

# Tidy Towns Competition 2022

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Redhills - Cnoc Rua** Ref: **57**  
County: **Cavan** Mark: **332**  
Category: **A** Date(s): **20/06/2022**

|   | <b>Maximum<br/>Mark</b> | <b>Mark<br/>Awarded 2021</b> | <b>Mark<br/>Awarded 2022</b> |
|---|-------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Community – Your Planning and Involvement | 80                      | 46                           | 47                           |
| Streetscape & Public Places               | 80                      | 43                           | 44                           |
| Green Spaces and Landscaping              | 80                      | 48                           | 48                           |
| Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality  | 55                      | 33                           | 34                           |
| Sustainability – Doing more with less     | 55                      | 18                           | 18                           |
| Tidiness and Litter Control               | 90                      | 71                           | 72                           |
| Residential Streets & Housing Areas       | 55                      | 31                           | 31                           |
| Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes           | 55                      | 37                           | 38                           |
| <b>TOTAL MARK</b>                         | <b>550</b>              | <b>327</b>                   | <b>332</b>                   |

### **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 Committee comprises 6 members, who invest four to five evenings a week to Tidy Towns activities, a significant commitment. Congratulations on the award of 87,000 euro in the Town and Village Renewal Scheme. Such grants take a lot of work on the part of the applicants. As explained in the application the next three-year plan will follow the scheduled renewal works. Part of your plan might include developing a volunteer team.

The Committee works with the local GAA Club and Carnival Committee as well as local state schemes.

Communications includes a church bulletin and local newspaper. Have you considered using social media or the internet ?

The map and accompanying legend was clear and a useful guide during the adjudication.

The village is a participant of 32 years standing in the Tidy Towns awards. This involvement has brought 'a sense of pride and belonging' to the community.

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

Village playground, the second phase of which was completed this past year. Picnic benches are conveniently situated alongside.

The Demesne wall is very well maintained with a pedestrian path alongside to the edge of the village

An attractive row of houses lines the village green. It was obvious that thought had been given to co-ordinating planters and hanging baskets with particular houses.

Seats in the village are due to be replaced under the village renewal scheme. On the village green bilingual signs in English and Irish welcome the visitor.

### **Green Spaces and Landscaping / Spásanna Glasa agus Tírdhreachú:**

Village green with Maple trees and mown grass Given the extent of this area it might be worth allowing the grass to grow taller in some parts of the green, thereby providing for pollinators and reducing fuel consumption. Two apple trees in the Peace Garden were in fruit. The tree stakes can now be removed. From the photographs supplied, daffodils and tulips add colour to the village green in Spring. These beds are replanted in summer.

The entrance to the Demesne with two large beds of summer flowers, is surrounded in well mown grass, marking not only the demesne but the approaching village also.

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

The Committee has an obvious interest in biodiversity. Particular attention has been paid to Bug hotels with ones on the Belturbet and Cavan Roads. The nature reserve in the village is accompanied by an excellent interpretative panel. Similarly informative panels have been located on the Belturbet road. Given the winners in the school's poster competition, the practice of attractive panels will continue into the future. Under the Town and Village renewal scheme part of what is now a 'green' area will become a biodiversity area. The nature reserve and the nature trail are a unique feature of the village and one which could be developed further into the surrounding countryside.

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

While watering cans are used for watering floral displays, has the Committee considered using water butts to save rainwater ?

The Bring Centre at the edge of the village is well positioned as the surrounding trees camouflage the utilitarian nature of such a facility.

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

Notices placed on the periphery and within the village remind people not to litter.

The village participated in the An Taisce National Spring Clean April 2022. Has the Committee given any thought to segregating the waste and recycling any of it ?

The April to October weekly clean-up is very effective. Where trees overhang paths as by the demesne wall and by the railway bridge pay attention to fallen leaves and plant debris – a never ending task.

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

On the Belturbet Road, the road frontage of the Carramore housing estate is well maintained. Ornamental trees have recently been planted in this area. Perhaps householders might adopt a tree, keeping it watered and weed free until it becomes established.

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

Signs recording Litter Free Awards in 2007/08/10 mark the entrance to the village on two roads. The upgrade of the Belturbet road with paths, one of the Committee's projects for 2021, was brought to a successful completion. On the Cavan approach road a new bog oak information sign was erected in the past year.

### **Concluding Remarks:**

Continuous development of amenities by the Tidy Towns Committee is evident. The village refurbishment scheme will further enhance this picturesque village.

While looking at the sculpture 'The Village Green' this adjudicator heard the voices of children as they played in the nearby playground, a heart-warming memory of Redhills.