

Tidy Towns Competition 2023

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Redhills - Cnoc Rua** Ref: **57**
County: **Cavan** Mark: **340**
Category: **A** Date(s): **25/06/2023**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2022	Mark Awarded 2023
Community – Your Planning and Involvement	80	47	48
Streetscape & Public Places	80	44	45
Green Spaces and Landscaping	80	48	49
Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality	55	34	35
Sustainability – Doing more with less	55	18	19
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	72	73
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	55	31	32
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	55	38	39
TOTAL MARK	550	332	340

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. Your committee and volunteer numbers are small but obviously working extremely hard. With over 30 years in the competition a special mention is deserved – fantastic achievement. Your main supporters are the GAA and the carnival committee. Great to read the annual Poster competition is still going strong as it is a simple way to communicate community issues and events and are ideal for display in community spaces. Thank you for your cover letter, entry form and village map as they were very helpful during adjudication. Please identify projects as N or M. Thank you for including the Town & Village Renewal Scheme. Your priority is to invest in bringing life and vitality back to the village and we are confident that the actions outlined will facilitate a positive response and you are committed to its delivery. We ask groups to demonstrate which Sustainable goals their projects and actions meet. Have a try next year with one in each section. Your carnival sounds like a great day out for everyone and therefore is good for health & well-being (SG3). Please include more details next year. The adjudicator is very pleased to see the new Zip line and we wish you well in completing outstanding projects for the autumn. Organising work is time consuming so we commend you on the hours involved. Very well done.

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

The gate lodge is eye-catching, with the river a beautiful feature. Nicely maintained picnic area and well-maintained paths & walls leading to the village. The green is a fine open air meeting place and perfect for public celebrations. It is suitably adorned with a fine display of floral attributes and the proposed house painting & bench renewal projects you mention will bring new life to the village. These had not started yet but we look forward to the new transformation. The presentation of local businesses is of high standard. The playground is a great facility for users.

Green Spaces and Landscaping / Spásanna Glasa agus Tírdhreachú:

Picnic benches, information signs, and mature trees for shade were well appreciated here. Sustainable planting is a desirable goal so try and include more pollinating bedding and perennials to partner the begonias – they contain no nectar. Check out <https://pollinators.ie>. Winter bulb planting shows fabulous blooms and should be added to yearly keeping in mind pollinators using bulbs like crocus and grape hyacinth for example. Nice to see the mowing regime on the green is obviously not weekly as it is full of wildflowers for wildlife. Changing mowing to every three to four weeks will allow plants to flower between mows, is more colourful and provides extra food source for pollinators. Keep this up! We look forward to the new biodiversity garden and be sure to add an information panel so people know what you are trying to achieve. The G.A.A park is well presented. Well done to all your volunteers for their time and effort. Keep up the good work.

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

Work to promote biodiversity and raise awareness of wildlife habitat is commendable and your new Biodiversity Garden will strengthen your efforts. Unfortunately, one of your fruit trees has been damaged and needs replacing. Other projects to consider is to survey an area to identify species present and again next year. The following link will advise on how to monitor the results: <https://pollinators.ie/record-pollinators/fit-count/>. Perhaps the village lawn would be an ideal site and could be a good project for the local school? We look forward to seeing the results next year. Nature Reserve, bug hotels & Information Boards are a great way of increasing awareness and a good opportunity to organize wildlife themed talks.

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

Initiatives under this category include water harvesting which increases water use efficiency and ties in with sustainable management of water SG (6). Adapting weeding activities to be 'pesticide free' and participation in the National Spring Clean are also noteworthy approaches. We also noted St. Brigid's parents Association encouraging recycling with their uniform collection in the village shop – recycling SG 12. Other ways to gain marks is to participate in a national campaign like 'Cycle week' or National Tree Week.

Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:

The neatness and litter free environment make a great first impression. Your awards are very well deserved and it shows good community spirit when everyone keeps their areas neat & tidy. It is great to see the lovely poster created by the national school students. A vote of thanks to students, teachers and volunteers involved. Well done on your involvement in National Spring Clean. Keep up the teamwork. The Recycling Bank was well managed with appropriate signage.

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

Our appreciation is offered to all the volunteers who give generously of their time to transform their towns and villages into wonderful spaces. As you mention, it belongs to us all and every action no matter how small eases the load for the next person. You are fortunate to have a community who take pride in their homes and we are sure the committee appreciates the help!

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

All approaches are beautifully maintained and litter free. One of the safety signs was missing on Scothouse road. The works carried out to footpaths will enable safe access between home and village. Seating and benches were admired. Congratulate all concerned.

Concluding Remarks:

Redhills is a well-presented and all involved should be highly commended. We await the completion of this summers project which no doubt will further enhance the beauty of the environs.