

Tidy Towns Competition 2026

Adjudication Report

Centre:	Monkstown Village - Baile Na Manach	Ref:	2299
County:	Dublin	Mark:	246
Category:	C	Date(s):	16/07/2026

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2025	Mark Awarded 2026
Community – Your Planning and Involvement	80	35	38
Streetscape & Public Places	80	30	33
Green Spaces and Landscaping	80	32	34
Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality	80	22	25
Sustainability – Doing more with less	80	15	18
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	46	48
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	55	25	27
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	55	20	23
TOTAL MARK	600	225	246

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, thank you all very much for the effort that so obviously went into this year's entry. This was very detailed and helpful when it came to adjudication this year. You have a very impressive number of members and volunteers! You are certainly an active group thank you for all of the events details that you listed. It is great to see how well supported you are by Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council and many, many businesses in Monkstown and beyond. Thank you for all of the details of your work with CBC Monkstown and Monkstown Park Junior School. You are also working with Dun Laoghaire Educate Together National School. These links are so important. Your key project over the past year has been the production of a virtual tour of Monkstown by a noted historian. This is a significant undertaking for you – well done!

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

History and heritage play a big part in your entry this year. Thank you for all the details of your several events on the Built Heritage of Monkstown. These are fascinating. From Quakers to graverobbers these sound like great events. Mentioned here again is your key project the virtual tour of Monkstown. We are delighted that the renovation of the old school house was so celebrated. This building looked fantastic on the day. You also tell us that you have a new community coffee doc which is run by volunteers. Finally, you have in association with the church of Ireland a new defibrillator for the village. There were many new (new to this adjudicator, anyway) businesses and they looked so well on this sunny day. It was great to see familiar old shopfronts such as the Carrick Hoover Centre. Goggins' pub looked very well and the nearby seating is a great addition to the streetscape. There are now a number of food outlets that this adjudicator did not remember from before but they all looked so inviting. Georges Fish shop and Flemings (next door) are two examples of same. The outdoor seating area here looked fantastic in the sunshine and the planters here are so well cared-for! Well done everyone.

Green Spaces and Landscaping / Spásanna Glasa agus Tírdhreachú:

Thank you for the great level of detail of your many initiatives that you have provided here. It is good to see that you are focusing on native species of plants, shrubs and trees. It is also encouraging that you have engaged an

ecologist to assist you in planning pollinator zones around the village. A new project for you is the creation of information cards and QR codes on trees in order to allow for identification and information on same. We admired the blocks of planting on the Monkstown Road and watched both Bumblebees and Honeybees on the lavender in the planted island at the centre of the village. Some superb examples of planters in the public realm were noted. We are very grateful to the businesses and householders who give this floral contribution to the village streetscape.

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

You have lots to report in this category. Once again, we are delighted that you have engaged experts to assist you in this technical category. This will be of great benefit to the end results! You let us know here that you have a Community Biodiversity Action Plan and that is very important. A key detail is that you are taking action against invasive species such as winter Heliotrope and Alexanders. The upcoming program will include community workshops, restoration planning and a micro nursery to help you grow on the plants that you will need to replace the invasive species. Very good. Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council has an expert biodiversity officer and she will be more than happy to work with you in this regard.

Thank you for the very detailed list of planting that has taken place so far. These include bulbs, trees wildflower meadows, and an existing pollinator bank. You really do have lots to work with! Away from plants for a second you have also taken part in the national Daubenton's bat survey project, engaged the services of Birdwatch Ireland's experts and even gone to the shore with a marine biologist. Fantastic, keep it up!

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

Here you go into some great detail on the resources that you have managed to divert from litter to reuse and recycling. Wow, that is some work. You have also begun to collect leaf litter, in order to make leaf mould compost. This is one of the best uses of natural resources that TidyTowns group can do. You are also working to decarbonise Dun Laoghaire Rathdown and you have some expert help here too. Finally, you let us know about your household electrical goods recycling event. By now, it will be long over, but we hope that it went well and that you will be hosting another next year.

Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:

Once again, you have provided a great level of detail for this category. Your work has included painting seats and plant boxes, at Christmas providing lights and decorations for the tree and other sites, looking after derelict spaces and also planting and maintaining flower boxes. We would point out that some of these items would be better placed in an earlier category but not to worry, it all counts. You tell us here that you have a dedicated volunteer who is task in monitoring and eliminating graffiti. This is quite the job for one person! You will all be pleased to hear that Monkstown was litter free on adjudication day. This is a great achievement - well done everyone!

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

Outside of the centre of the village, there are of course many residential areas. As we travelled around these, we were very impressed with the level of care that has been shown. We would encourage the planting of more native floral species. We would also invite Residents groups to have a look at the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan in order to see which non-native species are best for pollinators and indeed wild birds. You give us a list of the many estates and groups with which you work with and this is super to see. You also assist Richmond Park Tidy District in their efforts. These are number one in the league of the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Tidy District awards, you tell us. Congratulations to them. We must also congratulate the householders in the role of town houses that have made particular effort with planting at their front. Hydrangeas feature strongly in this very affective floral display. Very nice.

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

Monkstown has many approach roads and many kilometres of internal streets and lanes to take care of. We acknowledge here how busy you must be throughout the year minding all of these thoroughfares. You tell us that every Saturday your volunteers are out and about cleaning, planting, watering and taking care generally of your planted areas. Wednesday is Weed Day in Monkstown, it seems! You work with Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council in this regard. The adjudicator knows how gruelling some of this work can be (especially if the weather is not with you!), so we acknowledge here the great work that your volunteers do.

Concluding Remarks:

Many years ago, this adjudicator used to live in Monkstown. This, therefore, was a fascinating trip down memory lane as well as an adjudication! It is great to see how well cared for the village remains. There are changes no doubt but many of these are for the better. There are now bicycle racks and bike lanes, gleaming new litter bins and sparkling signage. So much of this is down to you. Well done everyone.