

Tidy Towns Competition 2026

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Tymon North - Tigh Mothain Thuaidh** Ref: **2280**
County: **Dublin** Mark: **280**
Category: **C** Date(s): **06/06/2026**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2025	Mark Awarded 2026
Community – Your Planning and Involvement	80	34	36
Streetscape & Public Places	80	31	33
Green Spaces and Landscaping	80	36	38
Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality	80	27	29
Sustainability – Doing more with less	80	24	26
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	52	54
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	55	34	36
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	55	26	28
TOTAL MARK	600	264	280

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 small select committee of two people with a volunteer base of 3 people, you have a population base of 1,675 people. You state a lot of emphasis in 2025 with SDCC was the establishment of the cycle lane whilst very important is now complete. You clear aim is to rekindle the establishment of Tymon North and St Aonghus Tidy Towns with the promotion motto of "Love Where You Live" is very passionate because you do live in a beautiful locality with a lot of local assessable amenities at your door step. With a housing stock of over 200 houses with a population base of 1,675 people you feel you have a challenging in getting volunteers. One way of getting people involved more is to invite them to join the Tidy Towns Team rather than a committee. People like being on a team with clear objectives but can be fearful of the committee word, particularly where the younger population are concerned. Some people may shy away form manual work but their contribution in administration or social media roles can be very important. You have good support from Councillors and County Council employees which is very important.

Your plan is excellent and well thought out with clear objectives such as tree objectives and seeking extra support from businesses. Your adoption program for your new trees and for your road rocks, whereby residents can adopt the trees for someone or something special in their lives be it a lost relative or a family tree, or for something meaningful to name the tree on their behalf is a very unique and worthwhile scheme. Thank you for your map which is very clear easy to read and use.

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

The adjudication took place on a very wet day which did not matter because Tymon and St Aongus looked very well even in the inclement and very wet weather.

The church at St Aongus is very well kept with nice planting of trees and shrubs surrounding it. The new library was very active on the day with a children's community event taking place at the front of the building, it is great to see the library actively involved with such events. The old library was also functioning well as a community event was also taking place during the visit. At the shopping centre the Penny Black Tavern was very welcoming both inside and out as were the shops in the shopping centre. The lifeblood of the local community and economy is good social interaction and support with local shops and their consumers. The Shopping Centre and Plaza is maintained to a very good standard with very good litter control (despite a hooligan carelessly dumping thrash just before the visit, this carelessness does not detract from the excellent tidy state found during the visit.) There is excellent planting of perennial plants and the Nepeta was busy with busy bee customers shopping for nectar and they contributing to the

economy with pollination. Castletymon Fruit and Veg window display of seasonal goods and products was very healthy looking and inviting for the busy bee shopping customer.

Green Spaces and Landscaping / Spásanna Glasa agus Tírdhreachú:

The Children's Garden Linear park, is very attractive with lovely path games attractive even for adults to try. There is a lovely mix of hard and soft landscaping combined here with a mixture of shrubs and wildflowers intertwined giving a nice mosaic colourful pallet to the surroundings. This planting style seems to be replicated around the estate which is refreshing. The grass is well maintained with short strips showing at the paths but long enough in other strips to allow low mow meadow flowers to flourish allowing the green to be decorative, attractive and pleasing to both the human and insect eye, very sustaining indeed. Your, adopt a tree scheme is very well thought out very personally and uplifting for a family to commemorate and celebrate cherished family members. Trees are maintained to a high standard but for younger planted trees do periodically check that hardware such as tree supports and ties do not impede the tree and removed when the support is no longer required. Planting schemes throughout the estate as mentioned above are very colourful and maintained very well and great appreciation to the carers and workers who do this work. The blue barrel planters at the old Library do not look well and should be replaced with more attractive containers and plants. When planting near name stones care should be taken that the plants should not obscure the actual name on the rock.

