

Tidy Towns Competition 2016

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Castleiney** Ref: **1211**
County: **Tipperary(North)** Mark: **250**
Category: **A** Date(s): **12/07/2016**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2015	Mark Awarded 2016
Community Involvement & Planning	60	30	33
Built Environment and Streetscape	50	36	36
Landscaping and Open Spaces	50	33	33
Wildlife, Habitats and Natural Amenities	50	18	19
Sustainable Waste and Resource Management	50	8	11
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	57	58
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	50	30	31
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	50	28	29
TOTAL MARK	450	240	250

Community Involvement & Planning / Rannpháirtíocht an Phobail & Pleanáil:

You are very welcome to the SuperValu Tidy Towns competition and thank you for the filled up entry form and good map of your area.

You have a good size of committee consisting of 9 people and the meetings every six months enable you to go about your business in an orderly fashion. It is positive to have contacts with Tipperary County Council and FAS and do you get any support from local business people? Text messaging is the new way of communication and this reduces the use of paper. The contacts with the school are worthwhile and well done for assisting them with the green flag programmes. Your community has benefitted from your continued involvement in the Tidy Towns competition over the past 7 years.

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

The school is clean and tidy with the green flag proudly flowing in the wind outside it. I loved the mural on the back wall of the handball alley made from bottle tops. Is this alley any longer used and if not you could explore finding another use for it? The Washpen has a lovely stone sign mounted on a raised stone faced feature and is decorated with attractive flowers and shrubs. The history is interesting "Up to the late 1930s local farmers washed their sheep prior to shearing in the river Iney by constructing a pen up stream hence the name washpen. Nolans shop / bar is clean and fresh with nice seats outside. The Catholic Church is a great stone fronted structure with freshly painted transepts to it and it has very good lawns and tarmac yard, I felt that the statue in memory of Fr John Humphreys who died in 1926 could do with a good cleaning / painting. The parish hall is beautiful. I loved the seats outside the church with lovely containers of flowers. The rest of Castleiney consists of lovely traditional rural walls and ditches that require little intervention.

Landscaping and Open Spaces / Tírdhreachú agus Spásanna Oscailte:

The green is beautiful decorated with two good flower beds. The traditional water pump stands out in great condition adorned with lovely flowers and shrubs. There is a natural rural setting to the roadsides that we all love containing great traditional stone walls and hedging that need little intervention.

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

I admired the bird boxes inside the gates of the church and you can let us know if the birds are actually using them as it takes a year or two for this to happen. You also have ladybird hotels made of bamboo sticks. On some approach roads there were some hedgerows cut and others were being cut and we are reminded that this should not be done at this time of the year, but of course this did not concern your immediate area.

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

We commend the school children for collecting milk carton caps for the mural. With the school involved in the green flag programmes the children, teachers and parents have now a good understanding of the local environment, and this is very important. You could contact the county council with a view to the establishment of a workshop for composting and the general treatment of household waste. You could encourage water harvesting by the collection of it in water butts, thereby generating free water for flowers and shrubs. This is a very important category and you could set up a sub-committee to work on it. Undoubtedly this could be very beneficial to the local people and save money on energy every year.

Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:

There is an old cottage style house in a derelict state down from the school near the corner and it could have some art work done on its windows and door to freshen it up. We loved the public lighting lamps that give a distinctive appearance to the village. The seats and general area outside the church was clean and orderly.

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

There are many typical rural houses plus farm buildings that are very well maintained. There is great community spirit shown by the local people who keep their houses so clean and presentable. This is a lovely part of county Tipperary to live in.

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

A stop sign is disfigured / faded coming down from the school and could be replaced . Roads are generally very good.

Concluding Remarks:

You love Castleiney and take great pride in its presentation.