

Tidy Towns Competition 2022

Adjudication Report

Centre: Myshall - Míseal	Ref: 42
County: Carlow	Mark: 332
Category: B	Date(s): 29/06/2022

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2021	Mark Awarded 2022
Community – Your Planning and Involvement	80	52	53
Streetscape & Public Places	80	45	46
Green Spaces and Landscaping	80	42	43
Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality	55	38	39
Sustainability – Doing more with less	55	18	19
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	59	60
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	55	39	39
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	55	33	33
TOTAL MARK	550	326	332

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

Fáilte roimh chuig Comórtas Na mBailte Slachtmhara Super Valu don bhliain 2022. Táimid buíoch daoibh as ucht na hiontrála a chur chugainn, agus guimíd gach rath ar bhúr gcuid oibre amach anseo. Ádh Mór Míseal.

- Thank you for your entry to the 2022 SuperValu Tidy Towns competition. Your application is well laid out and informative. The photos are helpful. Thank you for your plan 2021-2024.
- Well done to Myshall Muintir na Tíre on your long association with the Tidy Towns competition – you mentioned that there are records of your link with competition going back to 1962.
- Myshall Muintir na Tíre has a committee of 15 with a very good cross representation from different sectors of the community. The recruitment programme is also very good and will encourage people with new skills on board.
- There is close liaison with the school with an active engagement with the Tidy Town activities.
- As well as having close liaison with groups within the village, you also have contacts with groups within the county, nationally and indeed internationally through St Columbanus and Ireland Reaching Out– well done there.
- You have established a good communication campaign using social media and the traditional Parish newsletter.

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

- The village centre has a mixture of residential and business properties. There are some derelict properties. We note that you are in contact with Carlow County Council regarding this issue.
- There are good public buildings - churches, school and community centre
- Well done on your planned Paint Myshall Beautiful Scheme

Green Spaces and Landscaping / Spásanna Glasa agus Tírdhreachú:

- Myshall is well served with excellent green spaces – Tobar Bhríde, Millennium Park and the magnificent trees at Adelaide Memorial Church. In addition, there is the sports field behind the community centre and the GAA pavilion. Outstanding facilities for a village of this size.
- Millennium Park is a delightful tree filled small park with a stream running through it. There are picnic tables there also – a lovely place to while away an hour or two.
- Tobar Bhríde is another lovely place to walk through. There is a tree trail and bug hotels and bird boxes. The history of Myshall is evident in the park with the ruin of St Finnian's church, Tobar Bhríde and the location of the Horse pool. The path brings you along magnificent trees to Adelaide Memorial Church. I was glad to note in a previous report that the trees were professionally surveyed and that you have included the ongoing assessment of trees in your plan.
- The planting at the community centre is very nice with a lovely range of plants including herbs.

- Access to the orchard was locked, but we could see through the gate into a walled grass area. We look forward to the planting results from recommendations of the feasibility study.
- The playground and tennis courts are well kept amenity.
- The Heritage trail is most interesting and well done on producing the fine documentary – Opening the door to the Heritage of Myshall. This tells the story of Myshall and is well recorded by local people – this is a treasure.

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

- Well done on commissioning a Biodiversity Plan for Myshall – this will be of benefit in planning actions to enhance biodiversity.
- Great that you have a new committee member focusing on biodiversity.
- Maith sibh as na seanfhocail a usáid i rith Seachtain na Gaeilge.
- The nature and wildlife surveys you have completed over the years will be of huge benefit to establish a baseline and manage the impacts of your actions.
- The wild flower area at the side of the sports field is impressive. The Grow – don't mow information board is useful.
- Consider carrying out the survey prepared by All Ireland Pollinator Plan on gathering data to assess the impact of the good work that Tidy Towns groups do. Flower Insect Timed Counts are very simple and will help track the impact of actions on insect numbers and diversity as well as providing important data for the Biodiversity Centre. Flower-Insect Timed Count (FIT Count) - National Biodiversity Data Centre (biodiversityireland.ie)
- The varied nature reserves you have in Myshall - trees, wildflower areas and water features enhance biodiversity in the area.

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

- Your close liaison with the school in promoting sustainability is important and of benefit in reducing waste and reusing materials.
- The recycling centre close to the community centre is in good condition and the area was clean.
- Well done on registering as a sustainable energy community. The results of the Energy Feasibility Study will be of benefit to all the community.
- Further ideas on sustainability can be found at Resources - Local Authority Prevention Network: LAPN (localprevention.ie)

Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:

- Myshall was litter free. Well done on your activities to ensure the area is maintained litter free – weekly litter picks and annual Spring Clean event.
- Dog fouling signs are evident.
- Anti-litter posters were noted at the GAA sportsground.

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

- Good to note that The Meadows entered Carlow's Pride of Place competition this year. It is great that the Garden at The Meadows is on Carlow's Garden Trail. The sloping green space at The Meadows might be considered a no-mow or wildflower area.
- The Carlow map should be refreshed there.
- A visit to Mountain View impressed with good tree planting. Green waste material at the area should be composted.
- The green space at Oliver Crescent and Oliver Park could be considered for wildflower areas and more tree planting.

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

- All the approach roads to Myshall are in good condition.
- There are old NDP signs on the Borris and Fenagh road that should be removed.
- The Croppy Road from Borris has an attractive stone wall.
- The Pride of Place on the Fenagh Road should be cleaned.

Concluding Remarks:

The impact of Myshall Muintir na Tíre and the volunteers is evident in the village. The range of facilities is impressive and they are well maintained. The Tree and Heritage trails are very well presented and are a pleasure to visit. Well done on your achievements to date and we wish you every success in the future.