

SuperValu TidyTowns Entry Form 2026

We strongly recommend that you read the 2026 TidyTowns Information Booklet available on www.tidytowns.ie before completing this form.

Section 1: About You!

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| Name of Town/Area/Village/Island | |
| Name of Town/Area/Village/Island (Irish) | |
| County | |
| Region | |
| Local Authority | |
| Last Year of Entry | |
| Organisation Name | |
| Contact Name | |
| Address | |
| Phone | |
| Email | |
| Internet/Social Media address | |
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Estimated Location

Your adjudicator may not have visited your area before so please describe briefly where your town or village is located within your county, e.g. Xkm north/south etc. of the nearest large town, or give the road number along which your town is situated. Absolute clarity is of key importance.

Please do not exceed 100 words

Section 2: Population Category

Please tick your population category and enter your actual population (based on the latest census). If you are unsure, please check with the central statistics office, www.cso.ie or your Local Authority. Your adjudicator may check you have entered the correct category.

Please enter your actual population here e.g. 19,999 _____

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Prize Category Population

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| Village - <input type="checkbox"/> A (Under 200) | Large Town - <input type="checkbox"/> E (5,001 to 10,000) |
| Village - <input type="checkbox"/> B (201 to 1,000) | Large Town - <input type="checkbox"/> F (10,001 to 15,000) |
| Small Town - <input type="checkbox"/> C (1,001 to 2,500) | Large Urban Centre - <input type="checkbox"/> G (15,001 to 25,000) |
| Small Town - <input type="checkbox"/> D (2,501 to 5,000) | Large Urban Centre - <input type="checkbox"/> H (25,001 and over) |

I understand and agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of the SuperValu TidyTowns Competition and consent to the personal data contained in both my online submission and on this form being released to printers for the purpose of posting invitations, entry forms, results books or other documentation for the purpose of administering the SuperValu TidyTowns Competition and other related initiatives. I also consent to this data being released to the TidyTowns Adjudicators as part of the Entry Form upon which our adjudication is based. I understand that the printers contracted to carry out this work will be advised that all data should be deleted once the specific task has been completed. I understand that Personal Data provided in this form will be retained by the Department for a period of 3 years for the distribution of entry forms and information directly related to the competition.

The Freedom of Information body undertakes to use its best endeavors to hold confidential, any information provided by you in this form, subject to the organisation's obligations under law, including the Freedom of Information Act 2014. Should you wish that any of the information supplied by you in this form should not be disclosed because of its sensitivity, you should, when providing the information, identify the same and specify the reasons for its sensitivity.

I understand that I can withdraw my consent at any time to this information being stored or used in this way by writing to the TidyTowns Unit stating I am withdrawing my consent.

Signed (on behalf of entrant)

Date:

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Community - Your Planning and Involvement

80 Marks



Marks are awarded for the overall quality of the Entry Form, town/village map and appropriateness of backup material submitted with your entry. Other key issues are the participation of the local community, businesses, schools and youth in general; working partnerships with local civic agencies; works carried out and appropriate projects completed; existence of an achievable updated Tidy Towns Plan. Consideration will be given to social inclusion, whole of community approach, the role of volunteers and new residents in activities. **(Please note the above text is for information purposes only – it can be deleted to shorten your application)**

Number involved in your Committee:

Number not on committee but who volunteer:

Please indicate level of voluntary commitment (number of Tidy Towns meetings, community meetings, general involvement of the community, new residents, etc.):

Please list all the agencies, bodies and businesses that have supported your activities through sponsorship, resources, funding, advice, etc.):

How do you communicate with your community (newsletter, newspapers, public meetings, email, social media, website, etc.)?

How do you engage with your local schools, youth clubs, etc.? How do you involve youth in your work? Do you have Junior Tidy Towns? Is there youth representation on your committee.

Briefly identify **ONE** specific project where particular effort was applied since May 10th 2025. (This can include ongoing maintenance work or new project)

Approximately how many years has your community entered the competition. How has your community benefited from involvement in the competition?

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Streetscape & Public Places

80 Marks



Buildings: Conservation and presentation of heritage buildings and quality of shopfronts will be considered, taking account of the design, sustainability, accessibility, usability and suitability of new structures or civic amenity buildings for all people, regardless of age, size, ability or disability. Please highlight the efforts made to address derelict sites and unoccupied buildings even if unsuccessful.

Public Spaces: Consideration will be given to squares, parks, streetscape, paving, landscaping and street furniture mindful of sustainability and access for all. Condition of street lighting, building facade lighting, appropriately designed signage and wayfinding relating to streets and place nameplates. Attention will be given to the presentation of parking locations, historical trails, walkways and access points to local amenities or facilities and the general use of the Irish language.

