

Tidy Towns Competition 2026

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Lucan - Leamhcán** Ref: **173**
County: **Dublin** Mark: **394**
Category: **E** Date(s): **12/06/2026**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2025	Mark Awarded 2026
Community – Your Planning and Involvement	80	57	59
Streetscape & Public Places	80	50	52
Green Spaces and Landscaping	80	58	60
Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality	80	47	49
Sustainability – Doing more with less	80	23	25
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	62	64
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	55	38	39
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	55	45	46
TOTAL MARK	600	380	394

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.

Thank you, Lucan Tidy Towns for entering the 2026 Supervalu Tidy Towns You are a very active committee and you have achieved a lot with eight member's which includes a Volunteer base of thirty people with volunteers who are native to Lucan, but also Volunteers from other nations who have made Lucan their home. You are well organised by having four general meetings for your thirty plus volunteers, for your planned thirty-six Saturday morning work gatherings, many of whom work in specific sections in the town. The many hours of work you put into the maintenance of the town really shows it off not only to the adjudicator but also to the admiring public at large. Your Facebook page is active with interesting statistics and is reaching an audience of over two thousand followers, who no doubt enjoys the news of your endeavours. You also have the good support and admiration from Facebook followers. Thank you for your application which was nicely detailed and your map which was easy to follow.

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

Streetscape & Public Spaces

As you state the general street scape of Lucan has not changed much over the years, but with the SDCC have done a lot of improvements to the overall structure of the village. With your efforts and endeavours and those of your supporting businesses and residents the landscape of the village has improved over the years.

The Welcome to Lucan Village Stones herald that you are coming into a nice village with their pleasant and nicely maintained landscaping.

The newly built village Plaza at the heart of the village is very well planned, the terraced seating along the water and the covered dome in the centre, creates a lovely space to sit and enjoy the surroundings.

The buildings along Main St are well maintained, and shop fronts attractive with good outdoor seating outside some of the cafes and restaurants. The Methodist Church in the centre of the village is a fine architectural building and is very well maintained. The Lucan Presbyterian is also a nice church on well-maintained landscaped grounds, the writing on the entrance stone is a bit faded and could be painted.

The curvature on the terraced houses on Main St are architecturally pleasing and the gardens very well maintained. Carroll's Gastro Pub has a lovely inviting shop front with street gardens that are colourful and bright. The Thatched roof on Courtneys Pub is very effective and eye catching.

Street furniture is well maintained clean and ready to use and comfortably sit on.

Green Spaces and Landscaping / Spásanna Glasa agus Tírdhreachú:

The Village Green takes centre stage and is well designed and landscaped The grass pavement making a welcome green landscape growing through the grey concrete landscape, complimenting very nicely. The new beds in the Village Plaza are really well planted with interesting grasses and other flora. The grounds of the Methodist Church are lovely with well-maintained trees and lawns.

The planting and placement of flower beds throughout the village is lovely bringing colour and scent. The planters along the Liffey Bridge are very attractive with a nice array of flowers. The Northern Welcome Stone is well maintained, with nice mature planting. The box hedging for the name hedge needs to be shaped as it is outgrown which lets down this space. Some of the grasses along the verge of the Northern side of the village are encroaching the path.

Along the river the natural landscape compliments the many old fine buildings and structures around the village. The planters at the bridge look very well and colourful.

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

You are doing a lot in this category, your Biodiversity Action Plan is a very good document and you are leasing with agencies such as SDCC, LAWPRO. There are a lot of projects here but picking four main projects is a good strategy for the short and medium term to the success of these projects and then also monitoring and preparing the other projects for enhancement. There is a good array of flowers and plants throughout with a nice mix of pollinators. The areas left wild along the River Liffey provide an excellent space for biodiversity, the mature riversides are inviting for an array of birds and insects. Whilst in the Village Plaza there was a grey heron visiting which is always a good sign for biodiversity. As you mention you have a lot of monitoring and ongoing projects bug hotels, leaf piles etc. With your proposed nesting boxes that are being made, choose a variety of open and closed boxes for the birds you want to attract, for example a wren needs a smaller aperture for its box than a blue tit. In some schemes many boxes of the same are put out, whereas boxes of different apertures and open nest boxes may attract a better variety of birds. Encourage your residents and community to provide biodiversity spaces and birdbaths in their gardens to increase your biodiversity area and profile around the district.

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

There is a lot of ongoing projects here like leaf basket composting that fit into and compliment the biodiversity category. Some of your new projects are interesting like the ESB programme for encouraging people to look at their use of this resource. The Active Travel Program when complete (Grand Canal to N4) should make the cycling route safer and more interesting and one for you to promote. Hopefully it will also encourage more Active Travel Tourists to visit and enjoy the village. The leisure and swimming pool is an interesting project and we wish it an active and enjoyable success. There are excellent bus services passing through and nearby with good stops and shelters in some locations. Encouraging the community to use this public transport facility where possible will help with sustainability goals.

Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:

Lucan has excellent litter free streets, dotted around the village is the installation of solar bins. This initiative is set to improve waste management with stopping bins overflowing especially in the centre of the town. Street furniture is nice and ready to use. The lifebelts on the river are in good condition which is an important item to check regularly and report any irregularity for remedial action. There some lovely and discreet murals around the village brightening up some dull areas and utility boxes

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

Area around Sarsfield House has lovely dwellings with the stone and square nicely maintained, very well done to everyone here.

Lucan Heights- Red brick 1960's well established mature trees. There are well maintained greenspaces and nature strips. Very neat and tidy. Nice to see that the large green at the centre of the estate is used for sports and recreation. Very well trimmed gardens and nature strips.

Brookvale- This is a small estate with duplex housing. The estate has nice planting done at the entrance

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

Arriving into the village from the Northern side, roads are leafy and tidy. Some issues with long grasses along verges, may impede accessibility for wheelchair and people with baby buggies etc. The road surfaces, path networks and cycle lanes where provided on the N4 are in good condition. All approaches to the village are good with attractive murals dotted around enroute.

Concluding Remarks:

It was a lovely opportunity this year to be able to adjudicate Lucan and to see your lovely old village transforming into a nice modern village space without losing any of its character. Your efforts as Tidy Towns Community by improving the village landscape, making it a lovely space and place to enjoy.