# Tidy Towns Competition 2026

## *Adjudication Report*

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| Centre: | **Hollywood Village - Cillín Chaoimhín** | Ref: | **2109** |
| County: | **Wicklow** | Mark: | **341** |
| Category: | **A** | Date(s): | **27/06/2026** |

| | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 2025 | Mark Awarded 2026 |
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| Community – Your Planning and Involvement | 80 | 43 | 45 |
| Streetscape & Public Places | 80 | 44 | 47 |
| Green Spaces and Landscaping | 80 | 45 | 47 |
| Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality | 80 | 33 | 36 |
| Sustainability – Doing more with less | 80 | 22 | 25 |
| Tidiness and Litter Control | 90 | 62 | 64 |
| Residential Streets & Housing Areas | 55 | 36 | 37 |
| Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes | 55 | 38 | 40 |
| **TOTAL MARK** | **600** | **323** | **341** |

### 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 very much for your participation in this year’s competition, and for providing the lovely hand drawn map and legend with all projects marked with new or maintenance as well as your comprehensive Three Year Plan, much appreciated. It is obvious that there is a strong community spirit in Hollywood, and that along with your committee and 10 regular volunteers, you can also count on an additional 20 or so people as well as the volunteers for the Pure Miles initiative. It sounds as though there is a social element to your planning with tea and chats discussing your plans after you complete your work on Saturdays. There appears to be strong communications using an array of communications through social media, Newsboard page as well as posters and notices as well as through word of mouth. There is strong engagement with the various sports and community groups in the area along with local businesses and agencies. You also have good engagement with local schools and great to see that Scoíl Chaoimhín Naofa has acquired its own polytunnel.

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

Hollywood is a beautiful village with many places of interest despite its relatively small size.
The Hollywood Café located in the old post office building was very attractively presented with a lovely fresh green colour scheme and some nice planting to complement it. Many other buildings in your village have also had previous lives such as Miley’s Cottage which was formerly a Blacksmiths, The Hollywood Inn which used to be a stagecoach stop. St Kevin’s Church is a very attractive building and it is fantastic to read that it is also being used for cultural and musical events in addition to its original purpose.
All the street furniture such as benches, lights etc. were all in excellent condition, I particularly liked the stone bench beside the ivy painted electric box. Hollywood Parish Cemetery was immaculate, very well maintained with well kept grass and clean fresh façade while the statue of Mary had nice planting in front of it.
There is excellent signage with information about St. Kevin’s Way, and it was lovely to see the old phone box being repurposed with some information about the Hollywood Heritage Walk which sets out various points of interest as well as the links between St. Kevin and Hollywood. Likewise, the Hollywood Heritage Walk sign is handsomely illustrated with really interesting information and the various points of interest well marked out. The Hollywood Centre looked very well and spotless, and the Labyrinth signage is very striking. Well done on bringing the Blue Tree to Hollywood to promote discussions about mental health and wellbeing, and congratulations of course on on achieving a Heritage Keepers Special Recognition Award for your Hollywood Field Names project.

### Green Spaces and Landscaping / Spásanna Glasa agus Tírdhreachú:

The old green water pump trough was charming, with beautiful planting which really showcased it to perfection, and I liked the daffodil painting on the electric box beside it. There is judicious use of the barrel planters along the stone wall, with gorgeous displays of foliage and flowers that looked to be thriving. As mentioned previously, you are very conscious of the need to employ sustainable planting and use perennials and pollinator friendly plants wherever possible, as well as plants grown from seedlings and cuttings.
The Heather bed at Daly's garage is gorgeous, and we look forward to seeing the matching heather bed planned for across the road once that is installed. The area around Dragoon Hill including the charming fairy garden is absolutely lovely, as is the stretch along Watery Lane. Good work on obtaining some funding to help improve the area around Little Wood.

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

The importance of preserving your natural environment and promoting pollinator friendly practices is evident in the work that you carry out such as the planting of Mountain Ash, the use of perennials, and abstaining from the use of chemical herbicides or insecticides, as well as No Mow May etc.
I really enjoyed seeing the various murals of the flora and fauna to be found in Hollywood and its environs on the electricity boxes, particularly the ones with the illustration of the Red Kite and Stag, and the one beside the clothes bank.
It was fascinating to read that one stone wall could have 40 plant species inhabiting it, we would be interested in seeing that list included in next years application once you have received it, this illustrates how habitats and biodiversity can thrive when opportunity presents.
The 1st place Tree Award that you received from Wicklow County Council for your Forest Restoration Project is well deserved, with an impressive number of trees planted, 540 native hardwoods no less, and it is inspiring to see that already you have seen the positive results from this through the monitoring of wildlife with trail cameras. Hollywood's environment boasts a wealth of wildlife including buzzards and badgers, as well as red kites and squirrels and an abundance of birds, and there were some really attractive information signs giving information about your local fauna. Great work also being done at the Watery Lane area and balancing biodiversity and water quality with other essential works. Other work that you have done in this category includes the creation of habitats for solitary bees, promoting awareness through the utility boxes and maintenance of areas such as the Little Wood.

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

Good work on linking the work that you are doing in the various categories of the competition with the Sustainable Development Goals, showing strong understanding of the importance of each of them and their impact on the wellbeing of the community as well as the environment.
The Re-turn bin was spotted which should encourage people to recycle their old plastic bottles, and this not only helps the environment, but good to see that the money raised will help your Tidy Towns endeavours as well as other local groups. The Labyrinth sculpture is an ingenious (re) use of old cans, this looked beautiful as well as raising awareness in relation to recycling and upcycling, it is no wonder that it won the 2018 'Can It' award.

### Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:

Hollywood looked spotless on the day that I visited with not a single piece of litter to be seen, fantastic job. I am sure that this is in no small part to all the work that you do, with daily litter picking, as well as the monitoring of your bins. You are doing some fantastic work as part of the 'Pure Mile' initiative, which helps communities keep their area clean as well as raising awareness of the issues of illegal dumping and fly tipping, as well as information on what to do if you see someone getting rid of rubbish illegally. You also participate in the annual An Taisce National Spring Clean, good job.

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

Congratulations on your achievement in the Sustainable Development Awards/Tidy Estates competition run by Wicklow County Council for Dragoon Hill very well deserved, with some lovely green space and flowers to enhance the area, and the fairy garden area is delightful.
The presentation of residential buildings in the village is excellent with some beautiful houses and gardens to be seen, and the co ordinated painting of red farm gates is a lovely feature, and the 'horseshoe' house was most attractive, and I loved the muted multi coloured cottages on the main street.

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

The approach as you come into Hollywood is gorgeous, with the rolling green fields nicely juxtaposed with the lovely dry-stone walls and roses as you enter the village. The Black and White entrance sign as you enter Hollywood looked very clean and smart, though a bit swamped by the signage for the N81 behind it, is there a plan to put some planting here to add some colour and interest, you mention that you are in consultation with the contractor in relation to landscaping.
It is fantastic news that after all your campaigning that there has been upgrading of the N81 to help calm down traffic and make the area safer for everyone, well done. The work that you are carrying out with planting Mountain Ash reinforce the visual appeal of your village, along with the well-kept footpaths, planting and cleanliness. The cleaning of dredging of the stream at Watery Lane is providing manifold benefits, not only the appearance, but will also play a part in improving the aquatic habitat and water quality here.

### Concluding Remarks:

I had never been to Hollywood Village prior to this and was charmed by its beautiful setting and impressed by its cleanliness and how much work that you are doing in conjunction with your community to keep it that way.