

Tidy Towns Competition 2023

Adjudication Report

Centre: Butlersbridge Droichead an Bhuitlearaigh	Ref: 51
County: Cavan	Mark: 282
Category: B	Date(s): 08/07/2023

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2023
Community – Your Planning and Involvement	80	40
Streetscape & Public Places	80	39
Green Spaces and Landscaping	80	40
Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality	55	25
Sustainability – Doing more with less	55	8
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	62
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	55	31
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	55	37
TOTAL MARK	550	282

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

Failte chuig Comortas Na mBailte Slachtmhara Super Valu don bhliain 2023. Taimid buíoch daoibh as ucht na hiontrala a chur chugainn, agus guimid gach rath ar bhur gcuid oibre amach anseo. Adh Mor. Welcome to the 2023 SuperValu Tidy Towns competition. Regular meetings are held to keep your initiatives running smoothly. The TT team are so appreciative of your help and grateful for over 60 amazing volunteers and 10 committee members. Numerous organisations and businesses liaise with you throughout the year and we are particularly impressed with Michael Fitzpatrick Architects who helped you create the village map for the application form and have offered to develop a more detailed map for the Notice Board project. You are well organised in terms of communication and are keen to include as many of the younger generation as possible in your work. You are fortunate to have a dedicated individual to develop links with the local school, the new Faroige Club & GAA members are keen to help with future projects. We wish you well as you prepare to enter next years award category of working with Young People. Your main project this year was involvement in the Pollinator friendly Towns & Villages in Cullagh Lakelands Geopark. With the help of horticulturist Sarah, a planting plan was created and plants funded by Cavan Heritage office were planted at several locations over a few evenings with the help of the school children. Local Artist, Heather Brett created beautiful signage. We were impressed by the floral displays used to good effect and we commend that you are choosing pollinator friendly plants. After a brief gap in the competition, great organisation of tasks has helped build momentum and has you moving quickly in the right direction. Great work everyone.

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

The Green is an inviting area with suitable seating and planted nicely. Community centre is well presented. Bench nearby needs some attention. Streets are narrow in places for two-way and create congestion. The stone bridge is a landmark and adds richness to the landscape. Adjacent to the river, the architecture and décor of St. Aidens Church is captivating. Lighting elements are energy efficient. Murph's Gastro Pub is a lively space for social interactions and enjoys a nice view. Planting had a consistent visual character with colourful planter boxes and hanging baskets guaranteeing a summer of colour. National school is well maintained. Pedestrian crossing at Johnston Agri could do with painting.

Green Spaces and Landscaping / Spásanna Glasa agus Tírdhreachú:

We note spring bulb planting on the approach roads - bringing a splash of colour to mark the changing of the seasons. A planting plan for the area is important and as part of our efforts to encourage bees and butterflies into our neighbourhood's, pollinator friendly choices for example crocus, bluebells or alliums will provide pockets of nature to the heart of the village. Trial a different form of environmentally planting in your planting schemes. Tree

planting is a sustainable initiative. Herb spiral will attract more wildlife and is another great way to promote biodiversity. When grass clippings need to be removed, say at the end of 'no-mow May', the best way to manage them is to compost them. They can be reused on site as a mulch. A lot of effort has gone into planting - well done. We admired the row of sunflowers.

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

Sustainable streetscape infrastructure encourages the addition of a green roof to bus shelters and you are making the headlines with the 'Buzz' stop. We love the new look and it certainly could be the first of its kind in the country. Not alone will it promote sustainability but it also serves as an educational tool and creates environmental awareness. Credit is due to Cavan County Council, Dept. of Rural & Community Development and Butlerbridge TT. We admired the hedgehog house and bug hotel. Once again, we acknowledge your commitment to the Planting Plan for the village. We recommend a conservation and biodiversity action plan be completed for the local river and we wish you a successful outcome with your funding.

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

We note your sustainable practises - Planting bee friendly and refill water bottles are all part of your approach. You may find inspiration at <https://localprevention.ie/tidy-towns/> for new projects. Walks, talks and training are included in this category.

Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:

Our appreciation is offered to everyone who volunteers with litter picking, weeding and removing moss. Street maintenance is very good. Your application outlines your intention to erect an outdoor notice board to promote anti-litter – best of luck with this project.

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

The standard of presentation is generally good in residential areas. Establishing individual committee for upkeep of estates will help with maintenance. We are pleased everyone supports your planting plan for the village. Why not have a best vegetable window box or best pollinator garden award to encourage residents to get involved.

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

Some lovely work has been completed and this reflects well on the committee. Landscaping was well maintained. Signposting is good. Consider wildlife margins as this will help nature.

Concluding Remarks:

We enjoyed our visit and were impressed by the local area. A planting plan is essential kit to tackle climate change and a biodiversity plan for the locality will be important for preserving the environment. You are truly making a difference and we love the work you do.