

Tidy Towns Competition 2026

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Tallaght - Tamhlacht** Ref: **1348**
County: **Dublin** Mark: **261**
Category: **E** Date(s): **06/06/2026**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2025	Mark Awarded 2026
Community – Your Planning and Involvement	80	35	37
Streetscape & Public Places	80	33	35
Green Spaces and Landscaping	80	31	32
Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality	80	26	28
Sustainability – Doing more with less	80	14	16
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	49	51
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	55	27	29
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	55	31	33
TOTAL MARK	600	246	261

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 for entering the 2026 Supervalu Tidy Towns Competition. You are an active committee of 14 volunteers with 25 adult and 8 young volunteers. Your efforts in getting apartment volunteers is laudable especially in connecting the village with the wider community.

The family affair whereby family members grandparents, parents and children take part is a fantastic way of being part of the community and taking care of the environment. In combination with the businesses and the maintenance and care of the hanging baskets adds to a social and environmental community spirit. You have a good mix of communication to your wider audience by way of social media and newspaper articles. Your association with TDCC works very well as a partnership whereby local authority and Tidy Towns work together and support one another.

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

St Mary's Dominican Priory is an iconic building and it was nice to see people visiting the church and also walking around the grounds. The adjudicator appreciates the good work done on the railings and you acting on previous reports to this regard. There are some minor repair and painting snags, with peeling paint apparent at the visit that can be remedied in time. There is a lovely mixture of residential houses and businesses in the village each one taking pride of place in its own right.

O Coclain Solicitors, boasts a nice new shopfront, not to be out briefed by the attractive buildings of Hanratty's and also O' Leary's, the legal people are soliciting their attractive office buildings throughout the village. The Credit Union building deserves a lot of interest it is colourful and inviting. The Well is a lovely community creative space, a lovely single story old dwelling, Na Sceal Café is welcoming next to it. The IT spot displays an interesting modern trend to its shopfront. There are some nice interesting murals in the village brightening up old walls and sights, with tributes to Des Carty the fiddle player and Kelly's Forge blacksmithing in a bygone era. Derelict buildings are well fenced off and are a problem for every local authority and tidy towns group. The planters in the main street are disappointing, in early summer showing a lot of neglected and dead plants, some are obstructive and are of value to the street scape. The corners in the village are tight with some small foot paths but this is addressed well with discrete bollards and some nice street lamps. The visit was on a wet day and street surface water was a problem pooling in some cases. The footpath surface is good making walking easy through the village.

Green Spaces and Landscaping / Spásanna Glasa agus Tírdhreachú:

The green planters can be seen around the village most are in good condition and colourful but as mentioned above

some were in poor condition on the day of visit. As the street can be a windy site maintenance and watering can be an issue. In some places to keep plants fresh some groups plant into black trug buckets and move these around with fresh flowers. Some trials using (old) sponges in the compost mix retains water and releases it when the compost dries out! Perennial attracting pollinators need less watering. Autumn and winter planting as you have been doing makes planters attractive during the bleak winter months, good for biodiversity, pollinator insects. A nice colourful winter display cheers the heart up on a winter's day and makes good use of the planters' resource. The bed in front of the Well is excellent it brightens up the sculpture on the street and has a colourful pallet of architectural plants and textures.

Planting into the ground in a mound is the best practice where it can be done in the open areas. Well done on your tree planting, when undertaking projects like this ensure you have an early care maintenance plan for watering if required, keeping long grass away from the main stem during the first two years of establishment is crucial to prevent root water loss and tree loss, keep a check on tree tie and stake adjustment. The planting of plants into the filing cabinets by the scouts is a novel idea, a little delicate pastel painting of metal would brighten up the boxes. Overall, there is a nice mixture of interesting pollinator and attractive plants in and around the village. The planting round the wall of the Katharine Tynan wall is very colourful and effective.

