

Tidy Towns Competition 2017

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Creggs** Ref: **194**
County: **Galway** Mark: **274**
Category: **A** Date(s): **08/07/2017**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2016	Mark Awarded 2017
Community Involvement & Planning	60	37	38
Built Environment and Streetscape	50	36	37
Landscaping and Open Spaces	50	40	40
Wildlife, Habitats and Natural Amenities	50	33	35
Sustainable Waste and Resource Management	50	15	17
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	49	50
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	50	27	27
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	50	30	30
TOTAL MARK	450	267	274

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. Thank you for all of the detail supplied in your entry form this year. This was succinct and to the point. Thanks also for the very useful map. You have been participating in the competition since 1999 and have made great strides since then. Your ethos is made clear by your motto. Your links with other organisations shows that you are taken seriously and can usefully collaborate. You list biodiversity experts and the Heritage Council among these and this shows that you are taking good advice. Well done.

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

You have been busy in this category this year. Your projects have included several new walkways, new bilingual signage and new park furniture. The adjudicator loved the way that the old church and grounds open out onto the estate here. There are beautiful old oak trees here. It was wondered what the container here was for. There was no information on display at the Heritage Centre and an empty sign frame was seen at the back on the ground. The national school looked so good. The sunflower mural at the front was admired. The CS Parnell monument is very well kept and the information board is really interesting.

Landscaping and Open Spaces / Tírdhreachú agus Spásanna Oscailte:

Again, you set out your year's actions very clearly. You have a diverse range of areas to manage including a formal park, a wildlife park and containers within the village. There is nice rowan tree-planting at Glenamaddy Road.

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

An excellent entry here, well done. Congratulations on the superb signage in the wildlife park. These are among the best that this adjudicator has seen. They are made for your park and not in the least generic. You have had local experts giving talks, carried out a tree-planting and devised a walk. Good luck with the sustainable development award and you are wished every success with the planned virtual walk. Your Biodiversity Action Plan is accurate and succinct. A useful piece of work. The Wildlife/Heritage Park is excellent. The adjudicator loved the way that a long-distance walking route has been incorporated into this.

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

Another excellent entry here by Creggs Tidy Towns. There is no need to recount back to you the many initiatives that you have undertaken or schemes that you have underway. However, your description of the Food Waste Prevention Programme is really good and this is such an important area. Well done all.

Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:

Once again, a really good entry here. This is concise and to the point. It is clear that your work is well-focused. The Coinnigh Creaga Glan sign was admired. The bottle banks were in perfect order. While the village was almost entirely litter-free, there was litter behind the trailer in front of the GAA grounds. The finger signs were clean, as were the road signs.

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

Thank you for the detail provided here. It's great that Pairc an Teampall is almost complete. It's great to read about Irish communities welcoming newcomers. It's something we do well and should keep doing.

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

You have some projects in the making at the moment. These will help in increasing the safety of your roads for pedestrians and other users. Pursue these. The gates of the GAA grounds have been painted but there is unnecessary clutter in the grounds and it appears that some rubbish has been burned here. The roses at the front here look well. The RFC grounds were in perfect order. Watch out for 80kph signs that are askew on the Glinsk Road. Nice tree-planting was admired here. The Ballymoe Road sign is in need of repair.

Concluding Remarks:

This was a most enjoyable and truly interesting visit. You have created some excellent additions to your streetscape and you have great acknowledgement of your heritage. Well done.