

# Tidy Towns Competition 2021

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Kilteevan - Cill Taobháin** Ref: **2189**  
County: **Roscommon** Mark: **301**  
Category: **A** Date(s): **14/08/2021**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2021
Community – Your Planning and Involvement	60	39
Streetscape & Public Places	60	41
Green Spaces and Landscaping	60	39
Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality	50	34
Sustainability – Doing more with less	50	22
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	58
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	50	32
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	50	36
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>301</b>

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

Fáilte Chuig Comórtas na mBailte Slachtmhara Super Valu 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

Thank you for your excellent entry form with accompanying 3 year plan and maps that indicate work done, work in progress and places of interest in your village and its surrounds.

The adjudicator deduces from the 2019 report that you cover a wide area in your work programme.

This adjudicator was in your area a number of years back recalls that it was more rural that most villages in that there was no core area as such except for a national school and RC Church.

I may be wrong in my assumption and if so I stand corrected.

Your introductory paragraph is noted and indeed this adjudicator will do his utmost to reflect the work that you are involved in the most objective way.

The Sustainable Development Goals are at the heart of the United Nation's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

These goals address the global challenges we face, including poverty, inequality, climate change and other key environmental issues. In 2021, Tidy Towns has adopted these goals and has integrated these into the competition which now asks participating groups to demonstrate which goals their projects and actions help to meet.

It is good to report that you have taken on board the importance of the goals – Act local think global.

At this juncture I have to compliment the writer and contributors who put this entry form together as it actually tells a story of your community in a nicely written narrative.

There is lot of content to read and assess but the adjudicator has to pick out the salient points as per the guidelines and comment accordingly.

Also one has to acknowledge the exceptionally well put together 3 year plan which is both practical and achievable in its objectives and actions.

The links included were visited and the Web page of Kilteevan Development Community Group is managed and populated in a very professional manner – well done to those people entrusted the management of this excellent web presence.

Well done to that Senior member of your committee for suggesting entering Pride of Place and wasn't that lady's suggestion well justified.

Lots of good practical support was give by you the committee to keep the spirits high during the restrictive and trying times of the enforced lockdown.

For this the adjudicator has nominated you as one of the top 5 in the county for this award.

The number of people involved in your work between committee and volunteers is as they would say in this neck of the woods "mighty and massive".

The adjudicator would be slightly concerned at how you manage this amount of people in a small community.

Anyway it seems to work judging by your submission.

Your contribution to inclusivity aka your involvement with the Brothers of Charity is noted.

I've already mentioned your excellent website and the other forms of communication are a mix of the established combined with the different social media platforms.

You have an impressive list of agencies, public bodies and most importantly local business and organisations that support your efforts.

The Junior and School involvement is well served and one notes your adherence to the Child and Vulnerable Adult Policy.

The 11 new projects have been noted and will be referred to if relevant under other categories.

Kilteeven Tidy Towns has certainly achieved a high standing in the competition since your first entered 7 years ago.

Thanks for your endorsement of the competition and what it has done for your community.

An additional 2 marks is awarded in this category.

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

The adjudicator has based his assessment in this category on the narrative and the attached photographs and of course the maps which indicate where work was done.

The Cloonlarge Loop is major project that impacts on all categories and is a major feather in the cap of the Committee and indeed the Community as a whole.

One can only get a limited picture in one's mind from description and photographs so a visit in a time not so distant is on the cards for this adjudicator.

That is the beauty of being a Tidy Towns adjudicator you get to find the gems of hidden Ireland that can be enjoyed later at ones leisure.

Well done on getting some major infrastructural works such as roads and paths resurfaced as well as new walls constructed

The new Loop Trail Bilingual Information panel and the attractive Way Finders are of high quality and the adjudicator likes the contrast of colours.

Well done on the ongoing protective maintenance and conservation work on the Medieval Church in Kilteeven Graveyard funding from the Heritage Council well spent.

Committee members who are involved in the upkeep of other public buildings such as the RC Church, Community Centre and the old Foroige building are to be commended for their sustained and committed work.

An additional mark is awarded for being able to mobilize people to get works completed during the last two years.

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

The 2019 report on this category was complimentary of the maintenance work that you as a committee had undertaken over the period under consideration.

The Decade of Centenaries Memorial Garden in the Grounds of Community Centre was a major undertaking for the community and the link visited by the adjudicator gave a great insight to the project and its conception.

It is also noted that this project was completed during a very short timescale making allowances for possible interruptions along the way.

Tom Brady certainly looks as if he did dance to his heart's content.

Well done on your other planting initiatives that enhanced the landscape of the area and the choice of that species of hawthorn tree was spot on as the adjudicator has experience of its positive benefits after being involved in planting a stretch of roadway verge near his home a few years back.

The other maintenance work on upgrading flower beds and pruning of trees was noted and viewed on the attached photographs.

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

Good wildlife advice and communication of the importance of the local wildlife heritage to the local community is so important as it makes people aware of the wildlife habitats that exist in their immediate vicinity and the need to preserve them in line with best practice.

