

Tidy Towns Competition 2025

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Kildangan - Cill Daingin** Ref: **163**
County: **Kildare** Mark: **317**
Category: **B** Date(s): **09/07/2025**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2024	Mark Awarded 2025
Community – Your Planning and Involvement	80	46	47
Streetscape & Public Places	80	39	41
Green Spaces and Landscaping	80	35	37
Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality	55	36	37
Sustainability – Doing more with less	55	16	18
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	62	64
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	55	35	36
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	55	35	37
TOTAL MARK	550	304	317

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. Kildangan is welcomed to the Supervalu 2025 Tidy Towns competition. Thank you for your application and map. Kildangan has a committee of ten members and a large number of volunteers always willing to help with various projects. More volunteers are always welcome to join especially from the housing estates. You are also fortunate to have CE workers to help with the ongoing maintenance of the village. Meetings are held regularly as required for planning and work events. There is ongoing support from Kildare County Council, Kildangan Stud, GAA, Scouts, local resident's associations and local businesses. Communication to the wider community is through local newsletters, newspaper, social media, public meetings, local radio and word of mouth. There is good interaction with the school through various biodiversity projects as part of the Green School initiative. Your main project of focus is on biodiversity and the school will be helpful with the knowledge they have gained, in the Green School initiative. Kildangan have entered the Tidy Towns competition for a total of 34 years, which shows great community commitment. Taking part has helped to improve public awareness on keeping the village clean, resulting in a great pride in the community on your achievements to date.

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

The village is a mix of heritage buildings and more modern builds all blending together to bring their own interest to the streetscape. Crosskeys Pub was well presented. The Church and grounds were well presented, so too was the National School and surroundings. Kildangan Hall an important facility for the community to hold community events, was admired on its splendid presentation. The village green is the focal point of the village streetscape. The GAA which is an important amenity for the community is well presented with colourful landscaping at the entrance. Kildangan Stud entrance, looked pristine and this tidiness continued along the approach road. Kildangan like most towns and villages have welcomed new housing developments over the last decade resulting in an increase in population and an increased demand for more amenities.

Green Spaces and Landscaping / Spásanna Glasa agus Tírdhreachú:

The village has an abundance of native trees and hedging along the approach roads, which is complemented by many areas of pollinator friendly plantings at various locations in the village. The GAA has superb planting at the entrance and is bordered by hedging and trees. Planting at the Church and opposite the hall was greatly admired. The estates also excel with good landscaping. It is good to see the use of pollinator friendly perennials included in a number of plantings throughout the village. This type of planting inclusive of bulb planting, provides great interest and colour all year round bringing and colourful brightness to the streetscape in Spring.

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

The natural surroundings of the village which includes an abundance of trees and hedging is protected and managed, with the inclusion of native planting in all new projects. Planting of pollinator friendly plants are included in most of the beds located at various sites throughout the streetscape. The GAA continue this theme with their landscaping projects. The school are also supported with their planting projects. It is good to see that the estates such as the Courtyard are also including this type of planting. The use of herbicides in controlling weeds is no longer recommended as research has found they are harmful for wildlife and humans. Thankfully you are following this trend and not using them. Areas that are retained for wildlife are becoming more popular, with the Council also supporting this in their spring mowing. Signs indicating this can be seen along road verges and other wildflower planted sections on approach roads, which is commended.

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

In this category groups are encouraged to make their area more sustainable by their actions. The school's participation in the Green School initiative provides pupils and parents with good knowledge on the many ways of reducing waste. It also educates on how to make savings and helps the environment. Most groups are now harvesting rainwater and using it to water plants and other tasks. Your landscaping with reduced container planting and more ground planting, reduces watering, which is commended. Children have a walk or cycle to school day, to encourage this type of activity and reduce carbon. Homes are becoming more conscious of saving electricity to reduce costs by installing solar panels, using LED lighting or simply switching off appliances. Less mowing of grass helps to reduce on fuel. Using cuttings and saving seeds also helps in planting. The whole area of recycling and reusing is improving with charity shops helping greatly as a place to bring unwanted goods, that someone else may need and use. The list goes on. Do ensure that you document all projects in this section otherwise they may go unnoticed.

Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:

There is good support from the community in helping to keep the village clean and free from litter. There is no control over litter being dropped from cars on route from local outlets, only to keep trying to educate people on how terrible litter is for the environment, especially harmful to waterways and also the overall appearance of the countryside. It is good that the GAA, the local school and the scouts are helping you to keep the village clean and litter free. The CE workers play an important part in the maintenance of the area, which is very helpful to the committee. Dog lovers are also encouraged to clean up after their pets which is working well.

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

The houses along the approach roads and throughout the village are well presented with brightly coloured facades, neat gardens and colourful floral displays. The housing estates have good entrance signs, green areas and also splendid landscaping. Do you host a best kept estate's competition? This is a good way of encouraging and also rewarding residents for their efforts in maintaining their homes and surroundings. Bridgeside cottages were greatly admired. The residents are commended for the work they do in presenting their homes to such a high standard.

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

The approach roads to the village are well presented with superb entrance signs, trees and well maintained hedges and verges. There is also a corridor for wildlife retained along approach roads, which is encouraged. The Kildangan Stud road is exceptionally well maintained and it is good to see that the community work together which benefits everyone. The Pump seating and landscaping on approach roads was particularly admired. Do ensure that all encroaching foliage is cut back from all signs.

Concluding Remarks:

Kildangan was a pleasure to visit and adjudicate. The village is continuing to develop with new housing estates being built. The natural surroundings of the village are still being retained with the new developments blending in well, which is good. Keep up the good work developing and enhancing your beautiful village and you are wished well in the future.