

# Tidy Towns Competition 2025

## Adjudication Report

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| Centre:   | <b>Prosperous - An Chorr Choill</b> | Ref:     | <b>780</b>        |
| County:   | <b>Kildare</b>                      | Mark:    | <b>295</b>        |
| Category: | <b>C</b>                            | Date(s): | <b>03/07/2025</b> |

|                                           | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 2024 | Mark Awarded 2025 |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Community – Your Planning and Involvement | 80           | 43                | 44                |
| Streetscape & Public Places               | 80           | 40                | 42                |
| Green Spaces and Landscaping              | 80           | 38                | 40                |
| Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality  | 55           | 24                | 26                |
| Sustainability – Doing more with less     | 55           | 14                | 17                |
| Tidiness and Litter Control               | 90           | 51                | 52                |
| Residential Streets & Housing Areas       | 55           | 38                | 39                |
| Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes           | 55           | 33                | 35                |
| <b>TOTAL MARK</b>                         | <b>550</b>   | <b>281</b>        | <b>295</b>        |

### 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. Prosperous is welcomed to the Supervalu Tidy Towns competition for 2025. Thank you for your application and map. Working with a committee of ten and a number of volunteers you are completing a number of projects to help enhance and develop the area and surroundings. Meetings are held regularly with good interaction with other community groups. There is ongoing support from Kildare County Council and businesses with advice and funding. You communicate to the wider community through social media, parish newsletter and public meetings. There is good help from the transition year students with litter picking and planning of other projects. Taking part in the competition has helped to improve the tidiness of the village in particular, less litter. There has been good support for your efforts from the wider community with positive feedback on developments to date.

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

The streetscape is a mix of private homes and well-presented businesses. Like most towns and villages, the town is growing in population. This means new projects have to be developed, to meet the growing demands of the community, with new developments of housing and other social amenities being added. Tidy Towns hope to develop a corner project at Brookes Mill which has been acquired by the County Council. The heritage of the town is also preserved and remembered, such as the 1798 rebellion and the cotton industry, which the town was once home to. It is good to preserve and retain our heritage for future generations to come. Our Lady and St Joseph Church and surroundings are very well maintained. The schools are also well maintained. The window boxes on the National School brought great vibrancy to the surroundings. The businesses of the town, such as Larry's looks welcoming, so too does Christy Keenan Bar with its colourful planters. The village pump also part of the heritage looked bright and colourful.

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

The natural planting of trees and hedging along the approach roads and throughout the streetscape, are complemented by the addition of ground planted beds and containers throughout the village. The planting of native trees and hedging is commended. Do ensure that trees are staked and tree ties are checked regularly. The planting at the pump highlighted this important feature. The planted containers placed at various sites, such as at Allenwood junction were admired. The raised bed opposite McCormack's was also admired as was the park on its overall presentation.

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

The management and protection of local habitats and species is important. Have you considered completing a biodiversity plan for the village. Such a plan is helpful in managing existing biodiversity and protecting it with future projects. The planting of native trees, hedging and pollinator friendly plants all help to enhance biodiversity. Planting of wild flowers and leaving more grass areas to grow, especially in spring allows natural wild flowers to blossom. The schools are aware of the importance of biodiversity through the Green School initiative. Working with Bird Watch Ireland erecting nest boxes and monitoring their movements is good. Groups are also encouraged to host walks and talks to show appreciation of local habitats and species. Often communities might be unaware of the wild life that is in their midst. The village has a number of walks where such an event could take place.

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

Making our areas more sustainable by our actions is a priority for most groups. The three main areas where great savings can be made are in transport, water and energy. Recycling is also a great way of saving. The re-turn scheme has proved very successful. Charity shops help to recycle and reuse items. Men's Shed also do good work in this area by making bird boxes, seats and other items out of waste materials and can be used by Tidy Towns groups. Harvesting of rainwater can be done by the wider community by the installation of water butts, that can be used for watering flowers and completing other tasks. Walking, cycling and using public transport are also encouraged while good for health and wellbeing, also help to save on emissions. The use of solar panels on many buildings are becoming more popular together with LED lighting which will help to reduce on electricity and reducing running costs. Do document all projects in this category as they may go unnoticed and not get the recognition they deserve.

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

There is a good plan in place on controlling litter in the village with twice weekly litter picks carried out by volunteers. You are also fortunate to have a number of CE workers who manage the maintenance of the village. There is a good community support for keeping the village clean with support from the school ongoing. Do you have a spring clean-up day, which helps to create awareness among the wider community and get more people involved in these events? It is good to see a reduction in the amount of litter collected as this proves that your plan is working.

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

The houses along the approach roads and throughout the streetscape looked bright with neat gardens and good floral displays. The estates have good entrances, well maintained green areas and landscaping which includes a noted amount of pollinator friendly plants. The thatched cottage was admired. The children's play area, an important amenity for the village is in a good accessible landscaped site and very welcoming.

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

The approach roads to the village have neat verges and entrance signs. The entrance signs could be enhanced with landscaping. Encroaching foliage needs to be cut back from all signage. Footpaths are generally good with new footpaths noted. The utility box at the Church could be painted also the post box. Traffic flowed well and parking was generally good.

### **Concluding Remarks:**

Prosperous was a pleasure to visit and adjudicate. Great work is being done to develop and enhance the village and surrounds to meet the growing needs of the community. Keep up the good work and you are wished well in the future.