

# Tidy Towns Competition 2022

## Adjudication Report

Centre: <b>Mount Temple - An Grianán</b>	Ref: <b>1007</b>
County: <b>Westmeath</b>	Mark: <b>283</b>
Category: <b>B</b>	Date(s): <b>13/06/2022</b>

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2021	Mark Awarded 2022
Community – Your Planning and Involvement	80	46	47
Streetscape & Public Places	80	39	40
Green Spaces and Landscaping	80	39	40
Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality	55	22	22
Sustainability – Doing more with less	55	9	9
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	60	61
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	55	30	30
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	55	33	34
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>283</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. Adh Mór... Thank you for your application form and map. A committee of six with fifteen volunteers is excellent. It can be difficult to regain momentum after Covid, but I am sure that Tidy Towns groups will be able to up for the challenge. My congratulations on having an excellent Facebook page that you update regularly. When you post on Facebook looking for volunteers, do you get a good response? By using both offline and online communication you have a wide reach in your community. This will help to spread the word of your excellent work. You have built strong working relationship with other bodies in your community. Your work with other community groups shows a strong partnership and you should be congratulated for it. Your strong focus on the area by the community hall has been valuable as it looks very well. 15 years of entering the Tidy Towns competition is an achievement. The adjudicator is sure that you have greatly improved the village.

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

The amenity area beside the community hall is a well thought usable space, which is accessible to all users. The bike racks are a valuable resource, and it is a welcoming space for cyclists to stop and take a break. There are some buildings in the town that could do with power washing and painting. The benches in the town would benefit from being repainted. For the next years entry form it would be interesting for the adjudicator could be provided with a picture of the new artwork being hung in the community hall. The new wall will certainly add to the streetscape. Does the Tidy Towns group play a part maintaining Holy Trinity graveyard? The graveyard is beautifully maintained, and it is a credited to all who are involved. The public space beside the school is a great amenity. The adjudicator would recommend checking the paving around the bench as some were a little loose. An interesting project in this category could be to research the history of the buildings in the community and check if any one of them are on the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage <http://www.buildingsofireland.ie>

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

The efforts that you have made in tree planting are brilliant. Copper beach are a beautiful tree that will greatly improve the appearance of the approach road for years to come. They will delineate the villages boundaries. Have you check the Tidy Towns handbook for its invaluable advice in how to maintain trees? The adjudicator would recommend spending time working on the large flowerbed in the centre of the village and developing a plan to manage some of the shrubs and maybe introduce some new planting. The hostas in the bed are very impressive. Does the Tidy Towns group manage Holy Trinity graveyard? The adjudicator would like to encourage the Tidy

Towns group use biodiversity friendly planting in their containers. More information on this topic can be found on <http://www.pollinators.ie>.

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

The biodiversity area by the school is well located and the adjudicator would imagine it would be a lovely place to take time and relax. There is a range of bug hotels have you spotted any of them being used. The Wigwam is a lovely space how does the Tidy Towns group maintain it. Do you have any bird boxes in the community? Is the national school, working towards getting any Green Flags? Have you considered getting involved in citizen science projects such as the Flower-Index Timed Count? You can find out more information on- Flower-Insect Timed Count (FIT Count) - National Biodiversity Data Centre ([biodiversityireland.ie](http://biodiversityireland.ie))

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

The adjudicator hopes that you will be able to find a permanent home for the bike racks soon. The water harvesting will be a beneficial awareness project in the category. Have you consulted with the Environmental Awareness Officer in the County Council to get some more advice in this category? Other projects that could be applicable to this category include reusing material, swapping plant and anything that can save tidy towns group time and other resources.

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

Well done on your efforts to the community clean and tidy. The adjudicator is pleased that the amount of litter you are picking up is being reduced. How many volunteers did you have on your annual litter pick day How often does the Tidy Town group do the litter patrol? The plogging initiative is creative. what a wonderful way to get pick up litter and keep fit at the same time. How many people take part in it? Best of luck with your Green Km initiative. Thank you for valuable feedback on litter. In some regards we have become very dependent on disposables. Do you promote the reusable cups at events? The adjudicator did notice that some of your signage needed to be cleaned.

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

There is a lovely variety of houses in the community. The adjudicator could see that all the properties are very well cared for. Have you considered having a best kept garden competition to encourage and reward residents in the community? Maybe Moun temple residents, would be interested in getting involved in biodiversity project such as making the gardens pollinator friendly. Have you consulted the tidy Towns handbook for further information on this category?

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

Your aspirational idea to create a cycle path/walkway to the GAA club is brilliant as it would give pedestrians the opportunity to go to training safely. The adjudicator would urge you not to give up on this project as it would be beneficial for the whole community. Your approach roads are well maintained. You should be commended for your tree planting efforts, in years to come the approach roads will be dominated by beautiful Copper Beeches.

### **Concluding Remarks:**

Mount Temple is a beautiful village that you as Tidy Towns committee have worked hard to maintain. Please keep up your excellent work and the adjudicator is looking forward to seeing your plans being realized.