

Tidy Towns Competition 2022

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Kildorrery - Cill Dairbhre** Ref: **457**
County: **Cork(North)** Mark: **347**
Category: **B** Date(s): **14/07/2022**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2021	Mark Awarded 2022
Community – Your Planning and Involvement	80	47	49
Streetscape & Public Places	80	43	45
Green Spaces and Landscaping	80	48	50
Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality	55	34	35
Sustainability – Doing more with less	55	20	22
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	68	70
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	55	34	35
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	55	40	41
TOTAL MARK	550	334	347

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

Fáilte Chuig Comórtas na mBailte Slachtmhara Super Valu 2021. Táimid buíoch daoibh as ucht na hiontrála a chur chugainn agus guimíd gach rath ar bhúr gcuid oibre amach anseo. Lean leis an dea-obair! Thank you for participating in Ireland's longest-running environmental project and helping to make Ireland a better place. We really appreciate all the great work that you do and the effort you put in, year on year.

Well done for a most complete and detailed entry this year. This included well-illustrated entry form, a 5-year plan, a planting plan and a really useful map. Thank you for the time and effort that you have put in to this. A comment on your 5-year plan: We'd recommend that you revisit this and look at the various actions that are required per year. Some of these are 'ticked' for every year when not necessary. For example, all 5 years are ticked for the commissioning of a Biodiversity Action Plan. This could be completed in 1 year and the actions arising from same could be implemented over the following. Please have a look at this see if you agree.

As a group there is no doubt that you are well-organised and focused. Thank you for all of the details on your supporters and sponsors. You communicate across a range of social media and work well with other community groups in Kildorrery. An 'old-fashioned' community noticeboard also helps you to get the word out. Well done to the local businesses for supporting you. We are convinced that they get value for money. You have a member specially assigned to the national school and that's a great asset. The specific project that you have identified for particular effort this year is the renovation of the old creamery store. A really significant project indeed. We wish you our condolences on the loss of a founder member and have no doubt his legacy is to be seen in the great work that is ongoing in Kildorrery today.

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

The major ongoing project for you in this category is the aforementioned Creamery Store, a highly significant development for you. Another new project is the installation of bicycle stands on the Fermoy approach and at the rear of the Thatch & Thyme. New street lighting is in now in place on the Fermoy Road too. Meanwhile, you are maintaining the Village Park and the Playground.

The National School looked very well with freshly-painted walls and buildings. The roses and Rose of Sharon at the front are a lovely welcome. No Green Flag? The sunflowers looked great on this bright and sunny morning. By contrast with so many of your buildings, the Garda Station is rather dull. Would they consider a planted area or a few planters here? The Post Office looks great with a super planted area at the front. St Bartholomew's Church has very striking planting in front of the Calvary scene at the front. The church appeared to be freshly-painted and work on the wall was ongoing during the visit. The grass was well-kept here too. The Creamery Store looks

amazing. This project has really great vision, well done.

O'Sullivan's shop and petrol station looked so neat and tidy. It's great to be able to see inside a shop and not be staring at window stickers. Indeed, the glass was gleaming in the sunshine. Is the Irish Tree Centre sign at an odd angle or was the viewer mistaken? Walsh's pub was painted in strong colours. There are some lovely shopfronts in Kildorrery. Even some of those now not trading looked well. Thornhill's pharmacy has a lovely vintage feel. Thatch and Thyme and the salon next door both looked very appealing. The former looked very busy at time of visit.

Green Spaces and Landscaping / Spásanna Glasa agus Tírdhreachú:

Most of the work that you describe in this category is maintenance of existing areas and that is just as it should be. You have a wealth of planted areas and these will naturally take up much of your time. However, you did take on some new work and this included clearance of an area for planting on the Mitchelstown Road where Birch trees are planned for this coming year. You also completed a perennial planting project at Hillcrest for which you also supplied us with the planting plan.

