



## TidyTowns Newsletter Issue 5 - 2019

Dear TidyTowns Committee,

We hope at this stage of the year you are getting to take a break from the hectic TidyTowns schedule over the last number of months, but we do understand that TidyTowns is a 24/7 commitment and there is always some project to be commenced, planned or maintained. We will not find the winter months passing by and before we know it, talk of the launch of the 2020 competition will be in the air.

Before we talk of next year's competition there are a number of things we have to attend to. We are in the process of issuing payment of all prize winners following the announcement of results back in September. We have issued letters to some of you to gather your bank details, if you haven't returned these forms already, can you please do so in order to ensure our prizemoney issues to you.

### 2019 Regional Awards Ceremonies.

In addition to prizemoney, there are of course the awards themselves. We will be holding four regional awards ceremonies in the coming weeks, they will be as follows;

- Blackrock Co. Louth on Tuesday November 12<sup>th</sup> in Blackrock Haggardstown Community Centre.
- Glaslough Co. Monaghan on Monday November 18<sup>th</sup> in the Oakland Community Centre.
- Terryglass Co. Tipperary on Monday November 25<sup>th</sup> in Terryglass Community Hall.

Invitations to these events have issued, so if you are a winner in the 2019 competition and have not received your invitation, please contact the TidyTowns unit immediately.

The date for the event in Ennis Co. Clare has not yet been finalised but as soon as it is, invitation will issue.

We look forward to meeting with all winners at these events in the coming weeks.

## Ireland's Tidiest Town 2019



Warmest Congratulations are extended to our friends in Glaslough who for the second time have been named Ireland's Tidiest Town. Having won the title some 41 years ago it goes to show the commitment and dedication that exists in TidyTowns committees. Glaslough have a very successful track record in the competition and all their hard work has now paid the highest of dividends, that ultimate prize of being crowned Ireland's Tidiest Town for 2019. No doubt the celebrations are still ongoing and we look forward to meeting with you all at the regional awards ceremony on November 18<sup>th</sup>.

## Communities in Bloom 2019

We also send our congratulations to the The TidyTowns committee in Malahide who represented Ireland this year in the Communities in Bloom competition. Malahide received a 5 Blooms – Bronze rating and a special

mention for Malahide Castle Botanical Garden & Butterfly House during the 2019 National/International Symposium and Awards Ceremonies in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia which were held on September 28th. Malahide participated in the International Challenge Medium category along with Leighton-Linslade in Bloom UK; Mosonmagyaróvár Hungary; Nivelles Belgium and Stratford in Canada.



## Entente Florale 2019



On Saturday September 28<sup>th</sup> in Haus in Austria a great night of celebration took place when the results of the 2019 Entente Florale competition were announced. Both Listowel and Mulranny did us all proud and walked away with a Silver medal each. In addition to the medals, Mulranny received the President's award for the Old Irish Goat project. Both Mulranny and Listowel also received special certificates for projects they had presented to the Jury during their visit. Childers Park in Listowel were noted,

as too was the environmental approach of the Green Plan Team in Mulranny. Congratulations to both centres for representing Ireland to a very high standard on the European stage.

## 2019 Entries

We would like to advise that all hard copy material that was submitted as part of your entry for the 2019 SuperValu TidyTowns competition will be returned to you later in the year.

## 2019 TidyTowns Grant Funding

At the announcement of the 2019 awards back in September, Minister Ring announced a funding package of €1.4 Million for TidyTowns groups. To be eligible for this funding a TidyTowns committee would have had to have entered the competition in either of the last three years, i.e. 2017, 2018 or this year 2019. Funding of between €1,000 and €4,000 is available depending on the size of your centre. Letters have been issued to all eligible groups, we would encourage you to complete the application form and return it to Pobal, who are administering the funding on our behalf. When completing the form please do not reference any other projects you are involved in only those that you propose to complete as part of the funding. So if you qualify for a grant of €1,000, only include projects to the value of €1,000.

## Social Media

As advised previously the use of social media is ever increasing and is a great vehicle in which to share information. Can we remind you all to follow us on Facebook and Twitter for updates and information via the following;



<https://www.facebook.com/OfficialSuperValuTidyTowns>



<https://twitter.com/TidyTownsIre>

As referenced in previous newsletters we would like to feature some of the great work you do throughout the year, so if you have any news features or projects you have undertaken and have some photographs or video clips to share with us, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please forward any items of interest to us at [tidytowns@drcd.gov.ie](mailto:tidytowns@drcd.gov.ie) **please note**, only forward material to us if you are happy for us to share it on our website or social media forums. We are aware of great work being done by communities in the areas of sustainability, inclusivity and biodiversity and so many of you have done great work in association with the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan, why not share this with us so we can tell everyone else about the fantastic efforts being put in by TidyTowns committees throughout the country.

## Logo

We would like to remind all committees that the SuperValu TidyTowns logo has been updated. The logo is shown below and this is the only logo going forward that should be used in all signage, promotions, publications etc. if you require the logo in any particular resolution, please get in touch and we will make it available to you.



If you require any further information please visit our website at [www.tidytowns.ie](http://www.tidytowns.ie) or contact the TidyTowns unit at [tidytowns@drccd.gov.ie](mailto:tidytowns@drccd.gov.ie)

We would like to thank each of you for your interest in the SuperValu TidyTowns competition.

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