

Tidy Towns Competition 2022

Adjudication Report

Centre: Mount Nugent - Droichead Uí Dháiligh	Ref: 2209
County: Cavan	Mark: 240
Category: A	Date(s): 15/06/2022

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2021	Mark Awarded 2022
Community – Your Planning and Involvement	80	28	29
Streetscape & Public Places	80	34	35
Green Spaces and Landscaping	80	30	31
Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality	55	18	20
Sustainability – Doing more with less	55	8	9
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	56	56
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	55	28	28
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	55	32	32
TOTAL MARK	550	234	240

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

Fáilte 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. Adh Mór...

The village is centred around four roads each with their own character, a diagrammatic map shows this to good effect. The TidyTowns committee of 8 member held five meetings and two community meetings. Their work is supported by some by 30 volunteers, an increase on last year. To further their projects the TidyTowns Committee has the support of Cavan County Council, local businesses and donations from locals. The Committee communicates with the community via social media, text messages and parish newsletters. Based on advice in last year's report the Committee, following an update of their Facebook page, the number of users has increased. Regarding Junior TidyTowns you have met with the new School Principal and have assisted in the design of a bug hotel in the school grounds. Scoil Bhride has a great array of flags marking their achievements. The school grounds are well bounded by trees and bird boxes and TidyTowns wildlife notices are very evident. The photographs supplied demonstrate the work of the committee in autumn and winter. It is good to read that the 2021 Endeavour Award has invigorated the Committee. In future applications tell us more about the numbers of volunteers and Facebook and the agencies you work with and remember to link your projects with the Sustainable Development Goals.

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

As well as being safer to use the resurfaced roads has brought a visual unity to the village. Similarly, the new car park and lighting will benefit worshippers at the Catholic church. Houses and business premises were well maintained. Structures such as the four arched bridge over the river Inny and the Church of Ireland with large white railings illustrate the history of the village. Your plan to include a tourist sign is timely. At the Community Centre there were several well filled planters of pollinator friendly plants. Ox-eye daisies had found an ideal place to grow – in gravel where they created a wonderful display. The Mount Nugent mural on a gable wall is both attractive and effective in linking the village with nearby Lough Sheelin. Some towns and villages have benefited from a painting of premises grant or Village regeneration schemes from Cavan County Council – the TidyTowns might consider or may already have applied for such funds.

Green Spaces and Landscaping / Spásanna Glasa agus Tírdhreachú:

The plan to develop an amenity area has been achieved with some ornamental planting in and around the salvaged boat. In the village a long border with shrubs and summer flowers such as lupins and foxgloves, was looking colourful and well-tended at the time of visit. The border, large stone and small stone seats built into the stone wall

and double white gates, create a scene particular to Mount Nugent. Climbers on a gable wall camouflage a farm building. Of note were the planters of herbs and edible plants filled planters situated on the window ledges of one commercial premises while other properties had planters with well-co-ordinated flowers colours.

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

By the river Inny people were informed by a suitable sign that the area was managed for pollinators. The advice in the last report to allow a two-metre band of wildflowers to develop by the riverbank has been taken. A bug hotel with a flowering roof garden, bird boxes and bird bath have been positioned by the long border of flowering plants located on the main street. Native hedges species, Hawthorn, Dog Rose, Bullace and Yew have been planted on the road opposite the R C Church and near the school. Together with the existing trees, in the grounds of the Church of Ireland and the recently planted native Birch, they form a wildlife through the village.

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

Two examples of upcycling stand out – an old locker used as Plant Bank where locals can exchange plants - a novel idea and an upcycled boat now filled with plants which had in a lake for many years. Both examples were well illustrated in your application. By a business premises a rainwater harvester, with an informative label is used to water a long ornamental planter. The use of timber and other materials to make outdoor Halloween and Christmas figures is a notable project illustrated in the application.

Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:

Litter bins are evident on the main street. The regular monthly visit from the road sweeper must be a welcome support from Cavan County Council. Though it is obvious that local litter teams are also at work. More details of the new recycling facility at the Community Centre and how so-called waste can be reduced or recycled could be included in the next application.

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

In the village of Mount Nugent streets are at once residential streets and streetscapes with well painted houses and business premises, many with window boxes and planters. Houses on the approach roads are well maintained.

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

The approach roads are planted with well-maintained hedges of native shrubs. The village name signs are clean and situated in raised planters with flowering plants.

Concluding Remarks:

Mount Nugent is a charming village nestled into its countryside surroundings of trees, fields and the river Inny. You have many plans to further enhance the village. Based on your achievements in previous years these will come to fruition in the coming years. Every success as you continue your work to the benefit of the locality.