

Tidy Towns Competition 2025

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Eadestown - Baile Éide** Ref: **101**
County: **Kildare** Mark: **325**
Category: **A** Date(s): **27/06/2025**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2024	Mark Awarded 2025
Community – Your Planning and Involvement	80	42	43
Streetscape & Public Places	80	40	42
Green Spaces and Landscaping	80	40	43
Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality	55	36	39
Sustainability – Doing more with less	55	22	24
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	60	62
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	55	34	35
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	55	35	37
TOTAL MARK	550	309	325

Community – Your Planning and Involvement / An Pobal - Pleanáil agus Rannpháirtíocht:

Fáilte chuig Comórtas Bhailte Slachtmhara SuperValu 2025. Go raibh maith agaibh as bhur iarratas a chur isteach. Maith sibh don obair atá déanta agaibh in bhur cheantar go dtí seo - guímid gach rath oraibh i bhur dtionscadail amach anseo. Ádh mór. Eadestown is welcomed to the 2025 Supervalu Tidy Towns competition. Thank you for your application, map and plan for the future. The villages committee of eight members and a large number of volunteers are working to enhance and develop the village, with different projects, making the village a better place to live in and visit. Since this year's adjudicator last visited there has been a great improvement to the village and surroundings. The committee have ongoing support from Kildare County Council, all other agencies and businesses with advice and funding, for the maintenance and development of the village and surroundings. Communication to the wider community is through local newsletter, social media and public meetings. The local national school participate in the Green School initiative and learn about the various topics such as climate change and biodiversity and work on different projects with the Tidy Towns. Participation in the Tidy Towns competition has created a better community spirit with all members working together to enhance and develop the area.

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

The Tickell Memorial Water Fountain is the focal point of the village. This heritage site is the first feature of the village that visitors remember and look for on their return visit. Thankfully it is being well maintained with new painting on an annual basis. Producing a heritage app on its history would be good for visitors to download and learn about this important feature. The Church and grounds looked bright and colourful. Some of the Church's boundary wall could do with freshening. The School and surroundings were also admired. The Community Hall an important amenity for the community, for social activities, could be freshened to enhance this important building more. The childcare facility was bright and welcoming. Annagaul bridge on this road is an important part of the village boundary and has been enhanced with a name plaque and planting. The well maintained cemetery is a credit to the community.

Green Spaces and Landscaping / Spásanna Glasa agus Tírdhreachú:

The village garden is an interesting area with hard and soft landscaping blending together in this well maintained area of the village. The 1916 proclamation is highlighted with a superb bog oak sculpture, flag poles and information board. This is a garden for all seasons with many different plants noted in the many areas of ground planting and also in containers. The gravel paths and seating makes it an ideal spot to relax and enjoy the surroundings. The entrance to the garden from the carpark through the pergola makes this entrance stand out. Planting of ground cover suitable for under trees on the front bank that has to be retained, would help to cut down on maintenance but still enhance this section. The tree and hedge planting along the approach roads was also

noted and admired. The landscaping at the Church brought colour and interest to this part of the village. You are fortunate to have the assistance of Blessington Lakes Garden Centre who advise on planting initiatives.

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

The management and protection of local species and habitats is important and it is good to note that you are working with a local Biodiversity Group, to protect the biodiversity of the village and continue to retain the natural beauty of the area and surroundings in all future projects. The planting of native trees and hedging together with pollinator friendly plants is noted throughout the village landscaping. It is important to appreciate and celebrate local species and habitats by hosting walks and talks, such as your talk by Eanna Ni Lamhna on Biodiversity which was well attended by the community. Members of the community may not be aware of the wildlife that is in existence in their midst, making these events essential to host. That is just one of a number of walks and talks that Eadestown have hosted in the last year. The hand crafted bird box was noted and admired, it is hoped that it will be monitored and movements recorded, with the results included in next year's application.

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

Most groups are very active in encouraging community members to make their area more sustainable by their actions. Energy, water and transport are the three main themes under which savings can be made. Harvesting of rainwater is one of the most likely as we get plenty of it. Installing water butts for watering plants and other tasks is encouraged. Walking, cycling and using public transport where possible are all good. Most homes and businesses are saving on electricity by installing solar panels and led lighting. Growing vegetables and flowers from seed and taking cuttings of plants are all good ways of saving. The re-turn scheme has proved very successful with less bottles being thrown around, with a cash incentive on their return. The same works with getting cash for clothes, which is a great fund raiser for schools in particular. The segregation of litter and recycling where possible are all helpful to reduce waste. Most waste companies are now encouraging the use of food waste bins, which is also helpful. You are doing good work in this area and continue to document all projects as otherwise they go unnoticed and not get the recognition they deserve.

Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:

The village has a good plan in place around the control of litter with annual clean-up days, just one of the events held. This event creates awareness among the wider community and helps to get people motivated. The green kilometre scheme which encourages the adoption of a stretch of road by the residents, is a superb way of getting more of the community involved. Have you seen a reduction in the amount of litter collected at these events? If less dumping is being noticed it shows that your work in reducing litter is working. Many groups make these events into a social event with refreshments and from your photos included, Eadestown are grateful to Mary Kates for their well-earned treats.

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

The houses along the approach roads and throughout the village have well painted facades, neat gardens and colourful landscaping, all adding their own charm to the streetscape. The housing estates have entrance name stones, superb green areas, trees and colourful landscaping. The residents are commended on the work they do in presenting their homes to such a high standard and also helping out with other projects to enhance the village.

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

The approach road from Blessington has a splendid entrance sign and well maintained verges, while retaining a corridor for wildlife. Trees, hedging and colourful landscaping are included in the boundary on all approach roads. The Annagaul bridge makes a superb feature on this approach road. The planting of bulbs ensures that the village is bright and welcoming all year round.

Concluding Remarks:

Well done to Eadestown on their continued work to develop and enhance their beautiful village with public space for the community to use and enjoy. Keep up the good work and you are wished well in the future.