full of seeds and insects*

*I school the whole lot on a plate
And there before my eyes
Was creepy crawlies everywhere
And seed of say one million*

*The moral of the story is
Don't rush to cut these fading blooms
Unless its relay necessary to their lives
These little insects who help us in the garden*

*So when you start to tidy up
Don't over cut your plants to much
For in those withering fading stalks
Are many living insects*

*Forget the man made bug hotels
And leave it all to nature
These little creepy crawlies
Can help us take life easy*

*Enjoy what's left of Autumn days
While colour are in abundance
Don't get stressed with what you cant do
There is always tomorrow*

*Good lick to all who worked so hard
To keep out country lovely
You can be proud and shout aloud
I am part of my community*

Denis Heffernan – January 2025

Poetry corner

FADING SUMMER DAYS

*Summer days are almost gone
While Autumn steals upon us
The glorious days of warm sunshine
Are all but a memory*

*Autum is a lovely time with
Just a touch of sadness
To see the lovely trees green
Fading to Autum colours*

*The flowers are dying fast
It makes my heart so sad
It seems like only yesterday
I planted the little plants*

*The cornfields with all
There gold are now a dirty brown
Potatoes stalks no longer green
The crop is underground*

*Apples scattered on the ground
Crabs and plums the same
Bracken turning golden brown
Blackberries getting scarce
The cuckoo to a memory
To Africa it has flown
The swallows all are lining up
Soon they will leave our shores*

*So now to all in Tidy Towns I
Know you done your best
I have been to see many a town
I wish you all the best*

*So now results will soon be out
Take note of your report
You have to plan for the years
Ahead to see what you can do*

*So to conclude and finish
Wipe the cobwebs from your eyes*

*Sustainability goals are part of it
All and climate change the same
So play your part and pull your
Weight we all must make the big change*

Denis Heffernan - October 2025

ROOTS IN KILMEEDY.

*Your blanket white anemone warms bank and forest floor
A herbal layer, spread soft up here, five hundred years or more
The Milky Way bright petal stars, laid out on leaves of green
Soft cushion this oasis seat, so full of fairies dreams.*

*Long shadows stretch along your way to show your tall companions
Strong Ivy with her waxy leaves, sport climbers grip above you
But clever stem a root became and creeps beneath the surface
Lus na Gaoithe with a flexi neck and flower full of sparkles.*

*Kick start our own awakening too, we're in the month of April
Take precious sunlight while you can to share with all your neighbours
Your window short with nights of frost and canopy unfolding
Fine-tuned you play in colours gay your notes both high and low.*

*Down in the village Roots Cafe, a shop with colour dares
Fresh local veg or home-made bread and cooking smells upstairs
The Phoenix Centre leads us in, to offer hope and solace
Soul food here from local soil, a pyramid shrine to warm us.*

*New salad leaves from home saved seeds and carrots freshly grated
Knockaderry eggs with Bally goats' cheese, all roasted we must taste it
St Ita's creed to park the greed, now needed more than ever
Replant our native woodlands, so simple, wise and clever.*

*To the tens of billions creatures who lie below our feet
We taste your work with Buiochas for all the food we eat
You weave a web of balance with the scent of herbs on hand
A symphony of plant and earth we've still to understand.*

*"Is airde fear ceachta ar a chosa ná duine uasal ar a ghluine".
A ploughman standing is taller than a gentleman on his knees.*



Poetry corner

TIDY TOWNS 2025

*Another year of Tidy Towns and now the show is over
We left the town of Emly on a wet October morning
To the junction we did go and soon were on the train
To head to Dublin City and Croke Park for the All Ireland day*

*This day is very special to meet all my friends
I love to greet and shake their hands and chat about the event
Another year of Tidy Towns when we all come together*

*The tension is getting hot I feel my heart is racing
I try to drink a cup of tea but I know I need a whiskey
Jonas rolled me to my seat I was trying to compose
But my body want to run around and say hello to all*

*11.30 half hour to go the temperature is rising
The seats are all filled up I need to go to the toilet
12 O Clock and Marty starts the ball a rolling*

*Then the place fell silent as the big announcement came
Rosscarbery for the village, Tralee the large town
And many more winners before the big one is announced*

*Then the Minister took to the stage the big one to announce
In a soft and calming voice he said Carrick-on-Shannon
They jumped around the hall and with a standing ovation
They are now All Ireland champions I hope they enjoy their reign*

