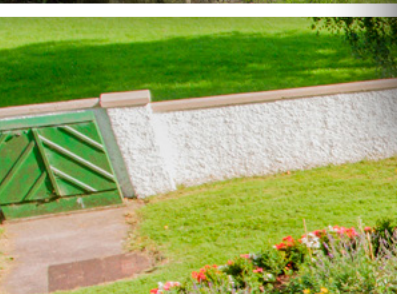




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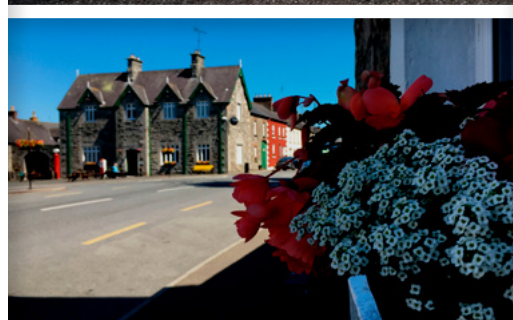


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Entry Form 2021

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Government of Ireland

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Real Food, Real People

Dear TidyTowns Volunteers,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the 2021 SuperValu TidyTowns competition.

TidyTowns volunteers have for many years given so generously of their skills and their time in completing projects and initiatives to make our towns and villages better places. Thank you for that.

I know the TidyTowns competition was sorely missed last year. These last 12 months or so have been very difficult for us all. TidyTowns groups and volunteers have been impacted like all other sectors of society. This has limited the work of every group but I think we all agree that the safety of all of our volunteers must be our No.1 priority.

This year's competition is about recognising the work that groups have managed to undertake, despite the challenges, while also acknowledging that the work of groups has been constrained significantly since the pandemic began. My officials, the competition sponsor SuperValu and most importantly, the TidyTowns adjudicators, fully understand that not all TidyTowns plans will have been realised over the last two years.

I strongly encourage all groups to continue to support the competition by entering this year, regardless of the level of work undertaken. We want to continue to keep each of the TidyTowns Groups engaged with the TidyTowns movement and the best way to do that is if you continue to be part of the competition. I would also encourage you to consider entering the special awards for 2021; we have some new exciting awards, with great prizes!

I allocated an additional €1 million for TidyTowns groups in late 2020 to support your preparations for this year's entry and I hope that this has been of some small assistance. I would also note that while the competition is, by necessity, different this year, the TidyTowns unit of my Department is here to help you in any way they can with the entry process or any other concerns you have in respect of the competition for 2021.

Finally, I want to thank our main sponsor SuperValu, who have been loyal sponsors of the competition now for 30 years, our special award sponsors, the independent adjudicators but most of all you the volunteers, without whom, there would be no competition at all.

Let me finish by wishing each of you the very best of luck.



Heather Humphreys  **Rialtas na hÉireann**
Government of Ireland

Heather Humphreys TD
Minister for Rural and Community Development

Dear TidyTowns Volunteers,

Living with the pandemic for more a year now has been an incredible eye opener for every one of us and, along with the varied challenges it continues to present, has taught us many critical life lessons along the way.

Perhaps the most important lesson we will have learned when we exit this incredible period will be the importance of communities and an appreciation for the positive impact they can have on our everyday lives. It is for this reason that SuperValu, together with its countrywide network of local retailers, is committed to helping build and support vibrant local communities across Ireland.

SuperValu has continued to support and sponsorship of the national TidyTowns competition for over 30 years. As one of the longest-running community initiatives in Ireland, TidyTowns is an incredibly important programme that all of us at SuperValu are immensely proud to be a part of.

At its heart, the TidyTowns competition is the public expression of the work countless individuals undertake to build community spirit and make their local area a better place in which to work and live. In collaboration with our network of independent retailers, the hard-working TidyTowns volunteers share our desire to build thriving, sustainable communities.

Notwithstanding the fact that many of you have had to curtail extensive plans within your towns and villages over the past year, please know that your efforts have made a significantly positive impact for everyone within your local community.