The Village Park was where we first headed and what do they say about first impressions? Such a lovely area. Here there are lots and lots of pollinator-friendly planting at the front including Nepeta (one of this adjudicator's favourites). The park is splendidly well-kept and pleasant. The path and LED lighting along its perimeter was travelled, allowing us to admire the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan signed area of uncut grass. We also loved the name-stone for the Community Garden. This area was in use at time of visit so we didn't explore further here. The planters on the wall of the car park (above one of the new bike racks) help to soften the appearance of the wall. Planted churns and carts were also admired. Super use of planting was noted overall.

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

New work for you here included the establishment of a Hawthorn hedgerow along your new footpath, a good long-term investment. The national school also had a sunflower project this year with one to take home for everyone. A super initiative, well done Joan and Miss Roche. You maintain your wildflower areas and also have a pollinator-friendly mowing regime on your main approaches. Very good. The efforts that you have made for pollinators in the Village Park (as noted above) are echoed here. Well done.

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

A good entry from you here wherein you tell us about the several and various initiatives you undertake to save waste and resources. Rainwater harvesting is a very important and you have this well in hand. With your polytunnel and know-how you are saving resources every year with GIY projects. Well done to the local GAA Club for lending their players to the cause. From using toilet roll tubes for planters to making bedding from waste, there are numerous examples of how you're making a difference in Kildorrery. Your new Store building is energy efficient and you also have new aluminium recycling facilities in the village. Well done for using the Community Garden as a workshop venue. This kind of instruction can lead to many seeds being planted. Your rainwater harvesters at the Community Centre were noted. Well done.

Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:

Thank you for all of the details on your anti-litter and tidiness activities. This includes a Spring Clean where you had help from both the scouts and the GAA. It's great that you have such cooperation with businesses and other community groups in maintenance of signage and posters. We hope that Hillfest 2022 went well. A new litterbin has been purchased for the Village Park, you tell us. You are hopeful that the curtilage at the GAA grounds will be surfaced and laid-out soon. On the day, the bottle bank here was full but otherwise this area was neat and tidy.

There are a few items for your attention. On the Mallow Road, a fast food sign detracts from the overall impression. There is an 'abandoned' way-mark post on the same road. Nearby a road sign is missing from a post opposite the petrol station.

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

Here you tell us about the activities of the residents' associations of Hillcrest and Bearn Deara. It's so good to hear of such positive actions by both. Hillcrest had some elaborate planting carried out and Bearn Deara keep grassed areas and flowerbeds well-maintained. The bank at the front of the latter is so well-kept. A spectacular garden of roses was also seen nearby.

Oaklawn was one of the first areas visited and it was just about perfect. A beautifully-kept area, well done all. Hillcrest was next and the planted area at the front did not disappoint. It was also pleasing to the bees who were here in numbers on the day. Opposite, in O'Brien/Kennedy Terrace, the beautiful roses on one garden caught the eye. Lots of lovely examples of care and presentation were noted. Next door to the Post Office, a well painted house, window-boxes and hanging baskets really added to the streetscape.

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

The new project that you tell us about here is the resurfacing of the Fermoy Road and the addition of speed bumps here. As the adjudicator was using a bicycle to travel about Kildorrery, this lovely surface was much appreciated. The climbing lane on the Mitchelstown Road was extended and the speed limit area on the Fermoy Road was also

extended to include the new footpath area here. Stay on top of Irish Water on the reinstatement of that bank. Well done for pointing out the value of the access through the church grounds between the school and Community Centre. These are such important amenities for pedestrians, including the younger ones.

The areas of uncut grass on the Mallow Road were one of the first things that struck the adjudicator on approach. Those on the Mitchelstown Road were very obvious on the way into Kildorrery from the east, too. This is a lovely approach with really effective use of essentially a single colour and expectation builds as one gets nearer. The roses and pollinator-friendly areas do go well together! On the Mallow Road, the vintage farm equipment, beds and green area were all well-kept. The first Red Admiral of the year (for this adjudicator) was seen here. Further 'low-mow' areas could be considered here. We would also urge you to consider tree-planting in front of the concrete wall on the other side of the road.

Your 'new' cemetery looks well-kept with Cherry trees and well-cut grass. There was good heritage information at the church ruin.

Concluding Remarks:

Very impressed folks! Great planning and work on show throughout Kildorrery. We believe that we will see great things from you soon.