

# Tidy Towns Competition 2022

## ***Adjudication Report***

Centre: **Rosscahill - Ros Cathail**

Ref: **2240**

County: **Galway**

Mark: **234**

Category: **B**

Date(s): **20/06/2022**

	<b>Maximum Mark</b>	<b>Mark Awarded 2021</b>	<b>Mark Awarded 2022</b>
Community – Your Planning and Involvement	80	32	32
Streetscape & Public Places	80	30	32
Green Spaces and Landscaping	80	31	33
Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality	55	16	17
Sustainability – Doing more with less	55	15	15
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	47	49
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	55	26	26
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	55	30	30
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>234</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 hionrála a chur chugainn, agus guimíd gach rath ar bhúr gcuid oibre amach anseo. Adh Mór. You are very welcome to this years SuperValu TidyTowns competition, and your continued participation and perseverance is appreciated during these difficult times. You mention difficulty with funding, perhaps talk to Galway County Council to see if there are any grants available, and perhaps also reach out to other TidyTowns groups nearby to see if they can give some recommendations on how to get funding or additional help. Also, if people feel that the commitment to being on the committee or a regular volunteer would be too much, perhaps look for help for one off events or litter picks.

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

You are doing some very good work on maintaining and improving the streetscape in the village, including hard landscaping and elements such as benches and other street furniture, as well as the regular litter picks that you do to keep the village clean and litter free. Public areas such as the church and the school were well maintained and I liked the old yellow water pump, this would be further enhanced with maybe a fresh coat of paint and some complementary planting.

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

Rosscahill Wood is a wonderful amenity for both locals and visitors alike, the Coillte sign looked in good condition and was very informative, I took a quick walk here and it was absolutely gorgeous, though unfortunately I saw that someone had dumped a black plastic bag of rubbish which was a shame, hard to fathom people who can do this in such a beautiful place. The landscaping at the Rosscahill TidyTowns sign is lovely, and there is some lovely planting to be found throughout the village. It is good to hear that you are also looking at planting more rose hedges straight into the ground as this can often be more sustainable than over use of planters.

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

Well done on your work on making sure to include pollinator friendly flowers and plants to help our bee population. You don't mention if you have used the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan to aid you in your work, it is a great source of reference and can not only be beneficial to the bees but often don't have to be replanted as often. Another good resource is to be found on the Biodiversity Ireland website at <http://www.biodiversityireland.ie>. I have previously mentioned Rosscahill Woods, this must be a treasure trove of flora and fauna, and it would be interesting to see a project on all the different types of plants and wildlife to be found here, perhaps a project for a local school. Bat and bird walks often prove to be extremely popular and maybe this is something that can be undertaken at some time in

the future?

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

You mention that you try to be as sustainable as possible, including the way in which you plant, as well as making sure to use pollinator friendly plants. Some other ideas (which you may already be doing) include increasing the use of energy saving lights and possibly solar energy in the village, you can get some good information on this from The Sustainability Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) as well as information on possible grants. Other ideas include rainwater harvesting for watering your plants and flowers, as well as recycling clothes and books, and maybe having 'swap shops' for these, or a community library placed somewhere in the village where people can leave or take a book, and these can also be attractive little features in their own right as well.

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

You are doing a really good job on making sure that Rosscahill village is as litter free as possible, and we note that you are putting a lot of effort into this area, including signs to remind people to keep the area clean and litter free. You don't mention Rosscahill Wood, and this may be outside of the area that you are able to spend time litter picking, but unfortunately there was some litter dumped in Rosscahill Wood (a full black rubbish bag) which was disappointing, very sad that people do this. Otherwise, Rosscahill was spotless

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

The residential areas looked very well maintained and smart with clean streets and some good landscaping, Radharc na Sléibhé in particular had some lovely perennials planted, and Páirc na Rossa had a lovely green area and neat and tidy. Well done on the new Rosscahill signage.

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

The hard work that you are doing on the upkeep of the approach roads and keeping these in trim, including overhanging branches etc. is paying off, and you get a sense of the care and maintenance that is being done to keep Rosscahill looking well, and this gives a very good first impression to the visitor or someone passing through. I liked the simple stone sign welcoming you to Rosscahill Village and the Slán Abhaile on the back.

### **Concluding Remarks:**

It was a pleasure to visit Rosscahill village to see all that you are doing despite the difficulties, and we wish you the best of luck in your work and your future projects, and just remind you that all committees had to start somewhere and that progress will surely come with perseverance.