In fact, the immense effort you have made to make your locality more beautiful and welcoming as part of the TidyTowns competition has made it easier for all of us we have had to remain closer to home over the past year. Furthermore, you have helped us appreciate the beauty of home and the brilliance of the local environment on our doorsteps.

While this year's competition will be, by necessity, different, participation is perhaps more important than ever. We have faced a year like no other, where the work of countless volunteers continued in every way possible and collectively helped to lift the mood of the nation. It is vitally important, therefore, that we recognise and celebrate the efforts you have made to make life within your communities that little bit better for us all.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your hard work and wish you the very best for what promises to be different, but nevertheless, successful, and enjoyable SuperValu TidyTowns 2021.



Ian Allen

Ian Allen
Managing Director, SuperValu

SPECIAL AWARDS 2021

Don't forget to download your entry form to our Sponsored Special Awards at www.tidytowns.ie or at the sponsor's website.

Our sponsored Special Awards are organised in parallel to the main competition and aim to reward initiatives focused on improving your community. Entry is open to all Tidy Towns committees as well as other interested individuals or groups. Entry into the Special Awards is purely voluntary and non-entry will not affect performance in the main competition.

Please email all your completed entry forms to tidytowns@drcd.gov.ie or to the address given by the sponsor.

We are delighted to announce some new awards for 2021. Please visit www.tidytowns.ie to keep updated on these special awards. If you encounter any difficulties accessing any of the special awards application forms, please contact the Tidy Towns unit for assistance.

**NEW
FOR
2021**

COVID-19 COMMUNITY AWARD – “STAYING TOGETHER WHILE APART”

PRIZE FUND €5,000

Sponsored by SuperValu

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For this award, we are asking groups to tell the adjudicator what steps they took to keep their community, connected, engaged and most important of all, how they kept focussed and positive. The adjudicator will take these points into consideration for this special award for 2021 and also for the overall mark given to each group in the main competition. All groups who complete this section will stand to gain marks in the competition and also be considered for the “Covid-19 Community Award”.

A finalist group from each of the four regions will be chosen, with each finalist group receiving €1,000. The overall winner will then receive an additional €1,000.

For more details see www.tidytowns.ie or www.supervalu.ie

AGENT BRITE LITTER AWARENESS AWARD

NEW
FOR
2021

PRIZE FUND €7,000

Sponsored by PEL Waste Reduction Equipment

Large volumes of waste are generated and disposed of when people shop, travel, visit places of interest or in journeying to and from their place of work. This waste is often rich in recyclables, such as newspapers, magazines, bottles and cans. 'Recycling-on-the-Go' RotG is a way of providing public-facing recycling facilities to enable people to recycle when they are away from home or work. PEL Waste Reduction Equipment are sponsoring the 'Agent Brite Litter Awareness' Special Award to raise awareness and benefits of RotG to the local community.

The purpose of the award is to promote 'Recycling-on-the-Go' and encourage the public to segregate different types of litter when depositing in a bin. PEL Waste Reduction Equipment will sponsor the rental costs for four units of the PEL120 SolarStreetBin™ in the 'Agent Brite' livery as the prize for the winner of the 'Litter Awareness' Special Award for 2021. The bins will be installed in the winning town or village and PEL Waste Reduction Equipment will facilitate workshops in the local community (Schools, community organisations etc.) to promote the concept of "RotG" and how Agent Brite supports the concept.

The application will be a written submission describing the expected benefits to be accrued from winning the 'Agent Brite Litter Awareness' Special Award.

For more details see www.pelmfg.com/agent-britelitter-awareness-award or www.tidytowns.ie

Please note: Entry for the Agent Brite Litter Awareness Award 2021 is by email only.

YOUNG PERSONS IN TIDYTOWNS AWARD

NEW
FOR
2021

PRIZE FUND €1,000

Sponsored by Department of Rural and Community Development

The Young Persons Award is aimed at the 16 to 24 age group who are actively involved in projects and initiatives of their local TidyTowns group throughout the year. It is not open to schools to apply. Entries should be submitted using the Young Persons Award entry form. Photographs can be used to support your entry.

