

# Tidy Towns Competition 2015

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Weston Gardens** Ref: **2197**  
County: **Limerick** Mark: **198**  
Category: **A** Date(s): **16/06/2015**

	<b>Maximum Mark</b>	<b>Mark Awarded 2015</b>
Community Involvement & Planning	60	30
Built Environment and Streetscape	50	24
Landscaping and Open Spaces	50	25
Wildlife, Habitats and Natural Amenities	50	18
Sustainable Waste and Resource Management	50	9
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	42
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	50	26
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	50	24
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>198</b>

### **Community Involvement & Planning / Rannpháirtíocht an Phobail & Pleanáil:**

Weston Gardens Estate is very welcome to the 2015 Tidy Towns competition and we hope you will benefit from the participation. Thank you for the filled up entry form and map of the area. I note you have 6 committee members and plenty meetings are being held to monitor progress and plan ahead. The assistance of Limerick City and County Council environment section and office of regeneration plus ESB Depot is a big help and I recommend that you contact Sinead McDonnell at the environment section of the council as she is very experienced in Tidy Towns matters and will point you in the right direction. You are fulfilling an important role in keeping the community informed of developments in the estate. It is disappointing to hear that your area was accidentally omitted from last year's competition.

You are complimented for standing up for your estate and ensuring that the houses in question are restored. I saw from the lovely photographs supplied the great work that you are doing and it was a pleasure to visit the area and enjoy the fruits of your hard work.

### **Built Environment and Streetscape / An Timpeallacht Thógtha agus Sráid-dreacha:**

I loved the Grotto and it looks so crisp and fresh with the distinctive deep blue colour. Your place is really a housing estate, but it is well designed with easy access. You supplied some interesting information about the history of the estate. The new street lighting is a great addition and well done to you for following up on it. There is a lovely mural in the estate.

### **Landscaping and Open Spaces / Tírdhreachú agus Spásanna Oscailte:**

It is delightful to learn that the two children propagated the two horse chestnut trees and we know from experience that the children will have respect for them in the years to come. The elder and whitethorns could mature well and add colour and freshness to the locality. It is a pity that your memorial garden was vandalised, and we hope you can finish it off for the satisfaction of the residents. I felt that there is scope in that large open space leading up to the boundary of the church for further development with landscaping, but I feel it is too large for a housing estate. Perhaps a number of trees could be put there plus arrangements of groups of shrubs.

### **Wildlife, Habitats and Natural Amenities / Fiadhúlra, Gnáthóga agus Taitneamhachtaí Nádúrtha:**

Your comments on the bats is very interesting especially that they are feeding in that beautiful Baggott Estate. I enjoy the odd trip myself to that Baggott Estate and find it so relaxing to stroll around and enjoy the wildlife of the area. Now I can look out for bats on my next visit, thank you. You supplied lovely photographs of the two hedgehogs, and I was looking out for them next during my visit as it is a long time since I saw a hedgehog.

**Sustainable Waste and Resource Management / Bainistiú Acmhainní agus Dramhaíola Inbhuanaithe:**

I read your comments about the illegal dumping and have dealt with it under the Tidiness section. Well done for sorting out the waste items and recycling the suitable material at the Mungret recycling centre. It is positive to participate in the seminars organised by the environment section of the county council. Composting is the way forward and you could further educate the people on how best to do this, by for instance, holding a workshop that demonstrates that to achieve the best results we must mix green kitchen waste with brown waste like hedge clippings, and also by turning it occasionally; more information is available on this from the county council. Compost reduces the amount of waste going to landfill, and produces good material for the vegetable and flower gardens, plus it cuts down on spending money on such like material.

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

we are pleased to find that you are doing a good job on the tidiness of the area. The pictures supplied are positive proof of the efforts made. It is great to see the involvement of the children and we know from other areas that when young people do work in their locality they are proud of what is achieved and have greater respect for these places in later life. The Limerick County and City Council could be of assistance to you to overcome the problem with dumping.

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

I must again refer to your photographs supplied and congratulate you on the work that you are doing to keep the area in good condition, and it was educational to see where you are working. I saw the houses that were damaged and we look forward to seeing them restored to their former glory.

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

The roads are in good condition in and around the estate with wide spaces at the sides to assist with safety while driving by giving a good view. The pavements are in great condition making for safety for the pedestrians

**Concluding Remarks:**

You are commended for taking interest in your local area, well done.