

Tidy Towns Competition 2016

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Rosegreen** Ref: **569**
County: **Tipperary(South)** Mark: **240**
Category: **B** Date(s): **02/07/2016**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2015	Mark Awarded 2016
Community Involvement & Planning	60	34	37
Built Environment and Streetscape	50	27	28
Landscaping and Open Spaces	50	34	36
Wildlife, Habitats and Natural Amenities	50	12	14
Sustainable Waste and Resource Management	50	9	11
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	53	55
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	50	30	30
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	50	28	29
TOTAL MARK	450	227	240

Community Involvement & Planning / Rannpháirtíocht an Phobail & Pleanáil:

You are very welcome to the SuperValu TidyTowns competition and thank you for the completed entry form, 5 year plan, and good map of the area and above all thanks for the beautiful photographs that give great outlines of work in progress plus lovely pictures of children and people.

You have a big committee of 18 people who display great interest in their local place, some of them with great experience and others, like the rest of us, willing to assist where possible. This is an impressive list of agencies and bodies that appreciate your efforts and are therefore willing to assist you. I like the way you approach people to ask them their opinion, and there are other worthwhile communication methods employed to keep the parishioners aware of your activities.

I note your concerns for the safety of children which is very important, but the children are playing an important role in other ways notably in carrying out a survey of the usage of the bird boxes plus and helping to plant shrubs and flowers. Martina Bourke is congratulated for communicating with School Principal Mary Moloney and delightful to learn of the successes of the children in the green flag initiatives, well done to all concerned.

I note that this is your fourth year taking part in this competition and delightful to see that you are so well supported, and that there is a huge sense of pride in the appearance of the village. This is a great approach to the competition.

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

I loved the statue of Mr M V O'Brien; it gives a distinctive flavour to this lovely village, and rightly pays tribute to a great man. I admired the little cottage at the cross and it has nice paintings on the windows, I felt that it could be considerably enhanced by putting a painting at the door and this gives an opportunity to some local talented person to show off their talents as an artist. As we drive through the village the small top window of that house is eye-catching and again could I please suggest that a bit of art work could work wonders on this little window up high, but caution must be a priority for health and safety. The church is well presented. Raceside Service Station is pretty and adorned with nice hanging baskets of flowers. Dansie's bar has attractive creepers on the walls with good parking space outside. Rosegreen School is well appointed with a splendid tarmac recreational yard and good landscaping to the front. The community hall is nicely set back from the road and is a good facility for the area, and I was reliably informed that amongst other activities children burn up the calories there practicing their dancing skills. I loved the name on the stone Nijinsky Park.

Landscaping and Open Spaces / Tírdhreachú agus Spásanna Oscailte:

Landscaping is excellent on the Cashel road. There are lots of brightly coloured containers of attractive flowers that are eye-catching, but I felt a little bit incongruous to the surroundings of this lovely village. I liked the floral arrangements against and outside the graveyard wall, and maybe you could cut back a bit on them as that brilliant

stone wall makes a significant statement in itself. These are personal views and not in any way meant as a criticism, and perhaps these containers could be coloured black or dark red, and you could get advice on this. You are congratulated for the effort to add freshness and colour to the surroundings. The raised green area across from the graveyard is attractive with the nice flower bed. The green open space on the Clonmel road has lovely shrubberies with trees and hedging near the handball alley and it is outstanding down outside the housing estate.

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

Your wild garden in the housing estate has a nice notice put there by Rosegreen Tidy Towns and surely has a lot of wildflowers and I noticed there some ragwort that can be quite invasive and you could consider pulling it up, but be careful with its disposal as it is poisonous for cattle even when wilting. I read about your bird boxes with 7 remaining and we wonder where the other three disappeared to. It is nice to see that two boxes are used and we find that it takes a few years for some of them to be used. We congratulate the children for doing this survey. I admired the new native hedging at the water tower. I did not see the butterfly gardens, especially on the Cashel road and it could be difficult to park there.

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

It is positive that the village is well serviced by waste management companies collecting recyclables and food waste. Tap water is not used and you are fortunate to have the use of a well by the local farmer – very good, and I note your plans to collect rainwater which you are carefully planning. The local school are playing an important role by collecting rainwater in their water butt, and with all the work being done in the green flag programmes the children, parents and teachers now have a responsible attitude to the betterment of the local environment. Your local carpenter is praised for his work for you on making flower boxes using recycled timber and paint collected. The bottle and clothes banks are being responsibly used.

There are 50 marks now available in this category, and many communities are setting up sub-committees to work solely in it to gain valuable extra marks. You can get further information on this at www.tidytowns.ie

Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:

The graveyard is presented in a tidy and orderly way with a beautiful entrance and this shows what can be achieved. The four bins are neat and tidy set on a concrete base in the car park. All the brilliant landscaping make for tidy and attractive aesthetics. You are congratulated for the work that is put into Tidiness to present Rosegreen to this state, and we realise that this did not happen overnight.

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

There is a beautiful landscape at the entrance to Rosemount Park estate where trees, hedging and splendid shrubberies make a big impact and make it a most picturesque setting. You could consider putting a name sign at the entrance. There are beautiful houses down from the water tower with great displays of shrubs, flowers and trees. You could also consider putting a sign for the name of the housing estate on the Fethard road.

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

There is a wonderful green open space on the Cashel Road that gives good views of oncoming traffic, it has well-manicured grass with healthy young trees and a good stone surrounded shrubbery, and we were delighted that this trend is continued on the Clonmel road. The flashing lights are great reminders of the schoolchildren, and the bollards here greatly assist with traffic management. The road surfaces are good on the main road but the Fethard road has an uneven surface on leaving the village.

Concluding Remarks:

This is a beautiful village and congratulations for the way you are keeping it and making all those improvements.