Entries under the Young Persons Award should demonstrate how TidyTowns groups actively involve young people in the 16 to 24 age group in contributing on an ongoing basis to their local TidyTowns activities, including through their membership of, or direct engagement with, the Groups. Initiatives undertaken by the group to encourage greater involvement from this age group should also be included.

The award will be presented to the TidyTowns Group whose initiatives have resulted in an increase in involvement from the 16 to 24 age group, resulting in a positive outcome for the TidyTowns group and wider community and demonstrating how young people can have an active leadership role within their community.

For more details, see www.tidytowns.ie.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS AWARD

NEW
FOR
2021

PRIZE FUND €5000

Sponsored by Department of Environment, Climate and Communications

The purpose of this award is to promote the national awareness of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals,

(SDGs) by recognising the great input local communities can play in helping Ireland play its part in fully achieving the SDGs by 2030. The purpose of this award is to raise awareness and promote behavioural change at a local and community level.

Six Prizes will be awarded: €1,500 for the best entry from a village/small town (category A to D); €1,500 for the best entry from a large town or urban centre (Category E to H); four runner-up prizes, two from each of the above categories with prizes of €500 each.

For more details see www.tidytowns.ie

EPA CIRCULAR ECONOMY AWARD

PRIZE FUND €2,000

Sponsored by The Environmental Protection Agency

NEW
FOR
2021

The EPA Circular Economy Award is to recognise communities that have undertaken activities that support a circular economy. In a circular economy waste is prevented and products are reused or repaired for reuse. By preventing waste and supporting the circular economy we can make the most of our resources while protecting the environment.

Any initiatives to reduce the use or consumption of resources (materials, products, water, energy), sharing resources/products, reuse, repair or remanufacture are included; whether by the community, householders, businesses, schools, with your local authority, or other organisations. Work done under the main competition category 'Sustainability – doing more with less' can be relevant to this special award.

The overall national winner will receive a €1,000 prize, with 2 national runner-up prizes of €500 each.

For more details, see www.tidytowns.ie or <https://localprevention.ie/tidy-towns/>

THE RIAI SHOPFRONT AWARD

PRIZE FUND €2,000

This competition is open to the Village, Small Towns and Large Town categories. Sponsored by the Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland

NEW
FOR
2021

The RIAI Shopfront Award is a Special Award, designed to raise awareness and promote good shopfronts in Irish towns and villages. The RIAI Shopfront Collaboration Award aims to support a TidyTowns Committee who wish to provide guidelines for the design of shopfronts in an historic context with the help of a Registered Architect.

Well-kept historic shopfronts and well-designed modern shopfronts are equally valid. The award consists of an architectural commission to the value of €2,000 for guidelines to support shopfronts in your locality. The commission will result in an illustrated Report, which will be made publicly available, and a presentation to the local TidyTowns Committee.

For more details please visit www.riai.ie or www.tidytowns.ie

SUPERVALU AND ASIAM INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES AWARD

PRIZE FUND €2,000

Sponsored by SuperValu and AslAm

This award aims to recognise the outstanding work done by committees in embracing and including the autism community. SuperValu and AslAm are working in partnership to promote the creation of more inclusive communities and this award is to acknowledge the hard work done by the committees who are making changes to promote and facilitate inclusivity of the autism community.

A prize of €2000 will be awarded to the TidyTowns committee who best demonstrates how they promoted the inclusion of the autism community through autism friendly projects and initiatives.

Resources and information regarding autism friendly practices are available on supervalu.ie, AslAm.ie and ILoveClonakilty.ie.

For more details see www.tidytowns.ie, www.AslAm.ie or www.supervalu.ie

THE GAELTACHT AWARD

PRIZE FUND €2,500

Sponsored by Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media

The Gaeltacht Award is awarded to the two highest scoring entrants from a Gaeltacht area. The Entry Form must be completed in Irish.

