

Tidy Towns Competition 2022

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Enfield - An Bóthar Buí** Ref: **578**
County: **Meath** Mark: **340**
Category: **D** Date(s): **30/06/2022**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2021	Mark Awarded 2022
Community – Your Planning and Involvement	80	47	48
Streetscape & Public Places	80	37	38
Green Spaces and Landscaping	80	48	50
Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality	55	39	42
Sustainability – Doing more with less	55	20	23
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	59	61
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	55	35	36
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	55	40	42
TOTAL MARK	550	325	340

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. Enfield is welcomed to the Tidy Towns Supervalu competition 2022. Thank you for your application. You have a committee of ten members working diligently to develop and enhance different projects. You engage with all agencies and businesses who give you great support with your many projects. You hold a mid-summer festival which is supported by Revue and local business association. In the past two years there has been greater cooperation between all organisations. You engage well with all the schools, parents and children who come along to help with litter picking. Communication to the wider community is through Facebook and parish bulletin. Enfield is 36 years taking part in the competition. During that time there has been a noticeable improvement in the streetscape with many projects completed. One project that the community can enjoy is the Leisure park. This is a superb amenity for everyone to enjoy. More people have become involved in your work which in turn has created a better community spirit.

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

There are a number of restoration projects ongoing such as the ESB/OPW offices and St Patricks parish hall. These buildings will be available to the community to use for their activities. The Leisure Park is a fine amenity for the community and visitors to the town to enjoy. It is well presented throughout with the fairy trail taking pride of place. The memorial garden was visited. It is neatly mowed but do remove the pots placed on top of the stone wall as they are not adding to the overall appearance of this area. The station was visited and new projects noted ensuring that the heritage of this site is retained. The old gate painted looked fresh. Celtic FC was also visited and new hedging noted and admired.

Green Spaces and Landscaping / Spásanna Glasa agus Tírdhreachú:

The Enfield signs in box hedging is superb, taking a lot of work to maintain. The perennial pollinator friendly flower and shrub beds at various sites are commended. The planters placed at suitable locations bring that great splash of colour. This planting complements the superb mature trees and hedging that is part of the town boundary. It is good to see native hedging been planted where hedging is required. At some of the roundabouts there are a number of pots unplanted, one wonders if there is a need for them to be located at the edge of the roundabout and unplanted.

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

This category is about how you understand, protect and enhance biodiversity in your area. You have completed a number of projects to enhance biodiversity in the town. Some of these projects are the swift boxes fitted to the school premises, which included a brief talk from Birdwatch Ireland. Bat boxes are also erected at various locations. Nature and biodiversity signs have been erected to create awareness with the public on the species that live in the Leisure Park. Planting of native hedging complements the existing trees and hedging that forms the towns boundary. Trees planted in 2000 are now maturing and more nature walks are to be created in this area. Wildflowers are planted to encourage wildlife and a bug sanctuary was also noted. You are doing good work to manage and enhance biodiversity and also create awareness among the community of its importance.

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

In this category groups are asked to show how efficiently they manage their resources to reduce waste generation. In your application you give examples of projects you are doing and plan to do in the future on ways to reduce waste generation. Your looking to undertake a masterplan of the energy being used in a house in the town, to show how it can be upgraded to a B energy rating. When this study is complete in conjunction with SEAI the house will be submitted for a grant to help carry out the work. Solar panels were noted at the leisure park. New houses at the back of Supervalu have all been fitted with solar panels resulting in a saving of 18% on annual ESB bills, which hopefully is the way forward in the future for many to help reduce use and cost of electricity. The superb seat with a fully accessible ramp was made from old gates and doesn't it look superb, well done to all concerned. The school is doing its part to help reduce waste generation with various projects on recycling and reusing. This is the way, that we all have to keep thinking on ways of reducing waste, to help the environment.

Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:

You are doing good work to ensure Enfield is kept clean and tidy by having regular litter pick evenings. The wider community should be involved in controlling litter as it is unfair to expect a small group to cover a large area. The housing estates give you great help in this area. The group also feel that more litter wardens should be employed in the county as there is a constant issue from litter being dumped in the area, both along the roadside and in the bins. There are some issues with unoccupied buildings but it is hoped that recent planning permissions will address this problem. The railings at the front of the health centre need painting.

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

There are a large number of housing estates with many of the areas working actively for Tidy Towns. The tidiest estate competition which has lapsed the last couple of years is hoped to be up and running again this year. It is also hoped that the best front garden competition sponsored by Supervalu will also be up and running again this year. The houses along the approach roads and throughout the town are bright and colourful with well painted facades and good landscaping. Rose cottage was admired. The housing estates visited have good green areas and well planted name plate entrances. The trees throughout give great effect, softening the appearances of the buildings. The play area was also admired with many children present showing appreciation with excitement.

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

The approach roads to the town have good well landscaped entrance signs. The box hedging signs are particularly admired. Footpaths are good. Traffic flow is good and the cycle lanes are very effective. Murals bring their own splash of colour to the streetscape in particular the bridge house mural. Verges are neat while retaining a corridor for wildlife. Planters at the roundabouts as mentioned earlier are not enhancing these areas. Do ensure that all foliage is cut back from signage in particular on approach roads.

Concluding Remarks:

Enfield continue to do good work with the projects developed. These completed projects both enhance the town and improving the quality of life for those living, working and visiting the area. Keep up the good work and you are wished well in the future.