

Tidy Towns Competition 2022

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Inagh - Eidhneach** Ref: **1976**
County: **Clare** Mark: **223**
Category: **A** Date(s): **16/06/2022**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2021	Mark Awarded 2022
Community – Your Planning and Involvement	80	33	35
Streetscape & Public Places	80	25	27
Green Spaces and Landscaping	80	25	27
Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality	55	20	22
Sustainability – Doing more with less	55	10	12
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	45	47
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	55	25	26
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	55	25	27
TOTAL MARK	550	208	223

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 bhúir gcuid oibre amach anseo. Adh Mór...The Inagh Tidy Towns group is most welcome to this their second year of participating in the SuperValu Tidy Towns Competition, it's a pleasure to have you with us again. The committee of twelve should not lose heart at their difficulty in recruiting new members for the regular clean-ups, this is a common situation with many participating centres and you are a very young group yet! Your engagement with a wide variety of stakeholders will reap more interest and benefits with the passage of time; it is laudable that you have expert help on hand for landscaping projects. Your use of Facebook as a way of spreading Tidy Towns updates is excellent in addition to traditional channels and the Sensory Communications Board is an excellent feature. It is satisfying to know of your pride in the landscaping at the crossroads and entrance given all the setbacks involved. Thank you for the photographs in your submission in addition to your Tidy Towns plan; the map included was of limited use for adjudication being a satellite image, a sketch map would have been more useful; it was helpful to have the projects designated appropriately however.

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

Commercial premises within the core of the village look quite well and both Public House buildings were admired for their colour scheme; The Rambler's Rest looked well also in addition to the small premises beside. The Church has an elegant simplicity about it that is very appealing and its grounds look particularly well; the church car park is fairly well surfaced and lined. The Community Hall located at the church in addition to the recycling point are favourably noted. It is good to note the Community Hub for Remote Working and the use of the old National School behind for community use. Congratulations on the acquisition of funding for the bench type seating at the access point to the new river walk in addition to funding for hanging baskets for the bridge; hopefully these will have been delivered before the end of the Summer!

Green Spaces and Landscaping / Spásanna Glasa agus Tírdhreachú:

The low stone wall enclosed landscaped area within the centre of Inagh village looked really well and will continue to improve as plants mature; young trees here are maturing well. Well done on your achievement at the crossroad given the setbacks; the plant filled boat is a nice touch, continue to favour pollinator friendly plants. The graveyard was neatly presented however there were some building materials in its car park which should be removed on completion of works; the plot identification panel at the entrance is helpful and looks well.

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

The River Walk project is an exciting development that can be built upon over time. The area marking the entrance across from the church carpark looked as if work was still in progress here, no doubt this will have been completed by next year's visit and your adjudicator can enjoy a walk here. The creation of a Nature Trail at the river might be considered with the installation of Wild Life panels describing species likely to be encountered. The 780 plants sourced from the local nursery which are pollinator friendly is a good investment in the biodiversity status of Inagh. The following link allows an App to be downloaded that will help you assess the success of your pollinator related activities. Flower-Insect Timed Count (FIT Count) - National Biodiversity Data Centre (biodiversityireland.ie).

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

The recycling point located at the church car park was quite tidy on adjudication day however there was a little bit of dumping here which is something to watch out for. The upcycling of the old boat and featuring it for landscaping has been successful; undoubtedly many opportunities exist for recycling / upcycling which can further your performance in the competition. Ideally projects should be offered for consideration under each of the headings of Water Conservation, Energy Management and Travel. Your engagement with the school presents opportunities as it is a Green School and projects could be undertaken jointly. Similarly, the business community could be invited to participate by engaging in and reporting on projects that minimise waste. The Tidy Towns Handbook is full of ideas to get you started and help Inagh take the first few steps towards being a sustainable community.

Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:

No litter or dumping was noted anywhere in Inagh during adjudication however some areas featured building materials and your adjudicator was unsure if construction work was ongoing or if the materials were awaiting removal. Service cables at the crossroads diminish visual amenity a little however one old service pole at The Ramblers Rest public house looked quite bad. The twice annual litter picking event is applauded especially as 50+ volunteers participated, that's an impressive number; don't forget to segregate litter for recycling! Has the litter been analysed to determine its type, source and location? This can be helpful in customising a strategy to deal with the problem at source.

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

The Playground to the rear of the child-care facility looks fairly new and appears to have fruit trees planted there? The estate on the Ennistymon Road deserves an identification sign, none was noted. Expansive green areas here could feature a Community Orchard and / or Herb Garden or any combination of Grow Your Own; it might also feature a Community Space. A second attractive small estate on the road to the GAA grounds featured too many weedy kerbs and roadside boundary walls in need of refurbishment; the grey concrete block wall which may be a dividing wall with the GAA grounds could be planted with a climbing plant for year-round interest. Residents can also be involved in other categories of the competition e.g., Sustainability / Nature and Biodiversity and more; again, you are steered to the Tidy Towns Handbook.

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

Inagh is located on a very busy road on which not all traffic maintains the speed limit and your adjudicator wonders if a pedestrian crossing is necessary to facilitate crossing from the Public Houses to the car parks at the crossroads. The installation of the pedestrian crossing from the church carpark to the Mace premises is welcome. Approach roads to the village look quite well with their wildlife corridors; we wish you success in your efforts to have Failte signs and 'Keep Our Village Litter Free' signs installed especially if a lot of the litter is from passing cars! Although well surfaced the carpark at the Mace premises is large and bare and would benefit from appropriate landscaping; there is a lovely view of the Church, Community Hall and more from this carpark. The road leading up to the GAA grounds and clubhouse is quite badly potholed; ensure the building materials at the side of the clubhouse are removed upon completion of works. The clubhouse itself looks reasonably well however there is a small bit of flaking to the paintwork starting in! Road and footpath surfaces throughout are generally good.

Concluding Remarks:

Inagh is a lovely village located upon a very busy thoroughfare (N85) and has the potential to be an 'oases for the travelling public when the River Walk and suggested Nature Trail has been completed. Looking forward to the next visit!