GUM LITTER TASKFORCE (GLT) AWARD

PRIZE FUND €5,000

Sponsored by the Gum Litter Taskforce (GLT)

The GLT would like to reward communities that are implementing environmental awareness initiatives to eliminate chewing gum litter in their area.

For more details see www.tidytowns.ie or www.gumlittertaskforce.ie/tidy-towns-awards

THE RIAI TOWN CHALLENGE AWARD

PRIZE FUND €5,000

The award is open to all categories.

Sponsored by the Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland

The Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland (RIAI) is providing the services of a Registered Architect to work with a local Tidy Towns Committee to create a visionary urban design solution to a problem in your town. The award consists of an architectural commission.

If your town or village has difficulties, for example with derelict sites, signage, lack of public space, traffic or parking issues, this RIAI Award will give you the opportunity to work with a Registered Architect to develop an urban design solution that can solve a problem and enhance your town or village. Registered Architects are trained to develop and deliver solutions for our built environment.

The commissioned Registered Architect will provide an analysis of the problem as initially identified by the local Tidy Towns Committee, in addition to developing a concept to address it. The commission will result in an illustrated Report, which will be made publicly available and a presentation to the local Tidy Towns Committee.

This is an RIAI sponsored Special Award to promote good urban design in Irish towns and villages. The award consists of an architectural commission to the value of €5,000.

In order to apply, the local Tidy Towns committee will write a short paragraph which identifies the positive characteristics of the town, as well as its problems (see application form). This should be supported with photographs. For more details please visit www.riai.ie or www.tidytowns.ie

HERITAGE AWARD

PRIZE FUND €1,000

Sponsored by the Heritage Council

The Heritage Award, sponsored by the Heritage Council, aims to promote awareness of the importance of our local heritage and how it can contribute to a sense of place and belonging.

Heritage includes buildings, monuments and collections and also our landscapes, native wildlife and woodlands, seascapes, geology, heritage gardens and parks, inland waterways, folklore and crafts. The Heritage Award recognises local communities who manage and enhance an aspect of heritage in their area, and promote its value to a wider audience.

For more details, see www.tidytowns.ie or www.heritagecouncil.ie

THE RIAI GOOD WINDOWS AWARD

PRIZE FUND €500

This award is open to the Village, Small Towns and Large Town categories.

Sponsored by the Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland

The RIAI Good Windows Award is a Special Award to promote appropriate windows in Irish towns and villages. The streets of Irish towns and villages are composed of both historic and modern buildings. Well-kept historic windows and well-designed modern windows are equally valid.

There is a prize of €500 for the town with the most appropriate windows as follows:

- An example of a well-kept historic window in an urban street
- And
- An example of a good modern window or fully glazed opening in an urban street.

In order to apply, the local Tidy Towns committee will complete the entry form and submit photographs of two buildings which are located in a street and have appropriate windows. The photographs should clearly show the building and the windows.

The awarding committee may share the award between more than one town as appropriate.

For more details, please visit www.riai.ie or www.tidytowns.ie

LEAVE NO TRACE TIDYTOWNS AWARD

PRIZE FUND TRAINING TO THE VALUE €1,000

Sponsored by Leave No Trace Ireland

Now in its second year, the Leave No Trace Tidy Towns Special Award recognises communities for their significant efforts to protect and enhance the natural environment and the promotion of responsibility in the outdoors. Through recognising these communities, Leave No Trace Ireland seeks to inspire other communities to take extraordinary actions to protect and promote responsible outdoor recreation. The award is open to any community group who has shown an appreciation for their outdoor environment.

Examples of initiatives include but are not limited to:

- Efforts to transition to sustainable events
- Nature conservation projects/plans
- Use of technology to provide a local solution to an outdoor recreation problem
- Improvements to local biodiversity
- Youth project promoting the Leave No Trace 7 Principles
- Educational campaigns spreading the Leave No Trace message. These can include biodiversity, littering or community involvement to name a few
- Responsible dog ownership campaign
- Development of a new outdoor recreational area or activity encouraging responsibility in the outdoors

The Prize

Leave No Trace Ireland are offering educational training to the value of €1,000 for the winning community group.