As was the case in 2019 this adjudicator was impressed with the extensive list and the quality of mini projects that you have been engaged in.

To be honest because of the brevity of the overall report the adjudicator is unable to comment on all of the input but instead chose a few that appealed for different reasons.

At this juncture one has to state that this was one of the most impressive entries that this adjudicator has encountered in this category over the last number of years and merits an increase of 3 marks on the 2019 mark.

The Deck Board Walk, Library -Art Box Biodiversity/Information is a very creative and impressive project and one that the adjudicator hasn't come across before

The Funding €20,000 sourced from Peatlands Community Engagement Scheme (PCES) was certainly value for money and the project is rightly highlighted on the Community website as having been a major achievement for all who were involved in bringing it to fruition

The Biodiversity Calendars for 2021 pictured and again featured on the website and the one being prepared for 2022 are major undertakings for any small community and there is so much involved such as information research, photography, design, proof reading and actual print production.

All one can add is immense credit to all involved in the production and one envies your ability to leverage funding for various schemes such as the PCES which the adjudicator is not that familiar with.

Then again one learns something new every day.

Good to note that you were asked share our knowledge experiences and

learning with other community groups in Galway, Roscommon and Limerick and Westmeath a testament to your

work in this category

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

The adjudicator feels at this stage that Kiltewan Tidy Towns Committee should be held up as an example of a small and indeed very rural community that has achieved so much in such a short time since it first entered the competition just over 7 years ago such is the scope of activities that you have been involved in.

Much of what you have submitted here is similar to what the adjudicator has seen in other centres.

Committees have got to grips with this category over the last few years and “the concept of doing more with less” is now well understood.

The adjudicator felt that the Bird Boxes- A gift to Lilliput Way were very much part of this category as well as Nature and Biodiversity

The Green and Free Table and Kiltewan Tidy Towns involvement in the Global Action March in Roscommon in late 2019 have been noted

The positive reaction to the suggestion by the 2019 adjudicator to consider a new planting arrangement at a specific point was also noted and well done on taking this suggestion on board and acting upon it

Well done to Kiltewan National School on establishing a Community Garden despite Covid and Planning permission delays

The Silver Incredible Edible School Award, brilliant name, is new to this adjudicator and again well done to all at National School children and their caring teachers on this award

At this stage we will reiterate what was stated in the 2019 report “For further idea generation and to come up with some novel ideas for your community do consult the following: [www.localprevention.ie](http://www.localprevention.ie) be [www.greenhomes.ie](http://www.greenhomes.ie) and [www.sustainableprocessing.ie](http://www.sustainableprocessing.ie)” for ideas generation and wish you further success with new projects in the future.

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

The guidelines in this category under the separate heading of Tidiness and Litter Control are pretty straightforward.

Without repeating them back to you the adjudicator is of the opinion judging by the bullet points inputs plus photographs that you have well adhered to these over the last two years .

Dog Fouling the scourge of the pandemic is being tackled as best as possible in communities all over the country so well done on engaging with Roscommon Council re possible solutions that would be suitable to your community. You are wished well with the proposed Green Dog Walkers Campaign a campaign that has taken off around the country.

It is noted that all signs were washed and that you do regular litter picks which may have been difficult for older members during the lock down.

This category benefits best from an adjudicator walkabout but well done on what you have submitted as it seems that you have things under control in matters of Tidiness and Litter Control.

An additional mark has been awarded.

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

The 2019 report referred to the following “You were also saved the scourge that other parts of rural Ireland had to put up with “boom time” inappropriate housing developments that were foisted on communities without much consideration being given local concerns”

You are so lucky that the nature of the areas does not obviously lend itself to such irrational planning.

The bullet pointed inserts suggest that the committee is very much offering encouragement to all local residents to present properties, gardens and side areas in an acceptable fashion.

The lock down of course triggered off a surge of refurbishment and repainting and the country probably never looked as well – all that is needed now is the chance to go and enjoy the change.

As you rightly state judges visiting does have a positive impact and there is nothing more that this adjudicator would like to have done is to visit Kiltewan rather than to have to make do with an online entry ,excellent and all that it maybe

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

Excellent work in this category as submitted complete with photographs.

Well done on maintaining the traditional forge in its original form I grew up across the road from such a heritage building complete with outside banding stone.

Unfortunately it was raised to the ground and replaced with unsuitable housing - enough said.

The landowner that allowed to plant clematis at the back of the block wall featured in your photograph he or she deserves great credit.

“Wisdom is planting a tree in whose shade you know you will never sit. A gift for the future!” how wonderful that saying is.

Finally thank you for a wonderful virtual tour.

### **Concluding Remarks:**

A visit to Kiltewan is definitely on my immediate wish list.

What a great entry and to see what has been achieved in 7 years.

The Community of Kiltewan should be rightly proud of its achievements over that time.

You are wished well for the future years ahead

