

Tidy Towns Competition 2016

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Dundrum** Ref: **1117**
County: **Tipperary(South)** Mark: **301**
Category: **B** Date(s): **22/06/2016**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2015	Mark Awarded 2016
Community Involvement & Planning	60	43	43
Built Environment and Streetscape	50	34	35
Landscaping and Open Spaces	50	39	40
Wildlife, Habitats and Natural Amenities	50	33	33
Sustainable Waste and Resource Management	50	10	12
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	55	56
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	50	39	39
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	50	43	43
TOTAL MARK	450	296	301

Community Involvement & Planning / Rannpháirtíocht an Phobail & Pleanáil:

Dundrum is very welcome to the SuperValu TidyTowns competition and thank you very much for the completed Entry Form and support material containing great maps which were useful on the adjudication day, plus interesting photographs. I note you have an open committee; 3 officers plus 3-5 active members. The fortnightly meetings from April to October plus occasional meetings during the winter enable your group to plan ahead and monitor progress. You have good contacts with Tipperary County Council plus the other bodies listed since they are willing to support your activities. It is good to use Facebook to keep the people up to date with your activities, and you are also using the traditional methods of communication. I am surprised that there is no actual school in the village but you are well catered for in Donaskeagh and Knockavilla. I like your statement that you act as a catalyst for broader community engagement and development, and encourage projects and local activities. All of this means you have a good approach to the competition, and are making good progress in it.

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

The Station House is beautiful and it is pleasing to see it retain its original identity. Premier Veterinary stands out with the attractive mural. Your Scouts Hall is beautiful in every way, and delightful to see the plaque in memory of Tim Crowe, the winner of 15 National Cross Country Titles. I loved the sign "Welcome to Dundrum" with the outstanding history on it and nice planting is enjoyed here. The Family Butcher, Heffernans and Sierra Boutique plus the Pharmacy are all in great condition near Berties Bar that has the outstanding mural of Tommy Wade and Dundrum. Quirk's garage is in good condition and it is great to see the work being done on the former RIC Barracks up at the top of the village. The former "Golden Vale" bar has deteriorated somewhat as it seems to be unoccupied and we look forward to it returning to its former glory. The large Centra is very well presented on the Main Street.

Landscaping and Open Spaces / Tírdhreachú agus Spásanna Oscailte:

Landscaping is excellent in many parts of Dundrum notably at the entrance to the station road where we enjoyed the milk churns, a good reminder of dairy farming in this area. The landscaping across from the houses on Station Road is outstanding with many creepers standing out. I love the line of trees on the side of the main street with nice shrubberies. The road up to Dundrum House has splendid sylvan beauty. Landscaping on the Green Road is attractive where we admired the beautiful copper beach hedging and neatly cut grass margins. Shrubs and flowers in planters add colour and freshness to this picturesque village. Well manicured grass open spaces at some roadsides make pleasant aesthetics with great workmanship evident.

Wildlife, Habitats and Natural Amenities / Fíadhúlra, Gnáthóga agus Taitneamhachtaí Nádurtha:

Dundrum has an abundance of wildlife present and all the splendid trees and hedgerows on the approach roads provide excellent habitat. The Borra has good habitats but some total weed killer was used on the roadsides and this is regrettable. There is a temptation to visit the two wonderful nurseries stocking all types of beautiful flowers and plants. It is a good policy to work on your bio-diversity report and plan, and I note you are working with Donaskeagh school on tree planting. Invasive species have become a major concern and we applaud your actions to identify them and then plan some action on them.

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

I commend the use of water butts around the village.

This category now has 50 marks on offer up from 20 a few years ago and a lot of TidyTown groups are setting up separate TidyTown sub-committees to work solely in this category to gain extra valuable marks. It is now more about waste prevention and entrants are encouraged to move beyond recycling and take steps to reduce the amount of waste being produced in the first place by the community and therefore reduce the environmental impact of the waste collected. For further information please contact www.tidytowns.ie

Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:

There is an untidy site at the back of Beach Grove which could be screened off with a suitable hedge. The five bottle bins and one clothes bin in the Scouts yard are presented in a tidy condition. It is pleasing to find that you are taking part in the National spring Clean-Up which leaves our environment improved. The County Council have powers to take action on dereliction and it is a good approach to keep the pressure on them.

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

There is a lovely estate on the Cashel road across from the Nursery, which unfortunately has no name. Beachgrove Estate has some high grass which is untidy in the Green area. There are nice town houses around the village with attractive floral arrangements. On the approach roads we admire lovely houses with great displays of flowers, trees and shrubs.

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

Signage is a bit misleading at the junction for Cappawhite and I understand that some traffic actually go into the Station Road and have to turn and come out again on finding out their mistake. The condition of the road surface is very poor up near the lovely station house and could in fact be quite dangerous for motorists and especially cyclists. Parts of the surface of the Borra road will shortly need attention. The other roads that I travelled on have good surfaces. I read your interesting note about the village being a planned estate village with no Catholic Church or School.

Concluding Remarks:

This is a very picturesque location and it was a pleasure to spend a few hours amongst your people.