Tidy Towns Competition 2026

Adjudication Report

Centre:	**Enniskerry - Áth na Sceire**	Ref:	**255**
County:	**Wicklow**	Mark:	**350**
Category:	**C**	Date(s):	**13/06/2026**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2025	Mark Awarded 2026
Community – Your Planning and Involvement	80	51	52
Streetscape & Public Places	80	51	54
Green Spaces and Landscaping	80	48	51
Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality	80	35	37
Sustainability – Doing more with less	80	18	20
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	59	61
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	55	35	37
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	55	36	38
TOTAL MARK	**600**	**333**	**350**

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 your entry into this year’s competition and for providing such a lovely, illustrated map of your village (though as mentioned by last year’s adjudicator, it would be helpful to include a legend showing where there are new projects and which are being maintained). There is obviously a strong and vibrant community spirit, with a high level of community involvement. Your communication is strong with regular WhatsApp communications, weekly bulletins with updates and call to action for work as well as the committee meetings to decide on work plans and monitor work done to date. It is great to see that you make a point of welcoming new residents and reaching out to them with invites to the weekly Camaraderie & Coffee to relax and refresh after carrying out your work. The wide engagement and sponsorship by a wide range of groups and businesses are testament to how valued the work you are doing is by those who live and work in Enniskerry. The inclusivity you work towards is also shown by the very strong involvement by the younger members of your community with work by TY students as part of the An Gaisce scheme, and work carried out by younger residents where it is safe for them to do so. It is great to see that education is a large part of the work with talks on biodiversity given at Green Schools (st. Patrick’s, Curtlestown as well as Powerscourt National School) as well as talk and the provision of wooden planters at St. Mary’s and St. Gerard’s National Schools.

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

It is always a pleasure to visit Enniskerry, a charming spot with many beautiful buildings and a unique setting. You have a wealth of historic buildings with a rich heritage including the Old Forge, the Clonlea, the Old Alm’s House, the Town Clock, not to mention the grand Powerscourt Estate. You are rightly proud of this heritage and have good signage throughout the village and it is great to read that you have now completed a historic walking tours brochure and plan to install a historic sign map next year.
Fantastic work being done on the Bog Meadow Car park area. The majority of commercial and business premises are very well presented to a high standard. Some in particular that stood out included Poppies café, The Bear Paw Deli, The Corner Studio, The Powerscourt Arms Hotel. It is a pity that the planned pedestrianized area beside the Town Clock has been delayed till Autumn, but we very much look forward to seeing this when complete as well as the natives trees planting that will be included. The street furniture in the village is of very high quality and well maintained and there are some beautiful planters filled with pollinator friendly foliage and flowers, and good work on doing an audit of signs to ensure that there is as little visual clutter as possible to detract from the beauty of the village.

Green Spaces and Landscaping / Spásanna Glasa agus Tírdhreachú:

Dixon's Meadow Community Garden is a delight, and I particularly liked the fact that there is so much information given here about the different flowers and plants, what to use them for, are they good for cooking or medicinal use, when to pick, and if they are pollinator friendly, such a simple but impactful thing to do, bravo!. I also liked the 'Everyone Eats' tag on the information sign. The sign showing the various wildflowers that could be seen in the area was also excellent and full of information along with pictures to help people identify them. Ploughman's corner is a lovely space to sit a while and contemplate life or relax from the hustle or bustle, though I think a splash of colour here through planting or some kind of addition would enhance it even more. Congratulations on all the fantastic work also at the Bog Meadow area, along with the high quality hard and soft landscaping I admired the gorgeous sculptures in the area and I particularly liked the 'Shadowcast' one.
In addition to the appearance of the landscaping we note you make sure to include pollinator friendly plants when possible as well as fruit trees that help provide food and habitats. The landscaping at the clock is very striking as are the various planters to be seen in the centre of the village, and there are striking floral arrangement, hanging baskets and planters to be seen at both commercial and residential premises .

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

I loved the noticeboards illustrating the various types of wildflowers that can be seen in the area such as Red and White Clover, St. John's Wort, Campion etc. a great way to encourage kids, or even adults to go on a 'wildflower scavenger hunt' to find as many of these that they can.
Enniskerry and its environs are blessed with its location with a wealth of nature and biodiversity. This includes of course the designation of Knocksink Nature Reserve as a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) in recognition of the richness of its natural heritage, and diverse woodland habitats.
Well done on finalising the Community Biodiversity Action Plan, which helps establish a baseline that can be used to measure your actions and track what I am sure will be successful measures. It is great to see that monitoring by the Environmental Protection Agency has recorded that the water quality in your local water course includes high or good status, and I am sure that the work that you do in preventing litter and dumping must help with this, and we note that you also have a river clean up planned to get rid of non-natives at the river bank near the Bog Meadow.
Good work in relation to the conservation of habitats, something that helps the rich local wildlife thrive. A lot of good work being done in this area which also includes the database of the various species of bats to be found, your bat walk, dispersed orchards as well as planting such as the vertical planting project to help extend the bird habitat into the village.

