

Tidy Towns Competition 2022

Adjudication Report

Centre: Collinstown - Baile na gCailleach	Ref: 106
County: Westmeath	Mark: 320
Category: B	Date(s): 11/07/2022

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2021	Mark Awarded 2022
Community – Your Planning and Involvement	80	42	43
Streetscape & Public Places	80	43	43
Green Spaces and Landscaping	80	42	43
Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality	55	34	36
Sustainability – Doing more with less	55	16	17
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	58	58
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	55	36	37
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	55	42	43
TOTAL MARK	550	313	320

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 Baile na gCailleach. Thank you for this year's submission for Collinstown. Your account of the work being undertaken and the map that accompanies it give a good account of what is being done by the committee and volunteers in Collinstown. You continue to have a strong group of volunteers and organizations (voluntary, business and sporting) and school and parish) interested in supporting the Tidy Town work, well done. The benefits of working in Tidy Towns clearly contribute to the development of the community as you have outlined. You have a wide range of social media that are being used to communicate activities, my visit to the Facebook page shows there are opportunities to keep this updated. It is a useful way promote the activity of the Tidy Towns workers to the broader community

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

The work on planting, seating, picnic tables and maintenance of spaces around buildings contribute to the overall sense of place for Collinstown. The Lough Lane amenity area is a valuable resource for the town and work there will build the sense of pride the community has for this resource. The removal of Leylandii at the cemetery has certainly opened up views to Lough Lene, planting of native trees and shrubs in future years will benefit local biodiversity and bring seasonal colour to the area. St Mary's School, the church and the areas around the playground and community hall were all well presented.

Green Spaces and Landscaping / Spásanna Glasa agus Tírdhreachú:

Greenspaces and landscaping highlights include the Pound picnic and wildlife area on the Mullingar road. This spot with seating, bird boxes and the old log is a well maintained. Are the bird boxes being used, what species are present? The green area at the cross roads is an attractive town centre feature. The mix of mature trees, flowering plants and managed grass create a space where people can gather and relax in. The native tree planting project is welcomed and I look forward to seeing these and additional trees come to maturity in the town.

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

Congratulations on the ongoing development of a Biodiversity Plan. The site on the Castlepollard road has lots of potential to develop as a mix of habitats in the coming years, the monitoring of developments on the site will be of interest, what plant, insect, bird and other species will use this area. This will be an opportunity to get school groups involved in identifying and counting the variety of species that are attracted to the area. It is good to see the variety

of flowers appearing in and around the village. It would be nice to see some of these displays captured for Facebook as spring flowering is missed by the visiting adjudicators.

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

The clothes recycling and, jumper sales, stay at home quilt and reusable cups and party box initiatives are good examples of reuse/recycling and reduction in waste. The work to support refugees new the area is particularly noted. The plan to develop a cycle network in and around the village is one that will contribute to sustainable transport. Work with the local authority of this and the calming of traffic through the village. It may also help to link the Cut/Lough Lane amenity area to the village. Consider other initiatives such as using the Green Home survey at <https://www.greenhome.ie/>. There is a lot of useful information at this site to get households started on thinking about how sustainable they are and can be.

Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:

patrols, the work of CE operatives, committee members, volunteers and the schoolchildren of St Mary's NS are all to be congratulated on their good work. The problem of dumping at recycle facilities is one many communities have to deal with, well done on working to reduce this and any plans to eliminate this issue are welcomed.

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

The residential areas of the village, Glenn Alainn, Beech Park, Cois Leine and Clog an Leine are each doing good work on the maintenance of gardens and roadsides. The approaches to these estates could be enhanced in future projects with place name signage/stonework and planting. Houses in the town and along the approach roads also contribute to the quality of the village. The Zero Energy housing development is a welcome addition to the village, perhaps some of the generous space that is allocated to cars here could be planted by residents.

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

The footpath from town to the GAA grounds is a welcome piece of walking infrastructure for the village, with a cycling lane this will help reduce car journeys in and around Collinstown. The approaches to Collinstown from Mullingar, Castlepollard and Delvin each welcome the visitor with good signage, well maintained verges and a good mix of flowering plants. The grounds around the playschool, St Mary's NS and the Church are well maintained. The planting of wildflowers and native shrubs along the biodiversity site on the road will create a point of interest on the road into the village.

Concluding Remarks:

Congratulations to all involved in the Tidy Towns competition in Collinstown. Your plans for the future and continued commitment are helping create a village that is a pleasure to visit.