

Tidy Towns Competition 2013

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Sandymount**

Ref: **946**

County: **Dublin(City)**

Mark: **264**

Category: **B**

Date(s): **13/06/2013**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2012	Mark Awarded 2013
Overall Development Approach	50	35	35
The Built Environment	50	40	40
Landscaping	50	32	33
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	18	18
Litter Control	50	32	34
Sustainable Waste And Resource Management	20	4	4
Tidiness	30	20	20
Residential Areas	40	35	35
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	38	38
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	400	261	264

Overall Development Approach:

Sandymount is welcomed to the Supervalu Tidy Towns Competition 2013. Thank you for your completed application form, map and images all of which were helpful to the adjudicator. Well done on the frequency of your meeting and on the weekly Meithals. Your committee of 10 benefits from good local volunteer support. There is a comprehensive series of festival and events in Sandymount and this will assist further in harnessing community spirit. As a relatively inexperienced group you are commended on your methodical approach, focussing on central areas prior to extending the adjudication zone. Well done on the engagement with local businesses agencies and schools. It is also encouraging to not the use of email, Facebook and Twitter as this reduces paper usage. Your inclusive approach to activities is commended and through time this will instill a true sense of pride of place in Sandymount. In preparation for the 2014 competition please consider preparing a 3-year plan under the competition adjudication headings. This will establish a clear framework and can be easily updated year on year.

The Built Environment:

The coastal superb of Sandymount displays a wide range of architecture radiating from the central triangle. You are commended for your work in encouraging the local shopkeepers to participate actively in Dublin City Neighbourhood Competition, congratulation on achievements thusfar. Please ensure to include a copy of the historic landscape study with next years submission. Liasing with DCC will be an intrinsic part of your progress as they can potentially assist with vacant or derelict properties. Sandymount House looks well and O'Reilly's was admired for their wonderful seasonal blooms.

Landscaping:

The village green is a wonderful amenity. Dublin City Council workers were busy planting bedding plants as the adjudicator passed. The Green was immaculate and it is hoped that this standard of presentation will gradually spread to business premises and residences alike. An empty planter at Bennetts Auctioneers should be planted up or removed as it detracts form the area. The grounds of the Sister of Charity were greatly admired.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Sandymount is in the enviable position of having a seaside resource and promenade. This affords you with a

significant opportunity to do very well in this section of the competition. In order to optimise points it will be necessary to develop a Biodiversity plan for the area and ensure its implementation/management. This should be done in association with the relevant department of Dublin City Council. Until this is possible perhaps engage with some of the schools in conducting a tree/wildlife survey in the green or other designated area.

Litter Control:

Litter control is good in Sandymount. Your bi-weekly picks are commended and are paying dividends. Please ensure that this litter is being segregated and recycled. As with any urban setting some small scatterings were noted. Well done on your proactive approach to litter control during events in the AVIVA stadium. It is great to see that you participate in An Taisce Spring Clean also.

Sustainable Waste And Resource Management:

Congratulations are extended to the schools on attaining Green Flag status. Please provide more information on which schools and how many flag with next year's submission.

Tidiness:

You are commended for the programme to ensure the removal of cable ties from poles – attention to detail is important. Well done on your graffiti removal work however, some was noted on Durham Road and Guilford Drive. A vacant premises beside Hacketts had an unsightly amount of fly posting. Please continue to liaise with DCC in relation to weed management of kerbs.

Residential Areas:

There is a stark variance in the presentation of properties throughout Sandymount. General advice is to ensure that boundary walls and capping are in a good state of repair and are painted where appropriate. Weed management in driveways is important. The plant sale in May is a good way to encourage an injection of colour as the season's progress. Windermere was admired for its crisp presentation, which is understated but effective.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

It is great to see that you are researching the conservation of granite plinths. Many of the roads in Sandymount are concrete and vary in the quality of the surface. Close collaboration with DCC will ensure that all opportunities to improve paths or roads is optimised.

General Impression:

Sandymount is in its third year of competition entry and it will take time to bring the entire community on board. You are making good progress and we look forward to continued success in the coming years. Keep up the good work!