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

You are making a great effort in your overall pollinator planting and your seed nursery is a novel idea. There are some nice biodiversity plant schemes in and around some of the states and approach roads, Glenview for example. Plants like Broad leaved docks are a good food source for many insects. However as observed they can become invasive in some settings to the detriment of other valuable plants. Thinning out by digging the root out maybe appropriate in some cases.

Your support for bees with posts and stops for solitary bees is admirable. Identifying plants for the National Biodiversity Centre is both interesting and informative for those involved. TUD Green flag is a treasure to behold particularly in a diverse campus. The harvesting of rainwater and its use around the village is very environmentally efficient and beneficial for the plants.

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

You have a lot of interesting initiatives in this category, also interacting with community groups such as the 79th Scouts, no doubt there is many an interesting book, read and swapped in the out-door library. The Recycle It Collection is interesting, particularly if sustainable items can be upcycled and reused. Your idea of using coffee pods is good, it is good to see your volunteers with their own coffee cups, however some suitable take away coffee cups can be upcycled as plant pots for your seed nursery. The Scout's seed nursery is a novel idea to educate and train the younger population in sustainable seed harvesting, sowing and growing plants a very valuable life skill that can give great interest and a practical love of nature. The recycled dried lavender Posies use as air freshers and decorations are a brilliant reuse of these valuable plants. Making use of fallen leaves and green material with SDCC is a valuable source of organic material and bark compost for plants when composted and reused.

Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:

This is an area where you put a lot of energy into, your data collected on your cleanups is interesting. With your 1,114 clean up events you noticed a 10% increase in litter collection. While this is a good result it is also disappointing that rubbish and litter is being dumped by careless, thoughtless individuals. The large gas canisters you are noticing is a worrying trend and you are taking the right protocol in their safe disposal. While graffiti busting is also time consuming on the day of visiting little of it was observed. Weed control as you mentioned is important and well done in your efforts here and as you mention in paths it can be a real trip hazard. In gullies weeds and fallen leaves can be a flood risk by impeding water flow. The litter bins provided by the County Council have attractive posters displaying local amenities such as parks to visit, the bins are well placed around the village. Overall, the village is free of clutter with no weeds, litter present. Footpaths are well maintained and easy to walk on particularly on a wet visiting day. Keep up your good work in this category. Sustainable transport such as cycle lanes are good with good bus connections, service and frequency observed.

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

Bancroft is a nice estate with an attractive entrance kept well with nice verges and good footpath access. Street trees are well maintained and not impeding pedestrian or vehicular traffic. The homes are nicely kept well painted with a lot of different well maintained and individual front gardens. The defibrillator is well placed within the estate, with such an asset it is good to have an Eircode displayed with the information location and code given to households, this information can be invaluable in emergency situations.

Glenview Park is also well maintained with a nice stone entrance, which is clearly visible. The idea of an entrance stone is can be read easily and your planting enhances it without hiding it. Green areas are well maintained with good evidence of their intended amenity use by residents as they are intended for. Some nice individual planting features are present in the estate.

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

The "Welcome to Tallaght" sign from the Dublin side is clearly visible, clean and inviting. The planter box surround and scheme does not enhance the sign, planting into the ground maybe better with less surround maintenance required. The approach into the village is nice with good road surface cycle lane and footpath connectivity and surfaces. The shopping complexes here are nice, with good shops bright, clean with nice planting schemes and were busy with shoppers during the visit. Traffic flow observed was smooth and respectful with good parking

provided on the outskirts and good parking facilities for the people who need to park in the village. Access from the Greenhills and Oldbawn Roads for motorists, commuters and pedestrians is also good and reasonably free flowing.

Concluding Remarks:

Although the adjudicator has visited Tallaght before there is more to the village which is like the old town that is not obvious from the main shopping centres. A linkage to promote day tourism and support the beautiful village of Tallaght from these centres is something that maybe considered as your village is a real surprise. You are a great organisation taking pride in your community and its environment. Well done to you all and keep the good work going.