

Tidy Towns Competition 2026

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Foxrock - Carraig an tSionnaigh**

Ref: **1212**

County: **Dublin**

Mark: **392**

Category: **C**

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	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2025	Mark Awarded 2026
Community – Your Planning and Involvement	80	54	56
Streetscape & Public Places	80	51	53
Green Spaces and Landscaping	80	51	53
Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality	80	33	35
Sustainability – Doing more with less	80	29	31
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	73	75
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	55	42	44
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	55	44	45
TOTAL MARK	600	377	392

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.

Thank you for the very comprehensive and detailed entry that we received from you this year. This included a plan, maps and a great level of detail on several of your initiatives. This was all very useful when it came to adjudication day and indeed the writing of this report. This adjudicator has never adjudicated Foxrock before, and it was a pleasure to visit. We can see from your entry how highly organised your group is. We love the notion of a committee of leaders and champions – very positive! We are impressed at the way you put consultation with your residence so high on your agenda. Also pleasing to see was how you welcome to your new Ukrainian residents. This is so important and we are delighted that you and so many other Tidy Towns groups around the country have taken up this role. Thank you. Congratulations on your victory in the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Tidy District Competition. Going by the list of all the organisations that you work with and the initiatives you are involved in, we are not surprised by your success.

Well done on maintaining such a good presence on social media. We had a look at foxrock.ie and the Tidy Towns page of same. Thank you for all the additional information which included a very colourful plan as well as a very handy map. Another map showed the locations of your projects. so useful! We really liked your nature explorers sheets we hope that this event was a success. The specific project that you have identified for particular effort this year is The Foxrock Community Cabin. This is a really ambitious project and we are very impressed. Overall, a good entry in this category Foxrock.

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

Thank you for all the details on your heritage buildings. A great bonus of this job is to discover things like this! The restoration of your village telephone box was very worthwhile. Well done on your way finding and signage projects. We particularly like the heritage walk maps which are interesting, colourful and useful. It has been over 10 years since this adjudicator visited Foxrock. Some of the businesses look as good as ever, there are some great improvements too. The outdoor seating area at the Gables looks so inviting. The Kerb café also. Congratulations on your age-friendly award. It is great that you and your businesses are considering older people. Please keep us updated on the village design scheme.

Green Spaces and Landscaping / Spásanna Glasa agus Tírdhreachú:

Thank you for your very detailed and well-illustrated entry in this category. It is amazing how in such a developed area significant areas of ground can be abandoned like this and often treated so badly. 18 one-ton bags of waste is quite something from any area. We are very pleased that you see these as new opportunities for rewilding. You are quite correct, often these abandoned areas are long and linear and can be very useful wildlife corridors for many species and some that might surprise you. The job as Thicket green looks amazing. We note that you have also included bird boxes and pollinator friendly plants in your completion of some areas. Very good. Thank you for the beautiful photographs that show the results of your bulb project. These are always so worthwhile. Snowdrops and crocuses are very important for early emerging bumblebees. Your work has added interest as well as habitat to your planted areas. Last year you planted a community orchard and this is now yours to maintain. We advise you to consider one of fruit tree planting in as many areas as possible. This can provide commuting roots for pollinators as well as birds. The planters in front of Sherry Fitzgerald looked great. Agapanthus looks gorgeous in the tall parts near the junction here. Across the road the greenery at the Gables really has an impact.

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

The last item mentioned above is your first item listed in this category. The same advice applies of course! We see that you have a new project this year on Biodiversity and this is for younger people. You have supplied us with some of the materials that you used. Your planting is designed to be Pollinator friendly. This will give you habitat as well as no small amount of colour. You also tell us about additional bird boxes that have been erected throughout the year as well as posters of garden birds. A new project for you is the direction of bat roosting boxes. Very good. Please be aware that all of these require maintenance, the bird nesting boxes require annual cleaning out to make them safe for next Springs residents. We are delighted to see that there is the best Biodiversity Category in your landscaping competition now. Gardening for Biodiversity is now mainstream so competition should be fierce...

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

This is a very strong category for you with lots to report this year. Your key project reappears here and it is a significant one indeed. You have affectively created a new community space, and we wish you all the best of luck with it. Amongst your many actions here include a new very sharp looking reusable cup. These are now the vessels for all of your community events. Another new project is a bicycle repair station in the car park – super! We cannot list all of them but other standout projects include an online zero waste platform and a Climate change course delivered in collaboration with Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council. Congratulations on becoming the first digital village in Ireland.

Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:

You have made great strides in tackling the problem of dog fouling in Foxrock. Well done for researching what kind of materials should go into such bags as these. Project harmless is a great name by the way! You let us know that you are on top of road sweeping, post-boxes, unused poles and broken posts. You are very busy! Thank you for all of the information on communications and engagement as well as the well-illustrated account of the tidiness issues that you have addressed. We are very impressed with the dedicated team that carry out daily litter patrols. Well done for segregating the potentially dangerous waste that are vapes and nitrous oxide containers. We do hope that legislation will deal with some of these issues in the near future...

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

As you say yourselves, there are many residential developments which are very well maintained here in Foxrock. Indeed, there are too many to mention. We doubt that there are many Bee Gardens as nice as this one. We noted brand-new landscape landing on Brighton Road. We were lucky to have a sunny day for our adjudication, and it was very nice to enjoy high-quality planting in the sunshine. As previously mentioned, you have a landscaping competition. This is a great idea which should be maintained. We have previously uploaded the biodiversity section of this. What about a category for reuse? For example, the category could reward gardeners who have recycled and reused the most materials on making their garden. Just a suggestion but it ticks more than one box!

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

You open this category with an account of your love your lanes project. This is such a great idea. Residential areas such as this often have perfectly good pedestrian thoroughfares that are forgotten, neglected and become unusable. Here you are bringing them back to life. May we suggest that you go a step further? Such areas can be very valuable for Biodiversity. They provide corridors for a range of species. Often, they are beside large tree lines or hedgerows that bats may utilise. If you can avoid lighting these up (unless needed for safety purposes), they can be multipurpose Biodiversity corridors, day and night. Well done on your road audit. These are very useful for when you are dealing with the Local Authority and it will help Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council in allocating resources from year to year.

Concluding Remarks:

This was a very interesting visit. A lot of the work that you do is behind the scenes and not visible on the ground (e.g. outreach and engagement). Other examples of your work such as landscaping and clearance of derelict areas was there for us to enjoy. You have come very far since your first entry. We are very impressed and we feel that you have much more to come. Thank you everyone.

