

Tidy Towns Competition 2026

Adjudication Report

Centre:	Knocklyon - Cnoc Liamhna	Ref:	1352
County:	Dublin	Mark:	256
Category:	C	Date(s):	06/06/2026

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2025	Mark Awarded 2026
Community – Your Planning and Involvement	80	32	34
Streetscape & Public Places	80	30	33
Green Spaces and Landscaping	80	30	32
Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality	80	23	25
Sustainability – Doing more with less	80	17	19
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	45	47
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	55	30	32
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	55	32	34
TOTAL MARK	600	239	256

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 your second year entering the Supervalu Tidy towns Competition.

You have a strong Committee of seven, where by you meet once a fortnight for about an hour. You have a pool of seventeen volunteers who do you great credit, whom the adjudicator witnessed working very hard clean the area on the morning of the visit, unaware of their presence. You communicate you're your community via Instagram and Facebook which is lively and updated regularly.

You cooperate with other neighbouring Tidy Towns groups, which is very beneficial in nurturing overall community spirit. It is a great way of sharing ideas and solving any issues collectively that may occur locally.

You have good local support from SDCC, Credit Union, Supervalu and other businesses. Working with the Shopping Centre Management installing a defibrillator, is an excellent involvement of Tidy Towns and Business Communitas working together. When advertng this defibrillator to your community a location and Eircode is useful. Impressive list of 25 activities listed, 6 as maintenance as 19 as new. With such an impressive list of new activities it is important to plan the future maintenance of these projects.

For future entries please improve map detail with less clutter and give a wider scale with more detail of you own area that you would like the adjudicator to visit.

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

The area around the St Colmcille's' school is very well kept with good carparking, well managed in a one-way traffic system. The church area is attractive and very well presented. Knocklyon Shopping Centre was very busy on the morning of the visit, is very clean and orderly. Some of the shops have attractive displays, Knocklyon Hardware displayed attractive and colourful plants for sale which were well maintained. The Book Haven had an inviting window display of books, waiting to be bought and read. Floral Art is an interesting shop, Choice Boutique displaying attractive and elegant clothes to wear, Knocklyon Dry Cleaners had a well-presented shopfront with an orderly display of finished clothes for collection. On a visit to the Knocklyon Inn a well presented and carefully maintained premises with attractive floral displays. The path opposite the building could do with attention, where wild plants might be allowed grow careful consideration regarding briars and grass weeds can be problematic for people alighting from cars when parking.

Green Spaces and Landscaping / Spásanna Glasa agus Tírdhreachú:

Edging very important for pram and wheelchair access, this is well done around the village and the estates. The beech hedge on the outside Delward park is encroaching the pathway coming through the railings, this overgrowth narrows the footpath considerably and could be a hinderance for some pedestrians, consideration should be given to pruning this growth back late winter/early spring . Overall, there is a lot of well maintained and attractive plant displays around the village. The planting and trees around round the school are noteworthy with the pollinator plants busy with buzzing bees and insects seen and heard during the visit. Where younger trees have tree ties and hardware check these regularly and remove once the trees have established. Some of the estate entrances have very attractive and colourful planting schemes, be careful when planting in front or beside name stones that the vegetation does not obscure the name. You have done a lot of great work in the past year with planting new schemes, spring bulb and pollinator assortments while maintaining existing schemes. Keeping the kerbsides timed to highlight the raised beds is very important and pleasing to the eye.

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

As you state there is a balance in keeping Knocklyon tidy and helping nature and you are doing this very well in you thought process and actions. Knocklyon is an important biodiversity corridor being in the vicinity of the Dublin Mountains and the Dodder River. Your planting of pollinator plants helps with this biodiversity and the wider food chain for the insects' birds and mammals within the vicinity. Enhancing this with bug hotels, bird nesting boxes in secure locations. When considering bird boxes, a project to consider might be a local bird survey in order to choose a variety and selection of boxes for the birds in our locality. As different birds have specific requirements for the aperture of their boxes. Introduce or entice residents to incorporate bird baths in their gardens this is important resource for birds not only in summer but also in winter. In your media and newsfeeds to your locality encourage people with gardens and yards to enhance their biodiversity gardening to further create and strengthen nature corridors in their own gardens and locality.

A lot of people like watching nature programmes on television etc but actually experiencing nature in your own garden and locality is very rewarding. The pleasant scent and fragrance of pollinating plants experienced during the visit was very worthwhile and rewarding, truly balancing nature with your Tidy Towns efforts.

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

Your policy of reusing grass sods and soil is very beneficial and ecologically sound. Soil is a very precious resource that worldwide is declining daily. Local soil reused in its own location is very important for the local soil biota and diversity. It is also economically sound and cost effective.

Your commitment to reducing reusing and recycling is laudable and encouraging. Sustainable Energy initiatives such as EV charging etc is notably increasing in your locality and is helping with reduced pollution and carbon emissions.

It is notable the increase of younger people cycling and using other transport mobility devices in the area. Perhaps you might consider a campaign or news item to encourage safe cycling in your busy roads. The road etiquette and skills for safe cycling in the younger population transfers into safer motoring skills in adulthood. It may also encourage the younger population in your locality through schools and scouting initiatives to participate in sustainability aspect of Tidy Towns.

Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:

As you mention widening edges, removing briars and interfering tree branches is very useful work you undertake. This improves accessibility for the free and safe movement of pedestrian traffic and also for wheelchair and buggy traffic to pass freely without hindrance. This is very evident in the approach roads and the estates, paths are nicely presented with trimmed edges, observed were some nature strips with wild flowers. Apart from one small observation mentioned above, this is very important maintenance, apart from aesthetics it is important for wheelchair and safe pedestrian accessibility. Lower tree branches are at a good height allowing free pedestrian and traffic movement. All the areas are litter free with path joints perfectly weeded as the Adjudicator observed the volunteers at work on these tasks. Again, this is an important safety task as grass weed growth in paving can be a trip hazard for people with sight and mobility impairments. The schools, church and shopping centre were clean and tidy to a very high standard.

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

Adjudicator visited estate, a very well -presented estate with good tree and kerb maintenance, allowing for free-flowing pedestrian and vehicle traffic. The greens are very well maintained and observed being used by the residents, the memorial garden is very well presented with good and clean street furniture present. The houses are well presented with a wide and diverse range of front garden planting. Beverly Court has an attractive entrance stone and again a very well- maintained estate. Well done to all Knocklyon residents and Tidy Towns people who keep Knocklyon to a high standard

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

The adjudicator observed Knocklyon Road, Templeroan Road, and Scholarstown Road. At the time of visit heavy traffic was observed which appears to be local and passing through traffic. Walls and street furniture and utility boxes and posts are in good clean order. Good frequent bus services were observed in both directions with people waiting and alighting indicating good public transport being used. As indicated above a map of the area clearly defining your approach roads, and estates would be appreciated in future applications.

Concluding Remarks:

Thank you for entering the 2026 Tidy towns Competition. You have achieves a lot in the year from your first competition. Please keep up the good work you are an inspiration and credit to your community.