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

I was extremely interested to read that you have established a Circular Economy Group and have a practical realistic plan in place to help you meet your targets. You are showing great awareness of the Sustainable Development Goals and how they link in with the work that you are carrying out in your area, and it was very useful to see what you are doing broken down into categories such as water, waste, energy etc. This ethos manifests in your commitment to the circular economy with various groups to enable 'freecycling' and the exchange of goods that one person no longer needs to someone who has a use for it, from food, to seeds to household goods etc. a wonderful way to reduce the amount of items going to landfill as well as saving money.
Great work on the Energy Master Plan, and there is some very practical advice in relation to grants, retrofitting being made available, very helpful with increasing energy prices and supply issues. Energy efficiency is something that you are very conscious of with electric chargers, the use of low energy, wildlife friendly LED's at various points in the village, as well as facilities to encourage people to use bikes rather than cars.
You have a no chemical herbicide policy which helps protects your water table as well as being more sustainable, and the planned water refill station will help reduce plastic bottles and encourage and facilitate the use of refillable ones.

Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:

Congratulations, Enniskerry was practically litter free on the day that it was adjudicated, no mean feat for such a popular place to visit.
It is refreshing to visit somewhere where visual clutter such as advertising signage, political posting and flyposting is kept to an absolute minimum, this greatly enhances the visual appeal of your village and lends itself to a calm and welcoming atmosphere.
Weed control is also excellent and well done on the continuation of your no spray policy since 2022 and managing weeds through other methods such as your vinegar/salt/soap solution.
It is very encouraging to read that that your Transition Year students also help with weeding in the village. Praise is also due to your TUS workers for all that they do to keep the village looking so well.
The Recycling/Bring Back area was absolutely spotless when I visited. Some of the initiatives that are in place to keep your village looking spick and span include participation in the National Spring Clean, litter segregation, local businesses playing their part as well as 'Bin the Butt' to ensure that cigarette butts are put in their place as well as the 'Adopt a Space initiative, well done on your hard work in this area.

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

Enniskerry is a very attractive village with a wide range of residential unit types. Along with newer residential estates there are some beautiful town houses with harmonious paintwork and planting, and very attractive architectural features, as well as some detached houses with large gardens and ornate iron railings and granite walls. There were some beautiful gardens to be seen, and it is great to see that many of these included a lot of pollinator friendly

plants as well as some no-mow areas.
It is very evident that residents of your village take great pride in where they live and ensuring that their homes are kept looking their best and that there is a strong sense of community.
Estates seen included Sika Woods, Eagle Valley, Kilgarron Park and Monastery Grove, as well as the new Oakfield Close development and the new Silvervale estate amongst others, all looked very well maintained with good signage, and there was some nice planting at some of the newer residential areas which will mature very nicely, and hopefully the influx of new residents will be an opportunity for even more people to help you with your endeavours.

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

No matter which road you take into Enniskerry you are going to see lovely granite walls and tree lined roads, and I love the Willow Stag sculpture that you see just before the village if arriving from the approach near the garage. The Clock tower creates a lovely focal point as you enter the village itself. I didn't see any litter or fly tipping at all on the roads when I drove around the various approaches, so a lot of hard work appears to being done to keep them clean and rubbish free. All the street furniture that I saw looked in very good condition, there were some lovely iron lamp standards and bollards, and the old phone box is a lovely feature with nice paintwork, and all the planters looked clean and well cared for. The fact that you carry out an audit of signage, redundant poles etc. surely helps to reduce any visual clutter and it is great to read that the local Business Association washes shopfronts as well. You are also to be praised that you ensure that weeds are not managed through the use of commercial weedkillers and also make sure to adhere to the 'No Mow May' policy and incorporate wildflower schemes as well. Fantastic work on the planting of no less than 1000 bulbs during the Autumn with the assistance of Transition Year students.

Concluding Remarks:

Enniskerry is a lovely place to spend some time and has a unique charm thanks to its beautiful setting, wonderful architecture, as well as all the work that you are doing to present it as well as you do, great work.