

Tidy Towns Competition 2023

Adjudication Report

Centre:	Tinryland - Tigh an Raoilinn	Ref:	47
County:	Carlow	Mark:	303
Category:	B	Date(s):	13/06/2023

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2022	Mark Awarded 2023
Community – Your Planning and Involvement	80	43	44
Streetscape & Public Places	80	38	39
Green Spaces and Landscaping	80	38	39
Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality	55	31	32
Sustainability – Doing more with less	55	18	19
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	59	60
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	55	34	34
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	55	36	36
TOTAL MARK	550	297	303

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 Tinryland! I am delighted to recognise the extraordinary efforts of Tinryland Tidy Towns Committee over the last year. You have demonstrated a commitment to creating a cleaner, greener and more sustainable environment through constant communication, workdays and regular meetings - not to mention your collaborative approach supported by various agencies, businesses and community members which has played such an integral part in your success. You have seen great benefits from participating in this competition for 23 years, with numerous transformations and developments, while simultaneously encouraging community spirit, interaction, and an increased understanding of environmental matters. For next year's submissions can I suggest you include the photos with the text, not in appendices. Also do your best to align each project to the UN SDGs – not just at category level. Your map was clear and easy to follow; maybe try to number them next year and indicate whether they are new or maintained and which category they align to. Many thanks for your Three-Year Plan.

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

Tinryland Tidy Towns members have shown immense pride and dedication to their projects, which enhance their village. I enjoyed my visit to St Joseph's Church with its spectacular view, its beautiful stained glass window and information on early electrification. The bench by the rural electrification plaque/defibrillator needs some attention. You provide much needed support in maintaining the car park and green area as well as the park which I was surprised to see does not fall under local authority ownership, but rather managed by community. It was great to see the bicycle stands being installed during my visit. Some of the paths were surprisingly narrow but reflect the road layout in the village.

Green Spaces and Landscaping / Spásanna Glasa agus Tírdhreachú:

Your group has made remarkable efforts in maintaining and improving different aspects of the village, such as at Kane's Cross. Tinryland Park and '98 Commemorative Stone demonstrate a dedication to the local community as you work diligently to keep these green spaces looking their best. The 1916/2016 Memorial Garden's recent planting and maintenance efforts are creating meaningful memorials, to be enjoyed by all. The landscaping in the Park was wonderful and it was great to see the incorporation of biodiversity management approaches. Perhaps on the sloped area this could be included, and paths cut through for youngsters to act as explorers? This will also reduce maintenance costs and be a positive climate action. The pollinator planting by the courts was most

welcome.

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

You have made great strides in protecting and improving the local environment. Efforts include successfully maintaining various areas such as "Jim's Wood," which features an assortment of trees attracting wildlife – the monitoring is an important part. Are you submitting records to the National Biodiversity Data Centre? My sincere condolences on Jim's passing; it is clear he was a driving force in your community and is dearly missed by all. Great dedication to conserving biodiversity through your efforts at protecting the wildflower meadow and tree mapping initiatives. This demonstrates a thoughtful and considered approach to biodiversity preservation. All of this helps support the implementation of the Carlow Biodiversity Action Plan 2023-2028 and Carlow Green Infrastructure Strategy. The National School has shown its dedication to conservation efforts through working together on an awareness plan and attaining the Biodiversity Green Schools Flag. Also great to see collaboration with BirdWatch Ireland. Overall, your multifaceted approach and collaboration with various stakeholders demonstrate a dedication to protecting biodiversity in the community. Please remain committed.

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

Tinryland is committed toward improving and upholding sustainability and environmental consciousness within the village. Your monitoring system for recycling banks ensures you have enough facilities for waste management. Recently completed maintenance works to improve access to recycling banks demonstrate your commitment to encouraging recycling habits, while the successful partnership with Carlow County Council for a mini WEEE recycling event showcases strong community participation. Utilising local resources such as mulch from a landowner and water butts demonstrates dedication to sustainable practices and water conservation. Furthermore, encouraging school children to use recyclable materials in art projects fosters environmental awareness from an early age. Even after being denied grant funding, you successfully planted rhubarb and strawberry plots, showing resilience and creativity when approaching community projects. Keep up the great work here and remember to seek advice from your Environmental Awareness Officer and other resources.

Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:

You have demonstrated exceptional dedication in protecting and improving the cleanliness of the local environment. I did not observe one piece of litter during my visit – congratulations to all involved. Participating in the National Spring Clean, covering an expansive area and collecting 2 tonnes of rubbish, displays true commitment to keeping your surroundings clean. Litter picks, bottle bank monitoring (which were very well presented), and the "Adopt an Area" system demonstrate a proactive approach in combatting littering and encouraging weed control. The school motto, "Don't litter, our school should glitter," symbolises their efforts to instill responsible behaviors from an early age. Overall, your group's work is commendable. Some small issues noted during my visit included:

- Some weeds at Dun na Ri
- Rubbish was left at the Recycling Area. It was fresh and no doubt picked up by your regular monitoring.
- The Do Not Litter sign just outside the town needs a clean.

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

Residents in the village center and its immediate environs have demonstrated tremendous awareness for Tidy Towns activities, putting great effort in maintaining gardens and properties to a high standard. Dun Na Ri, Lime Grove, St. Joseph's Terrace and St. Martin's Avenue all looked very well as did the homes on Main Street. Support and encouragement will only further advance progress within the village. Keep up the fantastic work everyone.

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

Approach roads were all very well presented on the day of adjudication. Individual members have taken responsibility for specific areas to ensure they receive attention they deserve, this is a great approach. All entrance signs were clear and readily visible aside from the Tinryland directional sign coming in from the main road.

Concluding Remarks:

A huge well done to all involved. I thoroughly enjoyed my visit to your beautiful village, with no small part being to your continued involvement in an array of community, environmental and public realm initiatives. Keep up the great work!