

# Tidy Towns Competition 2023

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Ardattin - Ard Aitinn** Ref: **31**  
County: **Carlow** Mark: **326**  
Category: **A** Date(s): **13/06/2023**

|   | Maximum<br>Mark | Mark<br>Awarded 2022 | Mark<br>Awarded 2023 |
|---|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Community – Your Planning and Involvement | 80              | 43                   | 44                   |
| Streetscape & Public Places               | 80              | 44                   | 45                   |
| Green Spaces and Landscaping              | 80              | 44                   | 44                   |
| Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality  | 55              | 31                   | 32                   |
| Sustainability – Doing more with less     | 55              | 15                   | 15                   |
| Tidiness and Litter Control               | 90              | 68                   | 69                   |
| Residential Streets & Housing Areas       | 55              | 34                   | 35                   |
| Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes           | 55              | 42                   | 42                   |
| <b>TOTAL MARK</b>                         | <b>550</b>      | <b>321</b>           | <b>326</b>           |

### Community – Your Planning and Involvement / An Pobal - Pleanáil agus Rannpháirtíocht:

Fáilte chuig Comórtas Na mBailte Slachtmhara Super Valu don bhliain 2023. Táimid buíoch daoibh as ucht na hiontrála a chur chugainn, agus guimíd gach rath ar bhúr gcuid oibre amach anseo. Adh Mór! Welcome to the 2023 Supervalu National Tidy Towns Competition Ardattin! Many thanks for your succinct entry. A 3-Year Plan may help you flesh out more projects for inclusion in future entries. Though a small village you have a core committee and support from the wider community; keep up the great work. See can you reference new/maintained projects on your map and which category they align to. Also see about stating how each project aligns to the UN SDGs, not just per category.

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

Although not currently working on any new projects, I commend your dedication in maintaining your village - do not forget that maintaining is just as essential to development! Your commitment to accessibility was evident by your removal of blocks obstructing access to Ball Alley; showing consideration for community needs. Your community centre, church and school were all well presented as was the Ardattin Inn. I must admit I was a little surprised at the location of your seating opposite the Ardattin Inn on a busy road with very little room between it and the road. Is this not very unsafe. Would you consider moving them to the nice quiet area by the handball alley where these wooden seats appear to be at end of life? The same with the lovely aerial photo sign – move to an area where it can be appreciated in a safe manner.

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

Your efforts in maintaining the local sports fields in great condition by cutting grass every two weeks shows extraordinary dedication. Maybe there is scope to leave areas uncut for wildlife whilst maintaining the recreational function and reducing work for volunteers. The decision to leave an uncut margin of grass along one side shows a thoughtful approach in protecting and conserving the environment – roll out more of these approaches! There was lovely planting outside the community centre and the Shrine, perhaps there is scope for some planters by the water pump too? The beds beside the pump are in need of attention.

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

Establishment of two bug hotels in Village Park showcases your commitment to supporting local biodiversity. In addition, creation of two wildflower beds near the school shows a dedication to pollinator-friendly habitats by drawing bees and butterflies. Make sure to check out the guidance for community groups by the All Ireland Pollinator Plan for more ideas as well as engaging with your local Heritage/Biodiversity Officer.

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

The Bring Centre was very well maintained and is a great resource for the local community. To discover additional sustainability projects make sure to look through past winners of Special Awards and the sustainability category in other entrants Adjudicator Reports as well as speaking with your Environmental Awareness Officer.

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

Litter picking efforts are noted; this participation is the embodiment of community spirit and showing its positive effect. Congratulations to everyone involved for all their ongoing efforts towards improving Ardattin's cleanliness! Some issues noted on the day:

- The nameplate on the road from Clonegal is obscured and needs cutting back.
- The Tullow Mens Shed information case needs freshening up.
- The Do Not Litter sign needs cleaning

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

Congratulations on all of the hard work and commitment shown by residents of Beechwood Drive! Their efforts in maintaining their area is great, it's the first time I've seen a cock of hay in an estate! I liked the memorial to Ellen O'Neill but the area around the Bullaun Stone is in need of attention. There was a truly spectacular garden display at Sant Clemente.

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

Your approach roads were all well maintained, well done. Be careful on some of the paths where plants are encroaching.

### **Concluding Remarks:**

You show tremendous civic pride which is an inspiration to others. You deserve praise for your efforts to maintain a clean and welcoming village – great things come in small packages as they say.