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SuperValu TidyTowns Newsletter Issue 4 – 2026

A Chairde,

Comhghairdeas libh go léir as bhur dtorthaí i gComórtas SuperValu TidyTowns 2026. Congratulations to you all on your results in the 2026 SuperValu TidyTowns Competition.

This issue is dedicated to the SuperValu TidyTowns National Awards Ceremony which took place on Friday, 23rd October. The TidyTowns Unit of the Department of Rural and Community and the Gaeltacht alongside our sponsor SuperValu, wish to extend our thanks to you, the volunteers and wider community for making the 2026 SuperValu TidyTowns Competition the biggest year yet with a record number of 936 entrants!

We were delighted to welcome you to Croke Park again this year to celebrate the wonderful work and achievements of SuperValu TidyTowns groups nationwide. The event was streamed live to thousands of volunteers around the country who were eagerly awaiting the announcement of the winners. A special edition of Nationwide was also broadcast on Friday 23rd October RTÉ Nationwide TidyTowns Awards Special.







Ballinahown, Co. Westmeath was crowned Ireland's Tidiest Town 2026 – and what deserving winners they are! The group was also announced as Ireland's Tidiest Village 2026. Congratulations to Ballinahown and indeed to all our winners on the day.

Some of the other big winners on the day included:



Abbeyleix, Co. Laois – Ireland's Tidiest Small Town 2026



Buncrana, Co. Donegal – Ireland's Tidiest Large Town 2026



Tralee, Co. Kerry – Ireland's Tidiest Large Urban Centre 2026

All 2026 results and reports can be found here on our website – 2026 Results



The awards were presented by Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht, Dara Calleary TD, and Chief Marketing Officer at Musgrave, Margaret Barron. SuperValu has been the competition's main sponsor since 1991.



As always, Marty Morrissey did a fantastic job as MC for the ceremony!



Another familiar face on the day was, Hector Ó hEochagáin, who earlier this year teamed up with SuperValu and the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht on the 'Get Involved and Make A Difference' campaign.

SuperValu TidyTowns Special Awards

Four special awards were presented on the day. The competition's sponsored Special Awards are organised in parallel to the main competition and look to reward initiatives focused on improving your community. A full list of all special award winners is included in the results booklet here. Well done to all!



Dromiskin TidyTowns was awarded the Young Persons in TidyTowns Award 2026 sponsored by Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht



Glenbeigh TidyTowns was awarded the Inclusive Communities Award 2026 sponsored by SuperValu



Carraig Airt TidyTowns was awarded Gradam na Gaeltachta 2026 sponsored by Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht

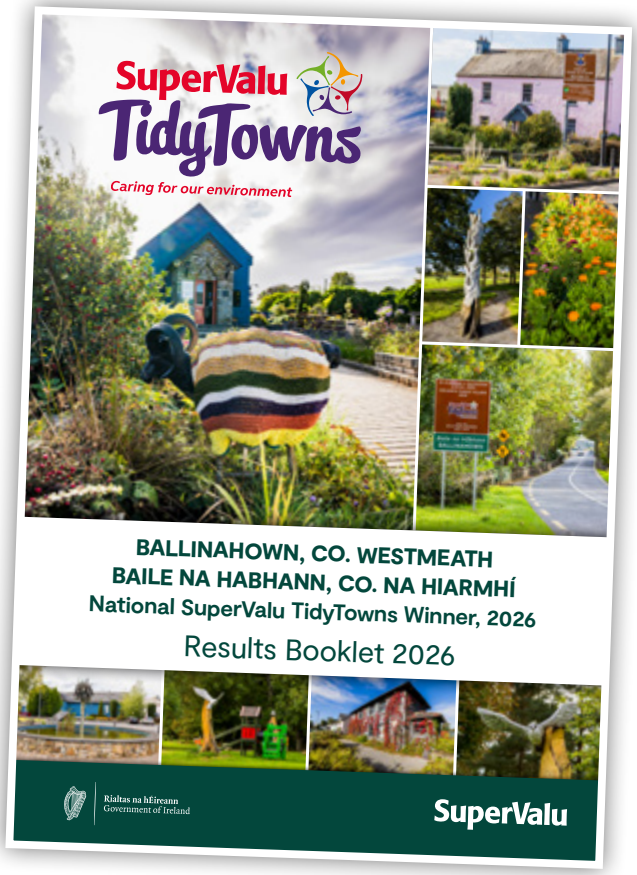


Scoil na Mainistreach was awarded the Tiny TidyTowns School 2026 sponsored by SuperValu

SuperValu TidyTowns Grant

At the awards ceremony, Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht, Dara Calleary TD, announced the allocation of €1.5 million in funding to support the work of TidyTowns groups nationwide. TidyTowns groups who entered the competition in 2024, 2025 or 2026 will be eligible to apply for a grant of between €1,000 and €4,000. From 2027, the TidyTowns Unit of the Department will be administering the grant, and we will be providing further details of how to apply to eligible groups early next year.





Congratulations to all our wonderful TidyTowns groups on entering the 2026 competition – returning and new! Well done to each and every one of you on your hard work, dedication and commitment.

The results booklet and individual reports are available on the TidyTowns Website – www.tidytowns.ie

We wish you all continued success and look forward to welcoming you back for the 2027 competition.

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Photos from the 2026 Awards Ceremony

















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As always, please continue to send us in your photos, articles and updates for inclusion.

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