For more details, see www.tidytowns.ie or www.leavenotraceireland.org/news

TREE PROJECT AWARD

PRIZE FUND €1,000

Sponsored by the Tree Council of Ireland

The Tree Project Award recognises the huge impact that properly positioned trees can have in a town or village and the importance of having the right tree in the right place. It is essential that careful thought is put into not only the planting but also the management of the trees over their life-span. The award rewards the Tidy Towns Committee which has demonstrated the highest tree placement and maintenance standards.

For more details see www.tidytowns.ie or www.treecouncil.ie

CLIMATE ACTION AND AIR QUALITY AWARD

PRIZE FUND €6,000

Sponsored by Department of Environment, Climate and Communications

The overall aim of the Climate Action and Air Quality Award, sponsored by the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications is to recognise the great input local communities can make in addressing climate change and air quality. The purpose of this award is to raise awareness and promote behaviour change.

Six prizes will be awarded: €2,000 for the best entry from a village/small town (Category A to D); €2,000 for the best entry from a large town or urban centre (Category E to H); three runner-up prizes of €500 each and a special Youth Award of €500.

Further information is available by emailing www.tidytowns.ie

CAN IT! 2021 - EVERY CAN COUNTS

PRIZE FUND €1,500 & A CAN CRUSHER

Sponsored by Every Can Counts

Every Can Counts inspires and empowers people to recycle their drink cans and make a real difference. We're aiming for 100% can recycling, and we want Tidy Towns groups to join us and help make it happen. The 'Can It!' award challenges groups to increase the drink can recycling points throughout their town. By identifying businesses and venues that require additional can recycling bins and placing an order with Every Can Counts you could win €1,500 and increase your towns recycling. Entrants will be judged on the number of can recycling points and the variety of locations in relation to population. Help spread the message of drink can recycling and tag us in your efforts on social media and your group could win a can crusher.

For more details see www.tidytowns.ie or www.everycancounts.ie

THE WATERS AND COMMUNITIES AWARD

PRIZE FUND €7,000

Sponsored by Inland Fisheries Ireland, Waterways Ireland and the Local Authority Waters Programme

The Waters and Communities Special Award aims to encourage community groups to get more involved with their local waterbodies by helping to preserve, promote and fully utilise their local natural water heritage.

The award is open to any community group who has shown an appreciation for their water environment and water heritage by showing examples of initiatives undertaken during, and in line with, Covid-19 restrictions (examples include: support to biodiversity and heritage; promotion of angling; awareness raising; clean ups; provision or upgrading of amenities, etc.)

For more details see www.tidytowns.ie or www.watersandcommunities.ie

ALL-IRELAND POLLINATOR PLAN - LOCAL AUTHORITY POLLINATOR AWARD

PRIZE FUND €10,000

Sponsored by Heritage Offices & Biodiversity Offices of Local Authorities across Ireland, in partnership with the National Biodiversity Data Centre

The Local Authority Pollinator Award aims to encourage Tidy Towns groups to implement pollinator-friendly actions in their towns and villages as part of the Tidy Towns competition. Wild Irish bees, crucial to the pollination of our plants, trees and vegetables, are in decline - this is because we've drastically reduced the areas where they can nest and the amount of food our countryside provides for them. The aim of the award is to reverse this trend by encouraging Tidy Towns groups to take simple pollinator-friendly measures in their local area. The Local Authority Pollinator Award supports the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan and is sponsored by the Heritage Offices & Biodiversity Offices of Local Authorities across Ireland.

A prize of €1,000 will be awarded in each of the four regions at Village/Small Town category and at Large Town/Large Urban Centre category. Out of these eight finalists, one overall national winner will receive an additional €1,000. There is also a "Best Newcomer Award" with a prize of €1,000.

