Tidy Towns Competition 2022

Adjudication Report

Centre:	**Bansha - An Bháinseach**	Ref:	**631**
County:	**Tipperary(South)**	Mark:	**323**
Category:	**B**	Date(s):	**20/06/2022**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2021	Mark Awarded 2022
Community – Your Planning and Involvement	80	51	52
Streetscape & Public Places	80	39	40
Green Spaces and Landscaping	80	46	47
Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality	55	31	31
Sustainability – Doing more with less	55	17	18
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	58	59
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	55	36	36
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	55	39	40
TOTAL MARK	**550**	**317**	**323**

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. Thank you for your entry form, a map of Bansha village showing N24 road and Main Street with features on and near the through road, Bansha Tidy Towns Biodiversity report and Bansha village photos. In addition, we have again the 17 Sustainable Development Goals. Your organisation name is Bansha Tidy Towns. You have a committee of 10 and can call on 15 volunteers. You meet every Thursday evening for 2 hours of work in the village. If carrying out bigger tasks you meet on a Saturday also. You have 4 formal meetings a year, with informal meetings with your tea on Tuesday evenings.

You have one Community Employment Participant for the village. He maintains the flower beds and cuts the grass. You also have a part time CE participant who maintains the old graveyard and church grounds. You get advice from Environmentalist Albert Nolan, beekeeper Pat Devane, Horticulturist Mary Fitzpatrick and Mick White, one of your volunteers provides tools/machinery/safety signs etc when needed.

You communicate with your community through local radio, local newspaper, Facebook page. The primary school hoisted its green flag on 25th May. Your main project is to tackle the long bed by the GAA wall.

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

The Church of the Annunciation and Templeneiry Church are focal points of the village. The grass at the Church of the Annunciation was neatly cut, railings clean and there are lovely planters along the front of the railings. The Templeneiry Church is surrounded by a graveyard. It is well maintained. Even though O'Heney's Pub is closed it looks well. The village green is well kept with some lovely planting. The paved plaza has some lovely planting, and the seating area is a great place to sit and watch the comings and goings in the village. The River Arra is another focal point of the village. It has a lovely 3 arch bridge. There is an old car painted red and white beside the bridge. The National School looks well. The grass area at the front was neatly cut and the flower bed in the car park had colourful planting and 3 black planters.

Green Spaces and Landscaping / Spásanna Glasa agus Tírdhreachú:

The village green has plenty of maturing trees. There is some lovely planting on the corner of N24 and the R663. There is also some lovely planting around the paved plaza. The grass was neatly cut. The wide verges on the approach roads are all nicely cut. The grounds of the church were neat and tidy. Well done to the CE worker. There were plenty of planters with colourful flowers seen around the village. They add a lovely splash of colour. You make the most of the flower beds around the village. They all had lovely planting in them.

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

We look forward to ready your feasibility study of the Arra River in next year's entry form. There must be plenty of wildlife along the river not just in the wildlife area beside the bottle banks. The introduction of wildflowers to the various flowerbeds around the village was an excellent idea. They add colour as well as attracting pollinators. We note that you have acted on the recommendation of Albert Nolan and carry out wildflower seed harvesting. You have harvested the seeds of the Common Poppy and Field Scabious. Well done to the volunteer who planted a Mullein plantlet and distributed it's seeds to other villagers.

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

You work well with the school children in this category. They are encouraged to bring reusable water bottles instead of single use bottles. Recycle batteries in aid of the Laura Lynn Foundation, participate in the Healthy Food Dudes project which means they have fresh fruit daily and then compost any leftovers. The local shopkeeper uses the recycled bags that the community have donated. A local volunteer has kindly offered the use of his homemade composter so that you can compost the leaves and soil collected during sweeps of the village. You also use left over paint that the village residents no longer need.

Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:

Opposite the grotto there is a lay-by with 4 bottle banks and a clothes pod. All were clean. Beside this area is a field with a stream running behind the bottle bank and a colourful notice bilingual "Japanese Knotweed. Do not cut". You carry out daily litter picks around the village and local traders make sure there is no litter around their premises. You also make sure to sweep the footpaths and kerbs on a regular basis. Bansha was clean and tidy and no litter was seen on adjudication day.

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

Bansha has 4 housing estates. Galtee View Estate is just beside the village green. It is a mature estate. It has a name stone at the entrance with some lovely planting around it. All residences looked well. Radharc na hAbhainn is a newer estate and is being extended. Some nice planting at the entrance and the green area is nicely cut. Church View Close is a small cul-de-sac beside the church. It has a name stone on the wall at the entrance and some planters underneath. Residences looked well. Cluainn Arrra is across the road from the village green. It has no name sign. It is a newer estate. The green area in the middle of the estate looked well and had some nice planting.

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

The first "Welcome" sign was set up on a verge on the road from Tipperary. It is bilingual and is black and white. It has long black legs on a nicely trimmed grass standing in a flower bed. The legs hold the "Welcome" up. Beside the "Welcome" and its flower bed there is a fully filled wooden barrow on the grass. On both sides of the road the verge has neatly trimmed grass and raised stone flower beds which make the wide verges attractive.

On the approach from Cahir there is another "Welcome" sign. It is black and white with a small planter underneath. The verges are neatly trimmed and there are some planters further along this road. The path on the other side of the road was clean and no litter was seen on adjudication day.

The grotto is unusual. Our Lady stands on the top of the grotto rather than inside it. She is saying a prayer. The gates need to be painted. The planting around this area is not to the standard seen in other parts of the village.

The approach on the R663 is a narrower approach road. We note that you are working on the long narrow bed along the wall at the GAA grounds. Keep up the good work there as it does need some love shown to it. The L4306 approach is another narrow approach road. Hedges and verges are neatly trimmed. The is another "Welcome" sign seen. Overall the approach roads to Bansha give a very good first impression of the village.

Concluding Remarks:

Thank you for this opportunity to adjudicate Bansha. I wish you well in the future