

Tidy Towns Competition 2017

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Kildysart** Ref: **71**
County: **Clare** Mark: **295**
Category: **B** Date(s): **20/06/2017**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2016	Mark Awarded 2017
Community Involvement & Planning	60	40	40
Built Environment and Streetscape	50	45	45
Landscaping and Open Spaces	50	37	38
Wildlife, Habitats and Natural Amenities	50	23	24
Sustainable Waste and Resource Management	50	14	15
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	61	62
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	50	35	35
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	50	35	36
TOTAL MARK	450	290	295

Community Involvement & Planning / Rannpháirtíocht an Phobail & Pleanáil:

Thank you very much for the filled up entry form, map and additional information plus the lovely photographs. You could please show where those roads are leading to on next year's map and identify a few landmarks like the square and church and Ennis road.

Progress is assured from the support you are getting from the agencies and bodies headed by Clare County Council who are very supportive of the Tidy Towns competition. It is pleasing for us to learn that the competition is of such a benefit to you all in Kildysart. I read the other points you make in this category and this shows that you have a positive approach to the competition

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

We admired the lovely new shop front near Centra that certainly raises the profile of that area. Centra stands out in great condition with attractive hanging baskets and this trend is continued all around the square with shops newly painted and more were actually being painted. The Credit Union stands out in its new coat of paint. The school is well presented with a nice mural on the Ennis road; it had three empty flag poles. St John Bosco School is maintained in great condition and we admired the astro turf playing pitches up at the back. Grass clipping were dumped in at the back of the green on the hillside and this should be left where it falls from the mower in places like this, as otherwise it can cause pollution. Your children's playground is a good facility for the area. The workmanship on the building of the new entrance to the graveyard is of a high standard with the splendid new gate, however I would prefer if this stonework was done in the traditional style using local Kildysart stones and if further such works are envisaged I advise you to contact the OPW and local conservation officer for guidance. There is a lovely boundary wall at the GAA club and perhaps they could consider planting a few creeper shrubs against it for sustainability.

The community centre and parish hall stand out in great condition.

Landscaping and Open Spaces / Tírdhreachú agus Spásanna Oscailte:

Landscaping is beautiful in some areas with nice raised beds at intervals such as on the Ennis road where we also admired some mature trees. Tubs of flowers add sparkle at intervals and we were delighted with the great colour provided by the outstanding hanging baskets. The landscaping at the quay is of a high standard notably in the picnic area where the picnic furniture was outstanding. We loved the flowers around the anchor, and the houses down there are splendid with lovely half barrels a notable feature. There is a beautiful garden seat with a stone surround to the back of it at the corner going to the Quay. Other lovely landscaping stands out around the village and we congratulate all those who work to produce your lovely place in such wonderful condition.

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

We admire the great work being done by the science teacher Mr O'Donoghue and I read his paper which is very interesting; the children now have a good knowledge of the biodiversity of the area such as habitats. The recording of the plant and animal life was educational, and can be referred to in future studies. We are delighted to learn that the students got an appreciation of the estuary and how it was used by the Admiralty in 1850. We look forward to the result of the survey of the birds of the estuary. I visited the Quay and your work done there is appreciated.

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

I read the energy and waste efficiency measures being carried out at McMahons Pharmacy – very good. There is great work done in the green schools which means that all connected to these initiatives now have a good understanding of how best to protect the local environment. The information provided by the schools shows the great work that is being carried out.

Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:

Generally speaking Kildysart was clean, tidy and orderly with the splendid shops, houses and business houses maintained to a very high standard newly painted and again I mention the eye-catching hanging baskets. A noticeable feature was the poor standard of directional signage and an example of this was the sign outside the Garda Station for Coolmean and Labasheda. You could please bring this to the notice of the County Council as it gives a bad impression of your lovely place. I liked your timber front to the recycling bins, but it very disappointing to see the Japanese Knotweed growing so near there.

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

Barrack Court is indeed well finished with the new footpath and wall outside. I liked the houses and signage for Victory Row and felt that the same signage could be put on similar groups of houses. All the estates should have signage. Cluain Chormac is a nice estate but the trees in the green need attention and some will have to be replaced. There are lovely colourful town houses and some really outstanding houses on the outskirts and especially on the Ennis road.

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

We were delighted with the new signposts and the one near the GAA pitch really stands out in great condition. There are good footpaths and we welcome the new stretches of them. The square is pretty around the Peadar Clancy sculpture. The landscaping along the roadside makes for lovely scenery. We admired many traditional stone walls with the one on the left going out the coast road is outstanding and a great legacy from brilliant stone masons many years ago.

Concluding Remarks:

The combined effort by all makes Kildysart a great place to live in and visit. The picnic tables at the Quay make a big impression.