For more details, see www.tidytowns.ie or www.pollinators.ie

THE ISLAND AWARD

PRIZE FUND €1,500

Sponsored by Department of Rural and Community Development

The Islands Award is awarded to the two highest scoring entrants that is an island not connected to the mainland by a bridge, is cut off daily from the mainland by the tide, is permanently inhabited and is not in private ownership.

COVID-19 COMMUNITY AWARD – “STAYING TOGETHER WHILE APART”

PRIZE FUND €5,000, Sponsored by SuperValu

NEW
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For this award, we are asking groups to tell the adjudicator what steps they took to keep their community, connected, engaged and most important of all, how they kept focussed and positive. The adjudicator will take these points into consideration for this special award for 2021 and also for the overall mark given to each group in the main competition. All groups who complete this section will stand to gain marks in the competition and also be considered for the “Covid-19 Community Award”.

A finalist group from each of the four regions will be chosen, with each finalist group receiving €1,000. The overall winner will then receive an additional €1,000.

For more details see www.tidytowns.ie or www.supervalu.ie

HOW TO COMPLETE YOUR 2021 SUPERVALU TIDYTOWNS ENTRY FORM

The following notes are intended to assist TidyTowns Committees in the completion of the 2021 Entry Form:

- Please ensure you have read the 2021 Competition Terms and Conditions at **www.tidytowns.ie** before submitting your entry.
- Please sign and date the entry form in the 'About You' section and ensure that you have completed all 8 categories.
- When emailing your entry, it should all be contained in 1 email and must not exceed 20MB. Please check the sent and spam folder in your email account to ensure that the email has been sent.
- Sometimes less is more, be mindful of the volume of material you submit. The Adjudicator has limited time to review your work during adjudication, so it should be presented in a clear and concise manner.
- This may be the adjudicator's first time to adjudicate your town or village so please include a map of your area. Hand-drawn maps are fine once they contain a map legend and have notable landmarks highlighted, in addition to your 2021 projects.
- Include your TidyTowns 3/5 year plan with your entry.
- Please number each new (N), maintenance (M) or future project (FP) on your Entry Form under the correct category and on your map legend. If you have no new work in any adjudication category, just state 'no new work this year'.
- Late Entries or additional material sent after the closing date will not be accepted.
- Completed Entries should be emailed to; **tidytowns@drcd.gov.ie**

All entrants must visit **www.tidytowns.ie** to ensure their 2021 entry has been received and registered. A list of all registered entries will be updated on the website. If following 1 week after the closing date, your entry is not listed, please contact the TidyTowns unit on 076 100 6938, failure to do so may result in your entry not being registered for the 2021 competition.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) cover the three dimensions of sustainable development; economic growth, social inclusion and the protection of the environment. There are 17 SDGs. Throughout the entry form you will see where many of the goals are aligned to the different TidyTowns categories. Please identify, if applicable, under each category where your projects or initiatives aim to address one or more of the sustainable goals.

The TidyTowns competition has links to many of the goals and we would welcome any attempt made by TidyTowns committees to highlight these goals and raise awareness of them in your community. Further information on the SDG's can be found by visiting

<https://www.gov.ie/en/policy-information/ff4201-17-sustainable-development-goals/>

ABOUT YOU

Name of your Town/Area/Village/Island _____

Name of your Town/Area/Village/Island in Irish _____

County _____

Select your Region* Midlands & East / North West & West / South West & Mid-West / South East

Specify your Local Authority _____

Last Year of Entry _____

Organisation Name _____

Contact Name _____

Address _____

Estimated Location _____

Your adjudicator may not have visited your area before so please describe briefly where your town or village is located within your county, e.g. Xkm north/south etc. of the nearest large town, or give the road number along which your town is situated. Please insert the Eircodes of landmark buildings in your village/town, library, church, garda station etc. Please also include the Eircode for public facilities in your village/town. Absolute clarity is of key importance.

Phone _____

Email _____

Internet or Social Media address _____

Please tick your population category and enter your actual population (based on the latest census). If you are unsure please check with the central statistics office, www.cso.ie or your Local Authority. Your adjudicator may check you have entered the correct category.

