

Tidy Towns Competition 2026

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Glasnevin North - Glas Naíon Thuaidh** Ref: **2301**
County: **Dublin** Mark: **245**
Category: **D** Date(s): **14/07/2026**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2025	Mark Awarded 2026
Community – Your Planning and Involvement	80	39	41
Streetscape & Public Places	80	32	34
Green Spaces and Landscaping	80	30	32
Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality	80	21	22
Sustainability – Doing more with less	80	16	18
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	41	43
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	55	27	29
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	55	25	26
TOTAL MARK	600	231	245

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

Fáilte chuig 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 - guímid gach rath oraibh i bhúr dtionscadail amach anseo.

Welcome to the SuperValu Tidy Towns 2026 competition and thank you for your application form, clear hand drawn map, and photos. We are delighted to welcome you for the second time to The SuperValu Tidy Towns competition and we hope that this report is of assistance. You have a small committee of 5 but sometimes this is all that's needed when you have a large number of volunteers like you have. 35-40 volunteers is wonderful and we are delighted that such a large number support your activities. You also have two sub committees – Trees Galore and the Nutty Knitters. We tried to open the link you gave us for your Facebook page but Google told us 'Your search.... did not match any documents.' Next year ensure that it's the correct address. You have the support of state and semi state agencies, a large number of businesses and also voluntary groups all of whom list. We are delighted to see that you will have a Community Notice Board shortly where you will have 'up-to-date information' on your activities and projects for the public to see. Engaging with the schools is important and we read that this is a regular occurrence by GNTT committee and volunteers. As stated above this is your second year participation in the competition and we are happy to read that thanks to your volunteers hard work your shared spaces have improved and they have become places you can be proud in which 'to live, work and enjoy'.

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

Your area consists of Ballymun Road from Glasnevin Avenue to the DCU entrance and along St. Pappins Road to Stormanstown Green. We are happy to report that your neat tidy roads give a very good first impression to the visitor. The buildings in this area are primarily residential, but at the junction of Ballymun Road and St. Pappin's Road is your village centre where there is a grocery shop, pharmacy, florist, dentist, physiotherapist, doctor, hair salon, café, and food take away outlets. Practically all that is needed for a community to be self-sufficient. Good to see the new bench, which was the result of your request to DCC. We would suggest that you also add benches to your large green communal space (Stormanstown Green) which we know will be used by not only the elderly community, but also by your children and youths when they meet up with their friends. Don't forget to put a few Big Belly bin near the seats so that people can dispose of their rubbish when they leave. We admired the painted utility box opposite the village centre. It would be good to see this carried out on other utility boxes as it brightens the streetscape. Select a theme that relates to your area and carry this theme through the area – nature, personalities, historical landmarks etc. Please compliment, the owners of the pharmacy for the presentation of their property and for their very beautiful window displays. We love the logo of Twig and Berries and had a peep in through the door to see the wonderful displays on offer. Holly and Ivy were nowhere to be seen.....

Green Spaces and Landscaping / Spásanna Glasa agus Tírdhreachú:

Stormanstown Green with its mature trees is a wonderful large communal space in your village. We admired that there is a plaque with the name of the tree beside many of the trees in this large area. The plaques are quite dirty and need to be cleaned so that they are easily read and the timber supports need to be painted. We were delighted to see newly planted trees which in time will add greatly to the area. The large planting bed at the junction of Ballymun Road and St Pappin's Road is in need of attention. Additional plants are needed and we suggest that maybe a large bed of lavender would look good in this area. Lavender plants don't need much attention and then in a few years the area will become a wonderful feeding ground for our pollinators. It was lovely to see trees in this area which give a focal point to this bed. There are some fine, well maintained, and well planted beds along approach roads which we admired. While you have a number of trees along St. Pappin's Road we feel there could be more. Do a survey along this arterial road where additional trees could be added, and bring this to the attention of the Parks Department of DCC. Trees are not only beneficial for our physical and mental health, and giving us shelter from sun and rain, but they also provide feeding places for insects and roosting and nesting sites for birds. In addition, they meet 15 of the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals. It is wonderful that close by you have the grounds of DCU and also the beautiful large Albert College Park.

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

In addition to trees, and hedgerows, the residents in your area with their flower and shrub planting in addition to their grassland contribute to your biodiversity. The grass had been tightly cut in Stormanstown Park when we visited, which was a pity, and we recommend that areas which aren't needed for play are allowed to grow as wild grass and wildflower meadows. The grass to be cut in the spring and in the autumn and then removed so that nutrients from the cut grass are removed thus encouraging wildflowers to grow. Prior to cutting of the grass in the autumn, it will be necessary to remove the litter which will have accumulated in the long grass over the summer. Well, done on being involved in the organisation of the Bat Walk in September 2025. These are very exciting events for all - adults and children. Do you know if there are swifts in your area? We encourage you to add swift boxes to your community buildings - the schools and church. It might take a few years for them to be occupied. Do you know if the church has signed up for Havens for Nature? This initiative by the Heritage Council is something you might investigate and bring to the attention of the local clergy.