*Congrats to one and all first the adjudicator's the staff in Ballina
Nationwide and all the team and the staff in Croke Park
To Super Valu our sponsors long may you remain
You are the gem in the crown you never let us down.*

Denis Heffernan - November 2025



O Christmas Tree

by Billy Flynn, TidyTowns Adjudicator

You'll get many a varying answer to the question 'when does Christmas really begin?' For some it is the first Christmas carol that they hear on national radio, others when they see Christmas lights displayed and still others when they are met by a stack of biscuit boxes on the way into their local supermarket. For me, it is when a nearby butcher's shop cordons off a section of the pavement in front of their shop in order to display an array of young evergreen trees that may be examined and reserved well in advance of the big day.

Have you ever stopped to wonder why it is that we bring young but (let's face it) mortally wounded trees into our dwellings to finish out their days but don't ever think that that's necessary or appropriate at any other time of the year? The answer is that we've been doing it for centuries. Millennia, in fact. Ancient Romans celebrated Saturnalia. This was a mid-winter feast, a celebration of lengthening days. Homes would be decorated with wreaths of greenery and candles and gifts would be exchanged. A period of celebration would ensue where more merriment than usual would be acceptable. Sound familiar? Indeed it should.

My beloved (and far better educated than I) wife often says that Irish people are only a kick in the posterior away from paganism. She's right. The remarkable alignment of Newgrange (and indeed other sites in Ireland) with the rising sun at solstice is no accident. Nor is it a coincidence that Holly (also an evergreen) was believed in Irish folklore to keep spirits from a dwelling during those darkest winter days and that Holly wreaths are found on many's the door in Ireland at Christmas.

But back to the Christmas Tree. Commercially speaking, these are almost always non-native conifers. These may be Spruce, Fir or Pine. None of these are native to Ireland. My father, being an academic and not keen on practical tasks that might be subject to scrutiny, frequently grumbled about being asked to put up a Christmas tree, saying that this was merely a Germanic tradition that we were aping. He was right as well. The tradition of having an evergreen tree inside your home has indeed its origins in Germany. It spread to Switzerland and France and eventually (upon the marriage of the German Prince Albert to Queen Victoria) to England and then to us as well as dozens of other nations.

Many's the Tidy Towns group that includes its Christmas decorations – including trees – in their Tidy Towns entry form. There is nothing odd about that. We are delighted that Tidy Towns is often central to such a huge seasonal celebration. Many too are the town or village Christmas tree that wouldn't be there but for the Tidy Towns group. But in the homeplace which is better, environmentally speaking: real or artificial?

The short answer is: it depends. Apologies for being vague here but it really does depend on where you get your 'real' Christmas tree and how long you keep using your artificial tree. An actual tree will capture carbon dioxide all the way through its life while an artificial tree is almost certainly plastic and therefore is made of oil and required carbon dioxide to be emitted in its making and its transport to you. That said, a decomposing or burnt real tree releases all the carbon into the atmosphere once again. If you mulch or compost your real tree after the decorations have been packed away, then the carbon return to the soil and the impact on the environment is neutral enough. If you burn the tree; well then, you have returned the CO₂ to the atmosphere, undoing all its good work. Much better would be to have it chipped and composted, ideally in your own garden so that the tree that once made your house so cheerful keeps contributing to your life, albeit in a less showy way.

Happy Christmas, everyone.

TidyTown Unit



As most of you now know – Helen Murray has recently left the TidyTown Unit on a well-deserved promotion. Helen worked in the TidyTown Unit for 12 years and went above and beyond in her role to ensure the competition was successful every year. I know she enjoyed meeting all of you at events throughout her time and always offered support and guidance to the team, all our groups, volunteers, adjudicators and to our sponsors SuperValu.

Minister Calleary presented a gold medal to Helen at the recent awards – a small token of our appreciation for all her hard work over the years. We wish her the very best in her new role.

On behalf of the TidyTown Unit, we thank all the TidyTown volunteers around the country who give so generously of your skills and your time. Thank you to our sponsor SuperValu and to their network of retailers who assist so many groups around the country. Thank you to all our special award sponsors for their loyal support and to our national panel of TidyTown Adjudicators who report on all your work.

Finally, we wish you and yours all the best for Christmas and for the New Year. Safe travelling during the holidays, stay safe, happy, healthy and warm. We look forward to doing it all again in 2026!

Nollaig shona daoibh.

Niamh, Claire and Siobhán

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