Please enter your actual population here e.g. 19,999 _____

Prize Category Population

Village	A (Under 200)	Large Town	E (5,001 to 10,000)
	B (201 to 1,000)		F (10,001 to 15,000)
Small Town	C (1,001 to 2,500)	Large Urban Centre	G (15,001 to 25,000)
	D (2,501 to 5,000)		H (25,001 and over)

By signing below, I understand and agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of the SuperValu TidyTowns Competition and consent to the personal data contained in this form being released to printers for the purpose of posting invitations, entry forms, results books or other documentation for the purpose of administering the SuperValu TidyTowns Competition and other related initiatives. I also consent to this data being released to the TidyTowns Adjudicators as part of the Entry Form upon which our adjudication is based. I understand that the printers contracted to carry out this work will be advised that all data should be deleted once the specific task has been completed. I understand that Personal Data provided in this form will be retained by the Department for a period of 3 years for the distribution of entry forms and information directly related to the competition. I understand that I can withdraw my consent at any time to this information being stored or used in this way by writing to the TidyTowns Unit stating I am withdrawing my consent.

 Signed (on behalf of entrant)

 Date ____/____/2021

*See list of counties per region in the 2021 Terms and Conditions at www.tidytowns.ie

COMMUNITY - YOUR PLANNING AND INVOLVEMENT

60 Marks



Marks are awarded for the overall quality of the Entry Form, town/village map and appropriateness of backup material submitted with your entry. Other key issues are the participation of the local community, businesses, schools and youth in general; working partnerships with local civic agencies; works carried out and appropriate projects completed; existence of an achievable updated TidyTowns Plan. Consideration will be given to social inclusion, whole of community approach, the role of volunteers and new residents in activities.

Please indicate:

Number involved in your Committee: _____

Number not on committee but who volunteer: _____

Please indicate the level of voluntary commitment (number of TidyTowns meetings, community meetings, general involvement of the community, new residents, etc.):

Please list all of the agencies, bodies and businesses that have supported your activities through sponsorship, resources, funding, advice, etc.

How do you communicate with your community (newsletter, newspapers, public meetings, email, social media and website)?

How do you engage with your local schools, youth clubs, etc.? How do you involve youth in your work, do you have a Junior TidyTowns, is there youth representation on your committee?

Identify any specific project where particular effort was applied since June 1st, 2019 (This can include ongoing maintenance work or a new project).

Approximately how many years has your community entered the competition? How has your community benefited from involvement in the competition?

STREETSCAPE & PUBLIC PLACES

60 Marks



Buildings: Conservation and presentation of heritage buildings and quality of shop-fronts will be considered, taking account of the design, sustainability, accessibility, usability and suitability of new structures or civic amenity buildings for all people, regardless of age, size, ability or disability. Please highlight the efforts made to address derelict sites and unoccupied buildings even if unsuccessful.

Public Spaces: Consideration will be given to; squares, parks, playground/play spaces, streetscape, paving, landscaping and street furniture mindful of sustainability and access for all. Condition of street lighting, building facade lighting, appropriately designed signage and way-finding relating to streets and place nameplates. Attention will be given to the presentation of parking locations, historical trails, walkways and access points to local amenities or facilities and the general use of the Irish language.

Please state if you have entered a Special Award relevant to this category.

List projects undertaken since June 1st, 2019 including, new projects (N) completed this year, previous projects that you have improved or maintained (M) and future projects (FP) you are proposing to develop. It would be helpful if you could number your project descriptions and include date project was initiated and completed, where applicable. **Note: Please ensure all priority projects are uniquely referenced on your map and legend using the reference numbers assigned below.**

GREEN SPACES AND LANDSCAPING

60 Marks



Communities should demonstrate the following: The planning, design and management of green spaces. The selection and appropriate siting of trees and their ongoing maintenance, including formative pruning, watering and attention to the stakes and ties. Presentation of landscaping of all entrances to your town/village/locality in consultation with your local authority, where appropriate. The use of suitable plants for hedges and shrubs for year round effect is important as is the siting of seasonal planting of pollinator friendly schemes where you wish to highlight important areas. The use of plant containers can provide impact where it is not possible to plant directly into the ground. To reduce maintenance tasks limit the use of containers. To demonstrate the year round impact of the landscape works in your community, you are encouraged to provide dated photographs of, for example, daffodil schemes which are not evident in summertime.

