

# Tidy Towns Competition 2021

## Adjudication Report

Centre: <b>Drogheda - Droichead Átha</b>	Ref: <b>491</b>
County: <b>Louth</b>	Mark: <b>342</b>
Category: <b>H</b>	Date(s): <b>30/08/2021</b>

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2021
Community – Your Planning and Involvement	60	55
Streetscape & Public Places	60	46
Green Spaces and Landscaping	60	46
Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality	50	42
Sustainability – Doing more with less	50	22
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	58
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	50	36
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	50	37
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>342</b>

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

Fáilte Chuig Comórtas na mBailte Slachtmhara SuperValu 2021. Táimid buíoch daoibh as ucht na hiontrála a chur chugainn. Go raibh maith agaibh as ucht bhur dtacaíocht le linn na paindéime. Lean leis an dea-obair. Welcome to the 2021 SuperValu TidyTowns competition. Thank you for your entry and for your commitment to your place in these difficult times. Keep up the great work. Please be assured that although I may not mention specific projects from your application in this adjudication report, all works have been taken account of in your marks awarded

You have 10 core members involved in your committee what an impressive 50 additional members who volunteer. Your meetings are well organized. You have a long list of different organisations that support your work. Use of an Adopt an Area program is a good way for large center to encourage people to get involved in their area on their door step.

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

You have a long list of maintained projects in this category which is encouraging to hear. In next year's application please put the new projects first, like the works carried out at Saint Peters Church. Please number the new projects sequentially through your application form and then use the same numbers on your map so that your adjudicator can find the sites easily. The numbers in your current application are not sequential and this will prove quite difficult for next years adjudicator to follow and to see the projects on the ground. If you wish to indicate landmarks or other such features on your map, please use a different notation, such as letters or symbols.

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

Congratulations on the securing of funding to rejuvenate the Glen area on the north side of Drogheda. Please include before and after pictures after works carried out in next year's application. You help maintain areas such as the Princess Grace Rose Garden and John Stanley 1916 garden. Well done on the Green Flag award. A new piece of sculpture that is a tribute to Thomas Charles Wright has been put in place. I wish you luck in securing funding for The Mollies/The Dale project.

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

It might be worth considering drafting a separate map of your work over the years in this category. this will help your adjudicator to see the progress that has been made overtime and also to target areas where gaps appear. A simple habitat map could be overlaid on this information and this will help you to plan locations for new projects in the coming years. The project involving Amazon sounds exciting and should help set in place a framework for best

practice management of similar sites for the benefit of wildlife.

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

Well done to all 17 schools participating in the Green Schools program and their work on the no waste lunchbox which has been rubbing off on their parents. You also linked up with the Trashion Fashion competition unlinked in with the Green Fleadh in 2018 and 2019 which has resulted in a reduction in use of single use plastic bottles.

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

Your Adopt an Area campaign should be hugely successful with over 150 volunteers focusing on their specific areas. This is a great way of raising general awareness in the community of the difference that an individual can make to the appearance of their local area. It is great to hear that Louth County Council has eliminated the use of herbicides from their weed spraying program. Please give details in next year's application of how this has been achieved and what alternatives are being used so does other groups can hear of how to implement this practice.

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

It is good to hear that residential housing areas are taking on board the creation of biodiversity areas within their estates. Drogheda Looking Good campaign is a great way to promote and reward best practice throughout the wider community.

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

You are putting in place a well coordinated system to deal with the many approach roads to your large center. You have an active plan under development to improve the tree major roundabout junctions to the town. Please include before and after pictures of this work in next year's application.

### **Concluding Remarks:**

Thank you again for this year's application and we look forward to seeing the progression of your plans over the coming years.