

Tidy Towns Competition 2026

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Drimnagh - Droimneach** Ref: **839**
County: **Dublin** Mark: **281**
Category: **F** Date(s): **07/06/2026**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2025	Mark Awarded 2026
Community – Your Planning and Involvement	80	39	40
Streetscape & Public Places	80	37	38
Green Spaces and Landscaping	80	39	40
Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality	80	35	36
Sustainability – Doing more with less	80	19	20
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	43	44
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	55	31	31
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	55	31	32
TOTAL MARK	600	274	281

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

“Fáilte go Comórtas Bailte Slachtmhara SuperValu 2026. Go raibh maith agaibh as bhur n-iarratas a chur isteach. Maith sibh as an obair atá déanta agaibh in bhur gceantar go dtí seo - guíonn muid gach rath oraibh in bhur dtionscadail amach anseo.”

Tidy Drimnagh are most welcome to the 2026 Supervalu Tidy Towns competition and thank you for your entry. This is your fifth year of entering the competition and you feel the process of entering as well as the feedback from adjudicators' reports has greatly benefited your work. You are members of other local forums such as Dynamic Drimnagh Forum, Drimnagh for All as well as Dublin City Council PPN. This helps to bring a coherent focus on Drimnagh and provides inclusive open communication for the benefit of the whole community.

You are a committee of 10 with 25 volunteers who help and support your work. You are in regular contact with and have the support of many local agencies, bodies and businesses.

You communicate using WhatsApp and have excellent Facebook and Instagram pages with a good number of followers and regular, informative and up to date posts. You liaise with the local schools, youth centres and guides and are currently collaborating with The Bosco youth centre to arrange some programmes as part of their Summer schedule.

Your entry form was well structured and informative and contained photographs showing some of the work projects on which you have been working during the year.

You have labelled projects with an M to show that they are on the map supplied. This is a little confusing as we ask for projects to be labelled M for maintained or N for new. It would be helpful if you could review this for future years and mark projects accordingly. You could number the projects on the entry form with the same numbers that you have used on the map for clarity. The map was clear and easy to read. There was a little confusion here too however as there were two sets of numbers – one for the new tidy projects and one for the ongoing tidy projects both starting at 1.

The three year plan 2026-2028 included with the entry form is well populated. The headings are not broken down according to the Tidy Towns categories and this, in itself, is not an issue. However, expanding the spreadsheet with two more columns would be helpful. One would show the Tidy Towns category that each project is aiming to work towards and align with and the second would give a timeline and status update of each project. This is a checklist for you and for the adjudicator to review each year.

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

Drimnagh has been on the cusp of some important changes for a number of years and you tell us that some of these significant developments are now either finished, being built or have been granted planning permission. This is good news for Drimnagh and developments include a new library for which permission has been granted, a new flagship Dunnes Stores, plans for social housing, a new primary care centre and new apartments. These are

welcome developments and will ensure that Drimnagh will be a thriving village with services to cater for all members of the community.

The phased upgrade of Errigal Field by Dublin City Council is progressing and has involved both Dynamic Drimnagh and the local secondary school.

You log requests on the Dublin City Council Citizen hub app regularly to report any graffiti or illegal dumping. This is an excellent service and one that also allows you to inform the council when bins are full. You encourage volunteers to use the app as was noted on your social media pages.

The Drimnagh Historical Pocket Map & Podcasts launched by the local history group with Dynamic Drimnagh is a great idea and specifically revolves around the history of ballroom dancing in Drimnagh. This links in also with the Drimnagh Residents Associations.

Although it was wet and windy on adjudication day, there was lots of activity around Drimnagh. Our Lady's Hall was in full flow with the Summer Festival and there were plenty of people coming and going. The hall was looking well with nice planters at the entrance. Our Lady of Mercy Secondary School was also well presented and the urban drainage system was admired. Sadly, there was considerable evidence of herbicide having been used at the front of the school. The Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel was very well presented with well-maintained gardens that had lovely mature trees and shrubs.

Green Spaces and Landscaping / Spásanna Glasa agus Tírdhreachú:

You maintain many planters throughout Drimnagh and those at the Galtymore Shops were noted and admired. Your plan to replace the planters seems unnecessary especially in terms of sustainability. The present ones are in good condition. Putting trees into planters is not always a good idea as they struggle to survive without sufficient space for roots to spread and seldom get enough water or nutrition from the soil in the containers.

The Errigal Field is a really lovely space and has clearly been upgraded with biodiversity in mind as well as making it accessible for all. Given its proximity to the hospital this is good news for visitors, staff and residents.

