

# Tidy Towns Competition 2023

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Manorhamilton - Cluainín** Ref: **1824**  
County: **Leitrim** Mark: **306**  
Category: **C** Date(s): **13/06/2023**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2022	Mark Awarded 2023
Community – Your Planning and Involvement	80	47	49
Streetscape & Public Places	80	37	38
Green Spaces and Landscaping	80	38	39
Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality	55	28	29
Sustainability – Doing more with less	55	22	23
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	55	56
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	55	34	35
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	55	36	37
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>306</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...

Thank you for your application, plan, biodiversity plan and map. Regular meetings and discussions after your work allow all the committee members to input into your work. It is good to hear about your collaboration with other groups in the community. Your work with a broad range of organisations in your community and are actively involved with the Leitrim PPN. The Canva training must be beneficial as it can help you create engaging posters and infographics to highlight the excellent work the Tidy Towns group has done. The Remembrance and Reflection garden are beautiful additions to the Manorhamilton streetscape. Well done to all those who were involved in their development and design. They will be a benefit to the company for many years to come. It is good to see that Manorhamilton Tidy Towns group has successfully embraced the Sustainable Development Goals and included them in the application form. Congratulations on the awards that you have won in 2022.

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

The Manorhamilton Public Realm project that is being funded through the Town and Village renewal scheme will be of great benefit to not only the whole community but visitors as well. Seeing the efforts made to green the public realm is very positive. You have contacted the County Council to reduce some of the kerb heights in the community. It will be very beneficial if the kerb height is reduced as it will improve pedestrian access. The Remembrance and Reflection Garden is a fantastic addition to the streetscape. The proposed amphitheatre on Fair Green will be an exciting project. It will be good to have an outdoor public space. Do you plan to develop the area in front of the castle? The courthouse and its parking area will make an excellent resource for the community. It is good to see the new business opening in Manorhamilton. Thank you for including the before photos. Seeing the heritage advertising on the corner of castle street was good. The unique gift shop's mural helps enhance the main shopping area. Keenans Butcher shop was very well presented. The O'Mahony bar looked well, with an exciting mural and full hanging baskets. Heritage signage across the town was excellent, well presented, and with relevant text.

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

The Remembrance and Reflection garden is a beautiful project. That is well-planted and provides the opportunity for reflection. The incorporation of a butterfly garden further enhances the area. It is good to see your local business support demonstrated by collaborating with your local garden centre. The colour schemes of blues and purples are beautiful. Keeping the beach hedge looking so good in our dry weather must have been challenging. You are working on projects to plant native trees in Manorhamilton. Have you considered developing a social media campaign to encourage residents to get involved in this campaign? It could be targeted at National Tree Week. The

Microgarden is an excellent initiative to support wildlife and brighten the road junction. The adjudicator would like to encourage you to be cautious about planting Buddleia as it can spread quickly and damage infrastructure. The mini orchard and willow structures have developed an excellent outdoor play amenity area for children.

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

The biodiversity evening and new plan are excellent initiatives that will help raise environmental awareness and encourage greater interest in the Tidy Town group. Planting spring bulbs can be a fantastic initiative to provide early food for pollinators and some colour in the springtime. The Swift workshop will help raise the profile of this much-loved bird, critically endangered and it was good to see swift boxes in Manorhamilton. The proposed riverwalk would be an asset to the town. Your application form referenced that you are collaborating with an organisation working with Feral cats. More information on this project would be valuable for next year's adjudication form. Have you considered developing a wildlife corridor through Manorhamilton, it could be linked to the proposed river walk?

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

Well done in your consistent effort to raise awareness of Sustainable Development Goals, as they are vital in promoting sustainability at home and abroad. The Cory board display is an excellent project! The Christmas tree in the Sustainable development goals' colours is a creative awareness-raising tool. The clothes project is a perfect way to raise funding and promote recycling. You have attended the North Leitrim SEC awareness-raising event. Have you considered becoming a Sustainable Energy Community? Have you considered investigating the possibility of harvesting wildflower seeds and using them to create more wild flower areas in the community. You can find out more information about this process on [pollinators.ie](http://pollinators.ie)

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

Keeping pavements weed free is a challenge for every Tidy Towns group. Hopefully, the improvements that have been made to Church Street will reduce the amount of weeding that you need to do. The weekly rotas for clean-ups have helped to keep Manorhamilton tidy. The Rossinver youth addiction group has done a fantastic job maintaining the famine graveyard. The streetscape had been decluttered on adjudication day. Have you noticed if there has been a reduction in the amount of litter being collected in the Spring Clean event? The laneways in Manorhamilton were well presented

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

The children's playground has been upgraded, and it is good to see the inclusion of accessible play equipment. It was good to see a well-maintained garden that was very busy and at the centre of the community. Teapot Lane has benefitted immensely from your clean-up, and the properties had a charming paint scheme. The Cluain Oir estate is very well presented, and it was good to see many orchids in its common area. Well done to the residents for maintaining the estate in an environmentally friendly fashion. The name sign was a little small; if it is ever replaced, it should be more prominent. Rockview drives appearance should be commended. An upgrade would improve the Bee-Park wall on Park Road and Cemetery Road. Have you considered this site for other murals?

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

The repainted Failte sign on the R280 exemplifies Manorhamilton Tidy Town's ingenuity, creativity and commitment to sustainability. The roundabout was very well presented, and it was good to see planters with pollinator-friendly planting. It creates a very positive first impression of the town. You have plans to enhance the approach road to Enniskillen using pollinator-friendly bulbs. Would you plan to extend this initiative to the other approach roads? It may help to develop a stronger sense of place if similar themes are being used to enhance the approach roads.

### **Concluding Remarks:**

Manorhamilton is a very well-kept town with a well-committed Tidy Towns group. The improvements to the public realm are going to make a substantial positive impact on the community.