

Tidy Towns Competition 2022

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Castletown-Kilpatrick** Ref: **298**
County: **Meath** Mark: **337**
Category: **A** Date(s): **25/06/2022**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2021	Mark Awarded 2022
Community – Your Planning and Involvement	80	31	32
Streetscape & Public Places	80	48	50
Green Spaces and Landscaping	80	48	50
Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality	55	27	28
Sustainability – Doing more with less	55	20	21
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	74	75
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	55	37	38
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	55	42	43
TOTAL MARK	550	327	337

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.

Castletown - Kilpatrick is welcomed to the Supervalu Tidy Towns competition for 2022. Thank you for your application, map and copy of plan. Castletown continues to improve each year in the competition which is due to the hard working committee of ten members and many volunteers. The community work together holding monthly meetings and welcoming new residents to come along and get involved. Communication to the wider community on various projects being undertaken is through meetings and social media. The school get involved with litter picking and general tidying up. The projects completed since joining the competition have brought great praise from the community and those visiting the village. The walkway is an important amenity in the village bringing more people to the area to enjoy this superb facility.

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

The buildings along the streetscape, which includes the Church Bell and grounds all looked pristine. St Patricks National School and the businesses all bring great vibrancy to the streetscape with their superb presentation. The murals at different points, the Buxus (box) created into different shapes and the floral decorations all bring colour to the streetscape. The walkway is a superb amenity which can be enjoyed by all members, is well maintained with good planting, making this amenity more pleasing. The project on the Navan Road of a new coffee shop and base for The Men's shed when complete will also help to bring visitors to the area. This building and surroundings has been well decorated while you are waiting to develop it further. You are wished well with this project.

Green Spaces and Landscaping / Spásanna Glasa agus Tírdhreachú:

The village looks bright and colourful from the various areas of planting throughout the village and along the entrance roads. The pollinator friendly planting is commended. The hanging baskets while adding great colour can be lost somewhat when adjacent to hedging or trees and lose their effect. The Buxus (box) planting along the church road was admired. The planting of shrubs, pollinator friendly perennials and bulbs provides good all year round colour and interest and also is more beneficial for wildlife.

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

In this category groups are asked to show how they appreciate and manage nature and biodiversity in their locality. Castletown is rich in biodiversity. The mature trees, hedging and stone walls along the entrance roads and throughout the village provide natural habitats for wildlife. The biodiversity of the village is enhanced by the planting

of pollinator friendly plants at various locations and in particular along the walkway. Grass verges are neat while still maintaining a corridor for wildlife. Groups are encouraged to host walks and talks to appreciate and create an awareness among the community of the many species and habitats that is in their area.

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

In this category groups are asked to show ways they use their resources more efficiently thus reducing waste generation. Harvesting of rainwater is one example of saving on water and it is a saving that the wider community could also adopt. Mulching grass is also good. Growing your own vegetables in the village and using cuttings and flower seeds are excellent ways of reducing and also helps to get the wider community involved. The businesses in the village can also help reduce waste generation by managing resources better. Working with the Green Schools Programme is also encouraged as children gain a lot of knowledge through this programme on better management of resources, which can be shared with the wider community. Energy could also be saved by using low energy bulbs and simply switching off where possible. In the present climate with electricity charges rising it is something we will all have to manage more efficient. Recycling and reusing all help to reduce.

Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:

You have a good plan in place in keeping the village neat and tidy. Regular litter picks are taking place. Like the other categories of the competition this one is also community driven and it helps when visitors to the village keep up the standard. Do ensure pots are planted as empty pots look untidy. The bug hotel looks impressive and would encourage any bugs to visit.

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

The houses along the approach roads and throughout the village are well presented with neat gardens. Green areas and colourful planting brought great vibrancy to the streetscape. Green areas were well maintained with bright colourful landscaping noted. The residents are commended for their work in this category and also for their work in helping to maintain the village.

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

The entrance signs to the village gives a very good first impression as one enters. Neat verges while retaining a corridor for wildlife was admired. Hedging including the superb areas of buxus, trees and boundary walls all add to the village appearance with their good presentation. The superb colourful landscaping along the approach roads was admired. This good landscaping continued throughout the village. Signage was generally good. Do ensure all encroaching foliage is cut back from all signs.

Concluding Remarks:

Castletown - Kilpatrick are doing good work in developing and enhancing the village while ensuring the natural surroundings are retained. Keep up the good work.