

# Tidy Towns Competition 2018

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Eadestown** Ref: **101**  
County: **Kildare** Mark: **269**  
Category: **A** Date(s): **12/07/2018**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2017	Mark Awarded 2018
Community – Your Planning and Involvement	60	38	38
Streetscape & Public Places	50	33	34
Green Spaces and Landscaping	50	31	32
Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality	50	31	31
Sustainability – Doing more with less	50	16	18
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	55	55
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	50	30	31
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	50	30	30
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>269</b>

### Community – Your Planning and Involvement / An Pobal - Pleanáil agus Rannpháirtíocht:

Cuireann an moltóir seo fáilte roimh Eadestown Baile Eide chuig Comórtas na mBailte Slachtmhara SuperValu 2018 agus chuig Ceiliúradh 60 Bliain an Chomórtais. The village of Eadestown is welcomed to the SuperValu Tidy Towns Competition 2018. Thank you for your application form, map and legend which assisted the adjudication of your Village. Your Committee of four members and four volunteers help to complete various Tidy Towns works in the village meeting up to carry out these works on up to 2-3 nights a week - this is a great commitment from such a small group. Your involvement in Tidy Towns has brought tangible benefits to your Community such as the provision of a wildlife area and an enhancement and planting of the village car park area which has added greatly to the beauty of your village. There is a Green Flag Officer in place to engage with the local school and to foster improved engagement with younger people.

### Streetscape & Public Places / Sráid-Dreach & Áiteanna Poiblí:

The Captain Tickell monument is a very distinctive landmark in the centre of the village and was enhanced with good landscaping. Perhaps an information board on Captain Tickell and his association with Eadestown could be erected here in the future. The monument itself could do with some painting and freshening up. The levelling of a heap of gravel and the painting of wooden doors facing onto this space would enhance the surrounds here. Rathmore National School was visited and the presentation of the school grounds was excellent. The clothes banks could however, be repainted to improve their appearance. The islands in the school car park area are a little bare and the planting of small trees on these islands would improve the overall presentation of the car-park and school. The graveyard was visited and the presentation of the entrance with painted wall and gates was excellent. The car parking area to the front was also well surfaced.

### Green Spaces and Landscaping / Spásanna Glasa agus Tírdhreachú:

The landscaping in the Church car park was excellent. The new planting scheme was very well maintained and the surface of the car park was equally finished to a very good standard. The line of conifer planting along the bank to the front of the church car park created a real feature here which caught the eye of the passing motorist. The Church grounds were also visited and the newly completed disabled parking bays, footpath and the maintenance of the grounds all created a great feeling of a special place within the village which was wonderfully cared for. The conifer planting and cherry blossom trees in the vicinity of the entrance to the Church were growing well and no doubt provide a great show of colour here at springtime.

### Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality / An Dúlra agus an Bhithéagsúlacht i do cheantar:

The Wildlife garden area and 1916 memorial garden was visited and it was heartening to see the trees that you have planted in memory of those signatories of the Proclamation who gave their lives for Irish freedom. To ease maintenance work here, it would be a good idea to replace the timber surround on this feature as it has deteriorated in condition. A stone surround to this monument would be preferable and would help reduce future maintenance requirements – perhaps this work could be done over the winter months. The timber wildlife sign also needs to be maintained and refreshed. Another suggestion you might consider is to remove a number of the existing trees located close to the road to make the wildlife area, including the old farm machinery, more visible to the public. Unfortunately, the wooden trough planters here have suffered from the effects of the recent drought conditions.

### **Sustainability – Doing more with less / Inmharthanacht - Mórán ar an mbeagán:**

The sustainability garden at Rathmore National School with its polytunnel and herb/vegetable beds was a gem and one of the best school gardens seen this year - well done to all concerned here. The wall art on the frontage of the school was particularly admired. The clothes banks at the school seem to be operating well. It is noted that you hold a 'bric a brac' sale at Punchestown Racecourse each year which allows people to exchange and re-use household items. For next year under this category you could consider further initiatives such as car-pooling or providing a park and ride facility in the local car-park, promoting the use of low carbon vehicles or providing cycle parking facilities in the village. The greater use of water butts and rainfall storage tanks for the watering of private gardens, the school garden, the wildlife area and flower tubs in the village during the dry Summer period, might also be encouraged. The Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland website has good information in relation to the development of Better Energy Communities.

### **Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:**

The central part of the village of Eadestown is generally clean and tidy and no litter was noted. The road sign at the entrance of the village requires cleaning and some of the other road signs are obscured by hedgerows and other vegetation. The timber planter boxes in places are beginning to deteriorate and should be replaced. The fingerpost road signs at the main road junction are too numerous and may give rise to some driver confusion here. Well done to all those who undertake the daily litter patrol – this is working well for the presentation of your village.

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

The attractive small residential developments in the village are excellently presented such as at Garters Hill estate. Caureen View estate was also admired. Particularly noteworthy here was the closely clipped conifer hedges and stone wall which enhanced the entrance to the estate and in the wooded area there was an unusual planting of ferns under the trees.

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

Road surfaces on the approaches to Eadestown and footpaths within the village area are generally in a good condition. The granite Fáilte sign is a nice feature on the approach, however, this needs painting and a freshen up. Some boundary walls facing the road e.g. near the Church have been splattered with dirt over the winter months due to the passing traffic and would benefit from powerwashing and painting.

### **Concluding Remarks:**

The improvements carried out in Eadestown this year have had a very positive impact on the village and you are now progressing in the competition. Keep up the good work.