Tidy Towns Competition 2025

Adjudication Report

Centre:	**Cutbush - An Tom Gearrtha**	Ref:	**2297**
County:	**Kildare**	Mark:	**240**
Category:	**B**	Date(s):	**04/07/2025**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2025
Community – Your Planning and Involvement	80	30
Streetscape & Public Places	80	33
Green Spaces and Landscaping	80	28
Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality	55	25
Sustainability – Doing more with less	55	17
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	47
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	55	35
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	55	25
TOTAL MARK	**550**	**240**

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

Fáilte chuig Comórtas Bhailte Slachtmhara SuperValu 2025. Go raibh maith agaibh as bhur iarratas a chur isteach. Maith sibh don obair atá déanta agaibh in bhur cheantar go dtí seo - guímid gach rath oraibh i bhur dtionscadail amach anseo. Ádh mór. Cutbrush is welcomed to the Supervalu Tidy Towns Competition for 2025. Thank you for your application and map. It is good to see new entrants to the competition and it is hoped that you will value your participation and it will help you to develop and enhance your village with various projects. Presently you have a committee of four members and a large number of volunteers who have regular meetings to organise and discuss relevant projects. The roads of the village and approach roads, including footpaths are your priority at present. This is important for the health and safety of the community. There is ongoing support from Kildare County Council and other agencies on everything from advice to funding. The village has a three to five-year plan, helping them to focus on future projects to develop and enhance the village, with facilities to meet the needs of a growing population. This development is open to all ages to get involved through the Tidy Towns, in making the village a better place to live in and visit.

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

The village was busy on day of adjudication, working on your number one project, footpaths and roads. There was a mix of old and new housing developments all blending together to bring their own charm and character to the streetscape. St Brigid's National school looks bright and welcoming. The Bush Lounge an important facility for the community to come together, was admired. The old schoolhouse was also noted, an important part of the village heritage and it is good to see it being preserved. The village pump which was enhanced with colourful plants was admired. The village needs to define the boundary with entrance signs on all roads leading to the village. The signs if uniform in design look more attractive. Landscaping at these signs helps to provide a welcome for those visiting the village. Part of your plan also includes the preservation of heritage sites in and around the village.

Green Spaces and Landscaping / Spásanna Glasa agus Tírdhreachú:

The natural boundary of the village of native trees and hedging is complemented by some colourful landscaping, noted at private homes and throughout the village. Your plan is to develop more raised beds of pollinator friendly plants that will bring colour and interest to the streetscape. Groups are encouraged to ground plant where feasible as it is more economical and also requires less watering. Containers in keeping with the village and placed on hard core are great to brighten up an area. The planting of pollinator friendly perennials which includes bulbs bring year round interest and colour to the streetscape.

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

The trees, hedging and stone walls of the village provide natural habitats for wildlife. It is important to protect and manage these habitats. Planting of native trees, hedging and pollinator friendly plants will add to the good biodiversity already in existence. Getting the school involved in projects such as erecting bird boxes and monitoring their use is important. Groups are also encouraged to host walks and talks to show an appreciation of local species and habitats. Sometimes the community are not aware of the wildlife that is in their midst. Planting along the road where the sheep roam could be a problem.

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

This category is about making your area more sustainable by your actions. Most communities are doing these actions every day and sometimes do not realise it. The school are aware of sustainability as part of the Green School initiative, from composting to saving water and energy and also walking, cycling and using public transport. The re-turn scheme is another example of saving which has proved very popular. Segregating waste after spring clean- up days and recycling where possible is another way of saving. Food waste bins are being encouraged by most waste companies to help reduce waste. Do remember to document all projects in this category otherwise the adjudicator will not know about them.

Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:

The village has a good plan already in place on the control of litter. No litter was noted on day of adjudication. Holding a Spring clean-up day helps to motivate the community and create awareness on the harm that litter can do to the environment and in particular to our waterways. Hopefully you will see the amount of litter being collected in your clean-up days reducing and it will show that your plan is working. Dog owners are also encouraged to clean up after their pets.

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

The houses along the approach roads are well presented with neat gardens and brightly painted facades. The housing along the streetscape and estates were also well presented. Holding a best kept garden or estate competition helps to encourage and reward the residents in maintaining their homes and surroundings. The residents are commended for the work they are doing in presenting their homes to such a high standard.The houses along the approach roads are well presented with neat gardens and brightly painted facades. The housing along the streetscape and estates were also well presented. Holding a best kept garden or estate competition helps to encourage and reward the residents in maintaining their homes and surroundings. The residents are commended for the work they are doing in presenting their homes to such a high standard.

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

As stated previous new entrance signs for the village are part of your village plan and will define the village boundary as well as enhancing the approach roads. Grass verges were neat. Trees, hedging and stone walls forming part of the village boundary were admired. Work on footpaths was in progress on day of adjudication, which will add to the health and safety of the community and also enhance the streetscape.

Concluding Remarks:

The village have a good three to five-year plan in place, that will help to focus the community on projects, that will improve facilities for those living and visiting Cutbrush. Do ensure all sections of the Tidy Towns application form are completed. You are off to a flying start and you are wished well in the future.