

# Tidy Towns Competition 2022

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Mooncoin - Moinchoin** Ref: **400**  
County: **Kilkenny** Mark: **206**  
Category: **C** Date(s): **04/07/2022**

|   | Maximum<br>Mark | Mark<br>Awarded 2021 | Mark<br>Awarded 2022 |
|---|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Community – Your Planning and Involvement | 80              | 30                   | 30                   |
| Streetscape & Public Places               | 80              | 30                   | 31                   |
| Green Spaces and Landscaping              | 80              | 28                   | 29                   |
| Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality  | 55              | 20                   | 21                   |
| Sustainability – Doing more with less     | 55              | 8                    | 8                    |
| Tidiness and Litter Control               | 90              | 35                   | 36                   |
| Residential Streets & Housing Areas       | 55              | 26                   | 27                   |
| Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes           | 55              | 23                   | 24                   |
| <b>TOTAL MARK</b>                         | <b>550</b>      | <b>200</b>           | <b>206</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! Welcome to the 2022 Tidy Towns Competition Mooncoin. It is great to have you back for your second year in the competition. Whilst handwritten submissions are most welcome, it would have been good to take on board comments from last years Adjudication Report such as the map and photos. I fully appreciate you are all volunteers but there is only so much we can do during a site visit and the application form offers you are great opportunity to get information across that might not be visible on the ground. Perhaps for next year seek a volunteer who will work exclusively on the application and write up projects as they happen? We are all here to support you so make sure to check out resources on [www.tidytowns.ie](http://www.tidytowns.ie) and also speak with more established groups in your County to get help and advice. You have already started this networking with local groups and businesses as well as developing a social media platform so well done.

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

The new benches and planters are most welcome. You also seem to have new (or very well maintained) street bins such as at the Emo Station. A beautifully maintained thatch cottage was a delight to see with local businesses such as Rose Café offering a pop of colour on the streetscape. St. Dominics' Credit Union was also very well presented. The water pump looked very well though the paving around it was in need of some weed removal. Perhaps the area around your impressive Richard Walsh statue could be softened with some planting. A special shout-out to the local Garda Station which was maintained like a well-loved home, complete with window boxes and freshly painted. Some items here are more aligned to other categories (e.g. biodiversity) so I will comment on them there.

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

You put your €1,000 prize money to great use – training for volunteers is very important and you also invested in a water tank. All of this will stand to you in the longterm. I noted that amended green area management in Comeragh View; be sure to do the annual cut and collect to maximise the biodiversity potential. At the time of inspection it appeared to be developing into more rank grassland. The two flowerbeds were under development when I visited. I look forward to seeing them fully planted – ideally with pollinator friendly species. Lots of shrubs and flowers can be found at [pollinators.ie](http://pollinators.ie). The bedding area by the Parish Hall is in need of attention though the one at the entrance to the church, along with the sculpture and associated planting, is immaculate.

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

Excellent to see a wildflower areas being developed in the centre of Main Street – when I visited the area was still exposed earth but not to worry, these things take time. There is extensive grounds at the GAA pitch – could you work with them to manage areas not used for playing for wildlife? Also the pitch by Coláiste Cois Siúire – if not in use during the summer could this be let grow or mowed less frequently? The school appear to be doing wonderful work in their garden, which had a wealth of biodiversity potential, including an impressively sized bug hotel.

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

Under this category you reference repairing and painting fences only – this is more aligned with Tidiness & Litter Control. Remember a lot of what you are doing with regard to pollinator areas is also sustainable as it means less green waste and less fumes associated with grass cutting. Maybe for the coming year engage with your local Environmental Awareness Officer in Kilkenny County Council or put a callout for volunteers in the locality to help with this specific area. Also look at other Tidy Towns adjudication reports as well as Special Award winners to get inspiration.

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

Keep up the good work here. Also well done for acknowledging the wonderful contribution of your TUS and CE Scheme participants – they are often the backbone of many groups around the county. The Bring Centre was well maintained. Some items I noted during my visit which could be addressed:

- The boundary wall by Coláiste Cois Siúire needs freshening.
- Weeding required around the water pump
- There is significant weed on the paving in front of the Rose of Mooncoin
- Graffiti on the green shed in the GAA grounds
- The flags on the flag poles here also need replacing
- The mural at James Comerfords Bar needs some TLC
- Could the Mooncoin Way sign needs reprinting (many insets are completely faded) and the surround should be painted to take the industrial look off it?

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

Mooncoin Heights was very well presented as was Roseleigh. An Teach Beag looked absolutely beautiful. Comeragh View is doing great work around pollinators – hopefully something that can be replicated and scaled up across the community.

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

The approach roads and streets were largely litter and weed-free. I really liked your use of the old farm machinery as roadside sculptures – lovely addition and in great eye-catching colours. On the approach footpath from the N24 (Waterford) the path was being heavily encroached by plant growth. This should be monitored on an ongoing basis.

### **Concluding Remarks:**

Well done Mooncoin, but remember the more information you can give us with photos the easier it is to award you points.