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List projects undertaken since May 10th, 2025, including, **new projects (N)** completed this year, previous projects that you have **improved or maintained (M)**. It would be helpful if you could number your project descriptions and include date project was initiated and completed, where applicable. **Note: Please ensure all priority projects are uniquely referenced on your map and legend using the reference numbers assigned below.**

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Green Spaces and Landscaping

80 Marks



Communities should demonstrate the following: The planning, design and management of green spaces. The selection and appropriate siting of trees and their ongoing maintenance, including formative pruning, watering and attention to the stakes and ties. Presentation of landscaping of all entrances to your town/village/locality in consultation with your local authority, where appropriate. The use of suitable plants for hedges and shrubs for year-round effect is important as is the siting of seasonal planting schemes where you wish to highlight important areas. The use of plant containers can provide impact where it is not possible to plant directly into the ground. To reduce maintenance tasks, limit the use of containers. To demonstrate the year-round impact of the landscape works in your community, you are encouraged to provide dated photographs of, for example, planting schemes which are not evident in summertime.

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Nature and Biodiversity in your locality

80 Marks



Show your understanding and awareness of nature and biodiversity in your locality. This may include protected areas and/or areas important for conservation e.g. waterways, field boundaries, coastal features etc.

Show an appreciation of how your local species and habitats should be best managed and protected. Evidence of co-operation with expert groups and relevant authorities, especially in carrying out work in sensitive areas is desirable.

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Sustainability - Doing more with less

80 Marks



Describe how your activities help to make your centre more sustainable and reduce your environmental impact. For example, consider how you use your resources (e.g. methods or materials you use), in your project work under one or more of the following key themes: sustainability, water, transport, waste, energy, and climate action. Describe awareness raising activities carried out across your community and detail any involvement with other Community Groups in this category.

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Tidiness and Litter Control

90 Marks



Tidiness: General lack of clutter, blocked footpaths, redundant poles, unsightly overhead electric cables, absence of graffiti and flyposting and evidence of control of weed growth at kerbs. Absence of unsightly and/or inappropriate advertising, such as that on gables of buildings and mass-produced advertising banners in shop fronts. Please note that although general tidiness is evaluated and marked in this category, tidiness is also considered under other categories including the Streetscape & Public Places, Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes.

Litter: The adjudicator will assess the absence of litter and dumping, evidence of litter control strategy, including regular litter patrols, segregation of collected litter during clean-ups and promotion of anti-litter awareness throughout community.

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Residential Streets & Housing Areas

55 Marks



Residential streets that include Town Houses are integral parts of towns and villages and should be treated in a similar fashion to public and private housing developments. Consideration is given to proper presentation and maintenance of all properties with due cognisance given to maintenance of frontages, boundary and gable end walls. Gardens, where applicable, should be presented to a good standard. In housing developments green areas should be cut regularly. Children's play areas to be considered with equipment maintained to best standards. Where possible individual estates should have suitable name signs - stones, plaques, signposts, etc., preferably bilingual. Unfinished estates will not reflect badly on the efforts of any community, but examples of how the community is addressing this issue should be highlighted.

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Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes

55 Marks



Appropriate presentation of approach roads, including the roadside verges and their boundary treatment. The appearance of town and village streets, connecting roads, laneways, bridges and cycle lanes. Provision for inclusive access and pedestrian connections.

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Mapping your town or village

Please draw or attach a sketched or printed map of your town/village/area with street and place names and prominent landmarks. The locations of your new work for this year's competition should also be marked. Ensure each project is clearly listed in the legend.

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Please note the following advice.

- A hand-drawn map is perfectly acceptable if a formal printed map is not available or suitable.
- Map should be a manageable size, A4 or A3 depending on the layout of your town or village.
- Please name priority streets/roads as necessary and mark the key public buildings/landmarks.
- You are advised not to use Google mapping.
- You may find Ordnance Survey Ireland Urban (or Rural as applicable) 'Place' Maps most useful.
- Examples of effective maps can be found at www.tidytowns.ie in addition to A4 and A3 map graph templates.
- A clear legend is essential; please ensure that a unique numbering sequence is applied.

Tips on Completing this form:

- Be mindful of the volume of material you submit, the Adjudicator has limited time to review your work during their adjudication so it should be presented in a clear and concise manner.
- Please ensure you have included a map of your area and your TidyTowns 3/5-year plan with your entry. You can upload these with your completed entry form on the TidyTowns website – you will not be able to register your entry without a map.
- You can also upload photographs to accompany your entry form
- Don't forget to enter our Special Awards, information can be found on www.tidytowns.ie

To enter the competition, please go to -
<https://competition.tidytowns.ie/> and follow the link to register
and upload your entry form by Monday 11th May 2026

Best of Luck!