

Tidy Towns Competition 2026

Adjudication Report

Centre:	Dun Laoghaire - Dún Laoghaire	Ref:	843
County:	Dublin	Mark:	384
Category:	E	Date(s):	16/07/2026

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2025	Mark Awarded 2026
Community – Your Planning and Involvement	80	49	52
Streetscape & Public Places	80	55	57
Green Spaces and Landscaping	80	54	57
Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality	80	36	39
Sustainability – Doing more with less	80	23	27
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	62	65
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	55	42	43
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	55	43	44
TOTAL MARK	600	364	384

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. Welcome to the SuperValu Tidy Towns Competition 2026. Thank you for participating in Ireland's longest-running environmental project and helping to make Ireland a better place. We really appreciate all the great work that you do and the effort you put in, year on year.

Speaking of effort, we must commend you on the effort that you have put into your entry this year. This was detailed very colourful and most helpful. Thank you for your plan and also for the map that contained a suggested route which is very much appreciated. We see that you have an active committee that meets regularly and you are obviously good at taking notes. We also observed that you have a number of partner agencies and organisations that work with you and this is really important. As of this year you have a new website (congratulations!) And you also use social media to your advantage – well done. It is good to see that you work with local schools. The specific project that you have identified for particular effort this year is your outreach week: Sustainability. We can see how much work and events like this would take to organise and we are very impressed. More on this later! Amazingly, you are still very new to TidyTowns but you certainly know what you're doing. Thank you all.

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

Thank you for the very detailed and interesting account of the history and heritage of some of your outstanding buildings. There is no doubt that you work in a very significant area and it is great that you appreciate this. We are very pleased to see that you are focusing on street name signs and also on plaques for historic buildings and structures. In terms of public realm, we are delighted to see that Dun Laoghaire is utilising street art to such a great extent. Walls, buildings and even junction boxes have been treated to a wonderful makeover that brings colour as well as interest. A long time ago, in a different life this adjudicator worked in Dun Laoghaire. It was such a treat to walk the streets again and to see the positive changes. We do note that nowadays, empty premises and dereliction are more of an issue than back then. We also note the amazing work that is being done by shop owners and other businesses as well as groups like yourselves. There were a number of new premises (new to this adjudicator, anyway) such as The Natural Bakery, Darboven's and The Glasshouses. Nearby though, Murphy's butchers was an old familiar. The adjudicator's old place of work is long gone now but a residential block now standing here is no doubt far more necessary in this day and age.

Green Spaces and Landscaping / Spásanna Glasa agus Tírdhreachú:

Again, thank you for the information provided on your parks and green spaces. Some of these, the adjudicator was already familiar with, others (including areas of your recent work) are new to us. We note your work in residential areas such as Mills Street and we can see for ourselves what a positive difference this makes. It was lovely to be back in The People's Park again. We extend our praise to Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council for their pollinator friendly approach in areas such as this. We would encourage Dun Laoghaire Tidy Towns to have a look at the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan and see which native and indeed non-native pollinator friendly plants might be incorporated into your planting plans.

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

The very useful table with reference numbers that you provide at the start of each category is loaded here. The adjudicator wishes every group would do something like this! This made it very easy to find your biodiversity sites and go have a look. Your initiatives in this category include the planting of fruit trees and flowering plants that are of benefit to early pollinators. Great. Quite correctly you also look towards the sea you have a huge marine area within your patch and it is good to see this referenced. Events such as the Big Beach Clean-Up are important in raising awareness as well as lifting litter. Fair play.

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

This is a strong category for you. During April 2026, Dun Laoghaire Tidy Towns ran no fewer than 11 sustainability events, fantastic! These included workshops on GIY, furniture restoration and other subjects. We note your engagement with the Dominican primary school and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council. It is great to see that both you and the county council have decided to look beyond herbicides. Please spread that message! We note the many examples of reuse that you incorporate into your work and there is no doubt that what you do has a positive footprint on the Earth. Well done for segregating your litter. This is one of the less pleasant tasks that falls to Tidy Towns groups who do this uncomplainingly. Thank you.

Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:

You open this category submission with your IBAL results. First of all, congratulations with holding your ranking. We advise you not to worry about slipping in places, this happens. The important thing is that you are moving forward. You discuss the graffiti issue. It is a problem for you and indeed for many of your neighbouring centres. While we were in Dun Laoghaire we saw numerous examples of ad hoc graffiti that must be very difficult to stay on top of. Do your best. We note how closely you work with Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council on a number of issues. These include the placement of bins, weeding, dog fouling, community clean-ups and more. We also note your work with the county council in the development of a new litter management plan. This is great, folks. We are delighted that you are so involved and committed. Keep up the good work.

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

Yes, again thank you for the detailed information that you have provided at the start of this category. It is clear from this how much you understand and appreciate your local area. Dun Laoghaire, like many other areas is undergoing some significant changes. Some of these are brought about by our need for new housing and areas will adapt to these, as will the current residents. We encourage all Tidy Towns groups to try to reach out to new residents, encourage them to form representative groups and get involved with Tidy Towns. Just knowing that there is a Tidy Towns group out there can be a great way of getting new residents on-board.

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

In this last category, you have provided some useful updates to your transport infrastructure that this adjudicator was not aware of. Indeed, how one gets around Dun Laoghaire now is very different from when the author worked here. It is fantastic to see how much the bicycle is regarded now and how active travel generally is included in the conversation when it comes to transport management. The Living Streets Project looks like a major positive for Dun Laoghaire. The footpaths are wider the planting is better and new benches are already in use. We wish you the best of luck with the rollout of this project across Dun Laoghaire. Although mentioned previously, the murals of Dun Laoghaire are a major asset and or something of an antidote for the aforementioned graffiti. This adjudicator's favourite might be the Oyster Catchers...

Concluding Remarks:

It was wonderful to be back once more in Dun Laoghaire. Even better it was a bright and sunny day with lots of people out and about. We can see some really positive changes here. While urban centres will always have certain challenges, when we have positive community groups such as yours, we know that these can be met. We thank you sincerely for your great work, keep it up.