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

When this category was first introduced, Tidy Towns groups found it difficult. But now all know that it is about how we use the resources of the planet in our daily lives. We encourage Tidy Towns committees to lead by example. We noticed the leaf mould compost cages which you manage for DCC. You also repaired and painted and your planting boxes. You have a Men's Shed in your village. (Put the location on the map next year). Very often they will make bird boxes/ bat boxes etc. from recycled timber and give them to Tidy Towns groups. We suggest you make contact with them and ask for their help. We see you have cafés in the village. Do you know what do they do with their coffee grinds. These are wonderful for compost and also to spread on acid-loving plants such as azaleas, hydrangeas and blueberries. Spread a thin light dusting around the plants, which is then raked into the soil. We love the idea of the bollards covered with the knitting projects at different times of the year celebrating the seasons. Good to read that the Nutty Knitters are using donated wool and materials. What are the schools doing in terms of sustainability? Very often they have raised planting beds with vegetables and flowers growing and we suggest that if they don't, then this is a project which you could undertake with the pupils of the various schools. Well, done on the initiative of the fundraising Sale of Work, Christmas Fair and also on the Ballymun Seed Library event. The two EV charging points were noted.

Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:

We see you take part in the annual Team Dublin Clean-Up which this year was held on Saturday, 18 April. This is part of the All Ireland An Taisce Spring Clean Event. This is a wonderful way for the whole community to be alerted to litter and fly-tipping. When your volunteers are seen in their high viz vests, it draws the attention of the whole community on the need to be vigilant on litter, fly-tipping and weed growth. We see that you organise litter pick-ups and independently your volunteers collect litter as they walk around. It would be good to encourage the commercial units in the village and indeed the residents along the roads to clean up outside their premises and also to removed weed growth at the edges of the footpaths. They could register with An Taisce #2MinuteStreetClean and this two minutes will make a huge difference to the whole area. We are delighted to see that when we visited, the little we saw had been recently dropped, and we have no doubt that some of your volunteers would remove it quickly. Well done on the painting of the ESB poles – a huge transformation.

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

As stated previously you are primarily a residential area and in the main houses are two-storey terraced house with boundary walls and gardens separating them from the footpath. Many had been freshly painted and presented very well. Some gardens had colourful, herbaceous borders of pollinator- friendly flowers, while in others there were mature shrubs or trees. We noted a few ornamental trees which added to the streetscape. It would be lovely to add some feature and planting on the roundabout on Dean Swift Road – perhaps more lavender in this area. We admired the communal open space in this estate with its row of trees in the centre and the low wall surrounding the space. We noted that new trees had been planted which we were delighted to see. Here too a goal post and picnic bench were noted which ensures the space is used by the community. A few of the houses in St Cannice's Park had wonderful mature pollinator-friendly gardens which we admired – the Hollyhocks were growing well.

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

The main road in your area is Saint Pappin's Road and this is accessed from the very busy Ballymun Road. It is wonderful to see the wide grass meridian with mature trees which help to lessen the impact of the traffic. Your St. Pappin's Road name sign is very beautiful. A simple metal sign painted black supported on bollards and the name of the road in Irish and in English painted in white. This is very clear for the passing motorist to see. Take care that your planting does not grow in front of the sign so as to hide it. Equally clear are the white metal road signs with black writing fixed to the boundary walls or houses. Very often, these are missing in communities so we were delighted to see that they exist in yours. We noted rumble strips and dipped paving at some road junctions. We admire this treatment as it makes crossing the road easier for wheelchair users, those with mobility scooters, those pushing buggies and small children on bicycles. Do you know if it is planned to carry out this treatment at all of your road junctions? We noted that on most of the residential roads ramps have been inserted to reduce traffic speed, which we admired as they ensure motorists will drive at a suitable speed in a residential area.

Concluding Remarks:

Thank you for entering the SuperValu Tidy Towns 2026 competition ... we have a few further recommendations for 2027

- Please BRIEFLY describe your Key Project as requested in the Community Involvement category. We will then read about it in the category where it is best suited – in your case 'Sustainability' for the Christmas Fair.
- Unfortunately, we don't have time to open lots of web links so please don't include them in the application form. Instead of web links just add one or two photos of the event. We did open a few and saw videos of some of the work you undertook.
- As the number of projects increase your map might be a bit small, so from now on fill a complete A4 page with your map.
- We admire that you have a Plan but we've a few suggestions. Add the name of the committee member who will lead/progress the activity/project so that the work is distributed amongst the committee members and also that it advances in a timely fashion. Add collaborators e.g. DCC, Local Businesses, Schools, Church etc. as many of the projects will need assistance from others.

We wish to state that this is not a criticism of your work but to explain to you that as adjudicators we rely on a clear application form and accompanying map to inform us of your projects and make our visit rewarding. We would appreciate if these points could be taken into consideration when preparing your 2027 application. It was a pleasure to visit and adjudicate Glasnevin North.