

# Tidy Towns Competition 2022

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Kilbride Cill Bhríde** Ref: **1146**  
County: **Meath** Mark: **252**  
Category: **B** Date(s): **30/06/2022**

	<b>Maximum Mark</b>	<b>Mark Awarded 2021</b>	<b>Mark Awarded 2022</b>
Community – Your Planning and Involvement	80	31	33
Streetscape & Public Places	80	30	33
Green Spaces and Landscaping	80	31	34
Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality	55	23	26
Sustainability – Doing more with less	55	22	25
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	42	45
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	55	25	25
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	55	29	31
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>252</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.

Kilbride is welcomed to the Supervalu Tidy Towns competition 2022. Thank you for your application and 3 to 5 year plan for the area. The village of Kilbride has a core committee of nine members and many volunteers working diligently to develop and enhance the village with various projects. The committee engage with all other groups in the area and also all agencies, businesses, sporting clubs and school. The school and the group work very closely and help each other with projects. Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings are generally the meeting/working times for the group to engage on the relevant projects. Maintaining and developing the heritage is very important to the village and this is evident with the various sites highlighting past village history such as the Forge and water pump. Communication on your work to the wider community is through social media in particular WhatsApp. Your involvement in the competition is important to the Tidy Towns and it is good to note that the competition has helped to focus the group more on different projects. These projects have resulted in making the village a better place to live and visit for everyone. You are commended on winning the Ashbourne/Meath Municipal District Pride of Place Award for best small village in County Meath. Well done to all involved.

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

On entering the village, the elevated Church and landscaped grounds look superb. Moving through the village, Sweeney's Pub and Restaurant highlight and brightens the surrounding area. Scoil Bhríde adds its own vibrancy to the streetscape with the colourful murals which were admired. These murals will leave a lasting legacy to the area. Appreciation is shown to the pupils and local artist Shannon Sheehy, for the superb work they have done bringing the village to life in art. The Top Filling station and shop which is such an important facility for the village is bright and welcoming. Cill Bhríde GAA and surrounds is well maintained providing an important amenity for the community and surrounding areas to enjoy. The heritage sites of the Forge and water pump with the use of recycled materials is commended. The Heritage courtyard at the Church starting with the heritage gates will make an ideal heritage display area for the village. The graveyard was also visited and admired on its presentation.

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

The natural surroundings of the village of mature trees and hedging are complemented by the superb planting throughout the village. The landscaping at various sites such as the Church, Shop/Forecourt, tranquillity garden and through the village all show displays of pollinator friendly plants, which is commended. The photos also show good all year round colour which helps to brighten up the streetscape during winter. The hard landscaping also complements this natural planting. You are doing well in this category, keep up the good work.

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

Well done on securing funding to obtain the service and expertise of an ecologist to assess local habitats. The plan will hopefully be completed in 2023. This work will be welcomed in particular the findings from the woodland of Prieststown estate and the Ward river and surrounds. The Biodiversity in the village is enhanced by the planting that you have introduced at various sites. The verges are neat but still retain that corridor of grass and vegetation for wildlife. It is about getting the balance right, having the village neat but also addressing ways of enhancing Biodiversity which you are doing well. Your future projects that you are planning in this area will be welcomed.

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

In the previous categories signs of reusing and recycling can be identified in your projects. The community garden is one example. The use of rainwater and growing of vegetables and flowers from seeds is one way of showing how you use your resources to reduce waste generation. The propagation of the hedging at the Church is another example of good management. You are also commended for the use of bark to reduce weeds and refrain from using herbicides and pesticides in the village. The recycling at the Forge is another good example of reusing and recycling. Sustainability has three strands, environmental, economic and social. You address all three with the savings you make on growing your own vegetables, which is environmentally friendly. It also has a social impact for the village, bringing more people together to help with various projects. Funding for the preparation of an energy master plan for the village in conjunction with SEAI has been obtained. Statkraft who develop solar farms are working closely to the village and it is hoped that the organisations in the community will liaise and work with them in the future. A busy time ahead for the village but all leading to better savings for the wider community.

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

Working with Meath Council on the Green Kilometre and An Taisce spring clean are good ways of involving the community and creating awareness. The controlling of litter involves the wider community. The Green Kilometre gives people the opportunity to take care of their stretch of road and this is very effective especially in rural settings. A lot of litter occurs as a result of passing traffic, which it is hoped will improve as a result of seeing the village's neat appearance.

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

The houses on the approach roads and throughout the village are well presented with neat gardens and good floral displays, brightening their facades. The housing estates are maintained to a high standard. Care is taken in the planting at the estates to complement the planting through the village. The work the residents do in maintaining their estates gives the Tidy Towns group great support with their work in the rest of the village. All the residents are commended for their work in maintaining their homes to such a high standard.

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

The well landscaped approach roads to the village gives a very good first impression as one enters. This good landscaping along the roads and in containers continues through the village. The bridges are another important feature of the area and they are highlighted by good planting. Verges are neat while maintaining a corridor for wildlife. Gates are painted. Do ensure that the entrance signs are uniform on all roads leading to the village.

### **Concluding Remarks:**

Kilbride has done good work for this year's competition over all the categories. All work aligns to a number of SDGs which is commended. Keep up the good work and you are wished well in the future.