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NATURE AND BIODIVERSITY IN YOUR LOCALITY

50 Marks



Show your understanding and awareness of nature and biodiversity in your locality. This may include protected areas and/or areas important for conservation e.g. waterways, field boundaries, coastal features etc. Show an appreciation of how your local species and habitats should be best managed and protected. Evidence of co-operation with expert groups and relevant authorities, especially in carrying out work in sensitive areas is desirable.

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SUSTAINABILITY - DOING MORE WITH LESS

50 Marks



Describe how your activities help to make your centre more sustainable and reduce your environmental impact. For example, consider how you use your resources (e.g. methods or materials you use), in your project work under one or more of the following key themes: sustainability, water, transport, waste, energy, and climate action. Describe awareness raising activities carried out across your community and detail any involvement with other Community Groups in this category.

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TIDINESS AND LITTER CONTROL

90 Marks



Tidiness: General lack of clutter, blocked footpaths, redundant poles, unsightly overhead electric cables, absence of graffiti and fly-posting, and evidence of control of weed growth at kerbs. Absence of unsightly and or inappropriate advertising, such as that on gables of buildings and mass produced advertising banners in shop fronts. Please note that although general tidiness is evaluated and marked in this category, tidiness is also considered under all categories.

Litter: The adjudicator will assess the absence of litter and dumping, evidence of litter control strategy, including regular litter patrols, segregation of collected litter during clean-ups and promotion of anti-litter awareness throughout the community.

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RESIDENTIAL STREETS & HOUSING AREAS

50 Marks



Residential streets that include Town Houses are integral parts of towns and villages and should be treated in a similar fashion to public and private housing developments. Consideration is given to proper presentation and maintenance of all properties with due cognisance given to maintenance of frontages, boundary and gable end walls. Gardens, where applicable, should be presented to a good standard. In housing developments, green areas should be appropriately managed for biodiversity and amenity. Children's play areas to be considered with equipment maintained to best standards. Where possible individual estates should have suitable name signs – stones, plaques, sign posts, etc. preferably bilingual. Unfinished estates will not reflect badly on the efforts of any community but examples of how the community is addressing this issue should be highlighted.

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APPROACH ROADS, STREETS & LANES

50 Marks



Appropriate presentation of approach roads, including the roadside verges and their boundary treatment. The appearance of town and village streets, connecting roads, roundabouts within the 60 kph, laneways, bridges and cycle lanes. Provision for inclusive access and pedestrian connections.

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MAPPING YOUR TOWN OR VILLAGE

Please provide a map of your town/village/area with street and place names and prominent landmarks. The locations of your maintenance and/or new work for this year's competition should also be marked.

Ensure each project is clearly listed in the map legend.

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Please note the following advice;

- A hand-drawn map is perfectly acceptable if a formal printed map is not available or suitable.
- Map should be a manageable size, A4 or A3 depending on the layout of your town or village.
- Please name priority streets/roads as necessary and mark the key public buildings/landmarks.
- You are advised not to use Google mapping.
- You may find Ordnance Survey Ireland Urban (or Rural as applicable) 'Place' Maps most useful.
- A clear legend is essential; please ensure that a unique numbering sequence is applied.
- Samples of effective maps can be found by visiting **www.tidytowns.ie**.
- Please ensure you provide Eircode for notable landmarks in the "About You" section of the form. Please also identify where public facilities are available.
- A graph sheet for use if submitting a hand-drawn map is available at **www.tidytowns.ie** if you wish to use same.