The new café at the Mourne roundabout is a bright and well presented space and had plenty of customers on adjudication day. The roundabout itself was looking great with grass cut at the perimeter for access and visibility but the centre left to grow long and allowing wildflowers to flourish. The trees here were particularly striking and healthy looking.

Brickfields Park is a great facility with playing pitches that have been reseeded and some seating areas. You are hoping that additional planting and seating will be provide as well as an upgrade to the playground. Additionally, the changing rooms are due to be upgraded to a pavilion and community room. This would really make the park a great asset for the local community and we look forward to hearing more of its progress in future reports.

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

The excellent Biodiversity Plan drawn up in 2023 was located on your Facebook page. You are following up on the 10 actions recommended and have outlined the actions taken in regards to each of these. Have you plans to continue to expand on these actions?

The number of empty tree pits in Drimnagh was noted and it is good to know that Dublin City Council hope to reinstate trees in as many pits as possible subject to possible issues with service locations.

Biodiversity and sustainability go hand in hand in many respects, and this would apply to the use of hanging baskets. A lot of work, maintenance and watering is required to keep hanging baskets looking at their best for the short period of time in the summer. Would you consider putting resources into more sustainable planting schemes and using just a very few baskets in prime locations. An example would be the baskets at Our Lady's Hall which did not make a big impact whereas the large three-tiered planters could be planted with perennial planting with year round interest for greater impact.

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

Your application to the Community Action Climate Fund for funding for a rainwater harvester at Our Lady's Hall and were successful. Well done. We look forward to hearing news of its installation in future submissions.

The SUDS in front of Our Lady's Secondary School was noted. This is a great initiative and one that could be repeated in other locations as a way to reduce flooding risks naturally.

An active bike lane from the GAA Good Counsel to the city centre would be a great advance in sustainable transport and hopefully it will pass the planning stage without issue.

The Bosco is hoping to be awarded grant funding for solar panels this year, and this also is good news.

In September 2015, 193 UN Member States adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development "Transforming our World". The centrepiece of this Agenda are the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which reflect economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development. Throughout the entry form, you will see where many of these goals are aligned to the different Tidy Towns categories. Please identify, if applicable, under each category where your projects or initiatives aim to address one or more of the sustainable development goals.

You have the opportunity to raise awareness in the community through your newsletter and social media platforms. Often small snippets of information help people to realise that small changes can make a difference and you are in the perfect position to inform and encourage your community to make those changes.

Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:

Well done for linking in with Dublin Canvas to have the electrical boxes painted. Those already completed were admired and many were looking great. It is important to remember that from time to time they may need to be

refreshed or touched up. This is the case with one or two of the boxes noted.

You have also requested that the lighting poles are repainted and this is a good call as many were noticeably in poor state. Dublin City Council use a new weed control system using foam but as volunteers, you still spend considerable time and effort weeding along the approach roads. This has certainly made a difference and there is an obvious sense of care throughout the village to which the weeding and litter picking contributes greatly. There was relatively little litter to be seen, and no evidence of any obvious black spots noticed. The litter bin outside Our Lady's Hall was full to overflowing with a bag of rubbish dumped alongside but otherwise credit is due to you for your hard work in keeping Drimnagh clean and tidy.

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

The one action on the Biodiversity Plan not mentioned is No. 9 – Backyard Wildlife Refuge. This action is an opportunity to not only raise awareness but also perhaps to conduct a survey to see if residents are taking any actions to increase biodiversity in their own gardens.

There is a variety of housing styles and apartments in Drimnagh and overall, they were well maintained and the front gardens were nicely kept. It is great to hear that many residents enter the South Central Area Best Garden competition. As the streets are named after mountains and are bi-lingual it will be important to ensure that any new buildings or housing estates are equally treated with bi-lingual names appropriate to the area. There was evidence of some great planting in new apartment blocks helping greatly to improve the overall aesthetic of the streetscapes.

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

The welcome signs to Drimnagh were noted and were very well presented with containers of perennial planting below. As there is ample opportunity to plant directly into the ground at most of the welcome signs to Drimnagh, it would be worth considering creating a good perennial planting scheme and then removing the planters to create a more sustainable and easily managed landscape.

Overall the approach roads to Drimnagh were well kept and signs were visible and clean.

Concluding Remarks:

It was a pleasure to see the great work being undertaken in Drimnagh with the co-operation and support of Dublin City Council. The increase in biodiversity, in well-kept green spaces and in pleasing streetscapes is excellent and with great benefits in terms of the environment and for the well being of the residents. You are wished well in all your future endeavours and in the competition.