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

This is a category that is synonymous to the natural environment of the river Poddle flowing and meandering through your locality. It is a fast-flowing river with a high bank, the natural vegetation that surrounds the bank not only adds to its floral biodiversity but is a good natural barrier protection against very young people from venturing into it. This river has a fascinating journey and story as it enters Dublin City. A future project might be to insert a story board with a map of its journey and information pictures of the flora and fauna found in the immediate locality with a QR code for the digital viewer.

Adding lots of wildflowers to the Children's garden green and the green space on Tymon North Park is a great idea, but also choose an area and let natural wild flowers establish that maybe dormant in the soil for a long time. The local biodiversity officer may also advise on this.

You might look at bird surveys in our area and based on the findings allocate suitable bird boxes for different species you want to attract to suitable adapted trees. If doing this put a yearly maintenance plan in place to care for the box when not in use. One way of encouraging volunteers is to ask them to put a little nature garden in themselves to compliment biodiversity. A simple birdbath in a garden can be very beneficial to local garden birds, giving All Year Round and very entertaining to household watching the flying aerobics.

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

The provision of the new bus shelters with frequent bus services and time tables as observed on adjudication combined with cycle racks and new cycle lanes makes active travel more appealing to your residents. A Tidy Towns involvement within your local community for a short active travel fun event for the residents could be a good social event for new and old volunteers to take part in.

You are very good on environmental awareness in your weeding regime. Planting into the ground instead of planters is very sound advice and reduces maintenance. Recycling of plant material into compost is good but takes a lot of commitment and space to do this.

The use of chicken manure pellets where necessary is good, but these natural products are attractive to dogs and foxes if left lying close to the ground or used in abundance.

Under sustainability programmes to promote energy awareness for example through your face book pages you might encourage your community to look at energy saving home devices and practices etc. organisations such as your council or SEAI may help you on this mission.

Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:

Your Facebook page is very active with litter picks every weekend. You seem to collect a lot of litter which is time consuming for your volunteers, the adjudicator commends all your efforts in this regard as you do seem to collect a lot of litter carelessly deposited by careless and thoughtless individuals. On a wet and windy visiting day Tymon North and St Aonghus areas, streets and greens were very clean. Roadside gutters very well swept with no debris with water flowing freely into gutters. It is good to see local councillors involved with this venture. An event that might attract attention and get some volunteers is if you can get a celebrity social media or otherwise "to meet the celebrity on a litter pick" It would also be good for them to support rather than talk or give out about the environment

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

There is a nice mix of house types and architecture of well built and maintained homes in your estates with some nicely painted houses with well cared for gardens. With the new builds of houses on St Aongus Green will bring new diverse house types into your interesting estates. The bungalows at Castletymon Green are very well kept each one displaying a nice diverse garden individual to its owners. Tymon North gardens is a nice estate with well-maintained nature strips this allowing good footpath access for wheelchair prams and pedestrians. St Aongus estate is well maintained with nice plantings at the entrance. Within the estate there was a nice fragrance from some of the planting of the greens and gardens in the estate. All name signs and stones were visible clean and legible leaving one in no doubt where they were. The Adopt A Rock scheme is very novel and working well for the estate. No issue with litter, graffiti or unruly parking in the estates which is nice to witness

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

The recent construction of active travel corridors of the Castletymon Road done in the recent past has obviously changed the structure of your main thoroughfare. This one road not only serves and bypasses your community but it is also a live active road with vehicular and commuter traffic. There is nice perennial planting of grass and pollinator plants on the side of the road that is litter free. The access pathways recently constructed are wide with good concrete and of paving slabs and bricks adjoining the plaza clean surface free of weeds and witnessed in wet weather were good to walk on with adequate drainage. The cycle lane is in good condition well marked with a good cycling surface.

Concluding Remarks:

As mentioned above visiting and adjudicating Tymon North and St Aonghus on a very wet and windy day was not a chore. In the recent years you have been established through your driving force you have achieved a lot for your community and local environment. Keep up the good work, keep liaising with your council, local businesses for their support. Encourage others to volunteer and support your efforts in order to "Love Where You Live"