

Tidy Towns Competition 2022

Adjudication Report

Centre: Dromore West - An Droim Mór Thiar	Ref: 1520
County: Sligo	Mark: 288
Category: B	Date(s): 11/07/2022

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2021	Mark Awarded 2022
Community – Your Planning and Involvement	80	45	46
Streetscape & Public Places	80	37	39
Green Spaces and Landscaping	80	34	37
Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality	55	28	31
Sustainability – Doing more with less	55	18	20
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	53	53
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	55	31	31
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	55	31	31
TOTAL MARK	550	277	288

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 An Droim Mór Thiar! Dromore West Enhancement Committee is very welcome to this year's TidyTowns competition. We thank you for your entry submission. Like you, your adjudicator recognises the benefits of the committee being a sub-group of the Dromore West Village Enhancement Committee as your strategic aims are intrinsically linked and good structures and lines of communication are already in place. You are fortunate to have a good pool of volunteers to call upon to assist your work projects and programmes. It is positive that you have a member on the Sligo Environmental Network. You have developed several good working relationships with various local groups, agencies, and bodies. We need to extend our thanks for the various local businesses that provide monetary sponsorship, materials, time, advice, and resources to help advance and assist with your work. For next year, could you please try and make your entry form a little more concise to allow the adjudicator more time to enjoy your village offerings. Repetition of projects is not necessary. We are also unsure if you have developed a multi-annual TidyTowns Action Plan? If not, we suggest this is something you could work on in consultation with the community and in conjunction with local representatives and officers from Sligo County Council.

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

The Community Centre with the AstroTurf pitch, playground and multipurpose rooms is a great community asset. Works at the playground were ongoing when we visited. Feeney's Supermarket car park was tidy and complimented by a colourful shrub bed. Could the area at the rear of the supermarket be used for car parking? Battles Lounge appears to be closed. Other businesses such as Beautylicious, the Pharmacy and the Vets look well. Signage choice is poor and not in keeping the rural nature of the village at Tasty Bites, while we thought that the shop fronts of the Butchers and the Post Office would benefit from a fresh coat of paint. Feeney's Mace has been enhanced since we last visited some years ago, the new mural by Nick Perdy and the addition of outdoor seating was admired. We gather from your application that the owners are very supportive of the TidyTowns movement in Dromore West and happy to take your recommendations on board. There is a boarded-up house near the Community Centre that needs attention.

Green Spaces and Landscaping / Spásanna Glasa agus Tírdhreachú:

The sensory garden, located beside the playpark, is a tremendous success - kudos to all involved. The planting is made up of high value amenity trees, scented plants, pollinator friendly planting, and native perennials and you assist in its upkeep. It is a great addition to the residents of Dromore West and as you recognise the start of

increased green biodiverse pockets in and around the village centre. The Churchill graveyard project is very suitable for inclusion given that local parishioners no doubt are involved in its maintenance and upkeep. We wish you well with your proposed venture with the local Young At heart Group, and hope that the idea to help growing seeds and maintain several flowers close to their meeting place come to fruition.

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

We are delighted to hear that you have engaged with consultants to provide you professional advice and create a Biodiversity Action Plan for Dromore West. Could the area near the waterfall be enhanced and access improved? We enjoyed a walk along the Dunneill River Walk, just by luck, as the signs told us the walk was closed for bridge repairs and maintenance! Thankfully, the works had not started and we enjoyed a walk out past Orville Park and to the shorefront. The upgraded fencing was noted in places. This is a safe walk suitable for all which could be promoted further afield. We gather you have done a lot of clearing to enhance the Orville Park and make it more manageable for your group. You have been organising great awareness raising events such as the guided biodiversity walk along the Dunneill River as part of Biodiversity Week and your planned geology walk for National Heritage Week. Furthermore, you have installed Dipper boxes with assistance from members of the River Easkey Angling Association. We believe your association with the Sligo Environmental Network; the Local Authority Waters Programme and the River Easkey Angling Association has put you in good stead for the future projects. You are making good strides in this category; we hope you can keep the momentum up for next year.

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

Reusing signage for the Darkness into Light walk is apt as is using ceramics and reusable cups which are slightly more effort in terms of washing up but less waste and much more sustainable. The Flying Crafters ladies group sound like just the group to get involved in the promotion of fixing and mending your clothes. Less people know how to sew on a button or mend a hem, perhaps you could run a workshop to upskill people in these basic skills that are being lost. They are doing stellar work using scraps and redundant materials - we love the project involving the old jerseys being turned into bunting for the GAA club. Recycled materials are a resource / commodity which you discovered by recycling the old metal play equipment and getting money to reinvest in the upgrade works at the playpark. More segregation of materials is occurring at the community centre, which is good, Barna Waste may be able to provide you with composition data of the waste that they collect from you. You have plans to develop a Sustainable Energy Community Plan also in the pipeline, this should improve how energy is used for the benefit of the wider community.

Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:

Litter control is ongoing in Dromore West on streets, along the river walk and in local estates with the help of the CE workers, your Picker Pals, and some of the residents' associations. Litter control was to a good standard on adjudication day. The Bring Banks were clean and well presented. The Michael Clarke Constituency Office signage is a little worse for wear and should be removed. There is an old fenced off building as you approach the junction from the Church which needs attention. The paving at the junction around tasty Bites would benefit from power-washing.

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

Individual boundary walls at some residential premises out the Ballina Road would benefit from painting. At the Fair Green there was no name sign at the entrance. At Mill View the name signage here has been tipped over and needs to be re-erected. We visited the new social housing built to high energy standards. The works are finished to a high standard.

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

We thought that perhaps a street sweeper would be beneficial to remove the dead leaves and bits and pieces remaining at the kerbside – do Sligo County Council provide you with access to a regular street sweeper? Pedestrian crossing was noted favourable. We note that some older derelict cottages on the main approaches have been improved.

Concluding Remarks:

Your committee are very aware of sustainability issues and your motto to think globally, act locally is to be applauded. We thank you for making linkages between your work and the sustainable development goals. Your adjudicator believes that you have conducted good work this year and your work programmes and projects are well informed, researched and thought out. Keep up the good work.