

Tidy Towns Competition 2017

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Moycullen** Ref: **966**
County: **Galway** Mark: **254**
Category: **D** Date(s): **12/07/2017**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2016	Mark Awarded 2017
Community Involvement & Planning	60	35	37
Built Environment and Streetscape	50	36	38
Landscaping and Open Spaces	50	31	32
Wildlife, Habitats and Natural Amenities	50	17	18
Sustainable Waste and Resource Management	50	10	12
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	52	53
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	50	32	33
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	50	30	31
TOTAL MARK	450	243	254

Community Involvement & Planning / Rannpháirtíocht an Phobail & Pleanáil:

Many thanks for your entry in this year's Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for participating in Ireland's biggest community project. You put a lot of time and effort into your entry this year and that is much appreciated. Be careful please with amount of content. You have submitted far more than is necessary and run the risk of having key materials overlooked through sheer volume.

Your entry in this category leaves the reader in no doubt as to the importance of the whole Tidy Towns project to your group and its place in Moycullen. You are involved in the town as evinced by your interaction with the schools and you have good links with other bodies, including local business. While you've only been participating in Tidy Towns for 6 years, your group has a place and a role now that is helping to enhance the town.

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

Here your role has been a very varied one and included discussions with business owners, promoting our first language and lobbying for improvements. This last role is a crucial one but often it is only longer established Tidy Towns groups that take this on. The adjudicator is delighted that you have adopted this role so early and to such good effect. Dereliction is an issue for every town and village and it is how this is dealt with is the key. Here, your persistence has paid off - well done. There will be other rounds no doubt. You have a variety of other tasks 'on the go'. These include trail maintenance, other empty premises and new name stones. The heritage trail is fantastic. Good luck with all of these.

Áras Uilinn is a hive of activity and good information for the visitor is to be found here too. The Coach House has gorgeous flowers is well-painted and has new-looking flags. The Forge is neat and tidy. The White Gables is beautiful and busy, even on a weekday night. Regan's Bar has lovely window-boxes. The Coop Building looks great but the curtilage is in need of help. The Connemara Marble premises both look great. The petrol station on the N59 is very well kept.

Landscaping and Open Spaces / Tírdhreachú agus Spásanna Oscailte:

Again, you have been busy here. You had every expectation of landscaping on the new footpath and cycleway and it has yet to happen. Now your group is one of the agents for addressing this. Other tasks you have taken on are the maintenance of existing flower beds and hanging baskets, weed control and invasive species management. This is all a lot for a voluntary group so work alongside the official agents wherever possible. The results of your wildflower gardening were seen on the N59. It looks really good, well done. Carry on encouraging householder to take on tree-planting projects. You could purchase native trees in bulk and offer these at a subsidised price to

householders.

A really nice bit of work was in evidence in front of the Pharmacy at the main junction.

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

Well done for instilling good ecological practice with your Fás team. The wildflower areas are a plus for insects as well as humans. The Killarainey Woods walkway sounds like an excellent project and congratulations on getting some funds to explore this further. The Blueway is also a project rich in potential. The old canal could be a wonderful amenity once more and you are advised to get behind this to whatever extent you think is suitable.

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

A good entry here Moycullen. You have included many items in this section of the competition. You are supporting the Greenway and that is great. These are fantastic projects with so many long-term benefits for all sectors of the community. You support public transport and second hand shopping. Recycling, car-pooling and the Men's Shed are among others. You have ticked several boxes here, well done. The community childcare centre has a Green Flag. Unusual but good to see.

Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:

Another good entry here. You held two Spring Cleans, with over 150 people participating! Well done. The Blueway is linked in here with anglers and kayakers helping out. Good stuff. Your stance on herbicides is admirable.

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

Thank you for your entry in this category but please look again at the information that you have supplied. Much of it is unrelated to the category and some of it has already been stated. That aside, it is clear that you have been busy. The (dare we say) simple task of repainting the name stones is quite an undertaking so well done. It is abundantly clear that you know your several estates very well and that you have a good understanding of what they require. Well done.

Woodlands, Pinewood and Elm Court are all so lovely estates. The green spaces are well kept and fantastic trees have been both maintained and planted here, including ash, alder and whitebeam. Pairc na gCaor is beautifully neat and leafy. The hoarding at the empty site beside Kebabish must be improved.

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

Your entry here includes many items. Some of which have been alluded to previously. However, it does underline how involved you have been with so many aspects of Moycullen over the last year. Transformative work has been carried out on the Galway side of Moycullen. The new work here has been very worthwhile and has spurred on others to play a part. This was very well described in your entry and may be seen on the ground. The hanging baskets over the new bridge look great.

Concluding Remarks:

Great efforts have been made in recent years. Much improvement is noted over the adjudicator's last visit here. You are fulfilling an important role in the evolution in Moycullen. This is much appreciated. Go n'eirigh libh.