

# Tidy Towns Competition 2023

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Kilmeedy - Cill Míde** Ref: **223**  
County: **Limerick** Mark: **323**  
Category: **A** Date(s):

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2022	Mark Awarded 2023
Community – Your Planning and Involvement	80	40	42
Streetscape & Public Places	80	46	48
Green Spaces and Landscaping	80	43	44
Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality	55	31	32
Sustainability – Doing more with less	55	22	23
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	64	66
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	55	34	35
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	55	32	33
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>323</b>

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

Fáilte chuig Comórtas Na mBailte Slachtmhara SuperValu 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 Supervalu Tidy Towns 2023. Thank you for participating again in Tidy Towns. Tidy Towns is good for your community and good for the country.

You have been involved in Tidy Towns for 22 years. That is a great achievement and in that time you have won many awards, including Pride of Place, Limerick in Bloom 2018 and 2022 and Litter Free Village. You come under the umbrella of Kilmeedy Development Association and it would seem that you are a well organised group indeed. You have many other groups that are involved with your Tidy Towns and we counted at least 11 organisations. Well done on your exposure on RTÉ Nationwide. You say; "The village is not just bricks and mortar. The spirit of its people make it come alive and welcome you warmly." What a wonderful Kilmeedy Village Map you have presented us with. It is so accessible. Thank you.

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

Kilmeedy is a small village, but big in heart. Entering Kilmeedy from the R520 we were enveloped in tree lined roads. It was the entrance to your village. In your 22 years you have created a magnificent place. In every twist and turn there is something interesting to see, from the buildings, the Biodiversity, the Church, Áras Íde, the cemetery. The list is endless. Your village is wonderfully presented with housing and businesses painted in great colours. Your Streetscape is compact, and this makes the village one where people communicate easily. To have an accessible Café in a small village is wonderful. Even the cemetery is accessible! What is interesting about your village is that so many people actually live in it and your school is in the town. This is good for everyone and it generates easy contact. The farm tractor premises, in many other places would have been an eyesore. In Kilmeedy, it is a wonderfully attractive place!

There is a beautiful road, Hill Road, lined with old attractive houses and that leads to the Holy Year Cross. The Cemetery is very old and it is well maintained. It is surrounded by an old stone wall and overall, it has the feeling of a contemplative place. It is inspiring to see that the old Garda Barracks has been reinvented into a Community Hub and it includes a Community Employment Office, Pre-School, After School and Breakfast Club. It also includes the Phoenix Project and Gardens. A place of reflection, a meeting place, a quiet place. What else will Kilmeedy "throw up"? Where else would you get such a facility? You have unoccupied buildings but in comparison to many other places in Ireland, your problems are small. And yes, three properties have been purchased. If your village and Streetscape is attractive and compact and well cared for, properties will sell. It is also good to see that new footpaths will be constructed and it will make the village a safer place.

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

Your Kilmeedy Primary School is, literally, in the heart of the village and it is involved in Tidy Towns. You have participated in planting vegetables in raised beds, bulb planting, window boxes, seed sowing, planting of herbs, rainwater harvesting and your community orchard. And it is done with the adults working alongside the children and the teachers. This is education in the best sense of the word. How your community managed to purchase an 8 acre piece of land is just stunning. And you have already ploughed an area for a Community Garden. Your plans for other facilities are ambitious, to say the least. But in your hands, anything is possible!

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

We walked down the Boreen Walk and it is a treasure trove of Biodiversity, but not only that – it is also attractive. We loved the duck sanctuary! You have a School Garden beside the School and there is a Picnic Area. What more could you want in a village! But you do! You engaged the Environmentalist, Albert Nolan and you have walked the area with him, and he will revert with the outcome of the exploration. Albert Nolan was also engaged to visit the school, and this also included a walk in the area to see what is happening with biodiversity in Kilmeedy. This is Nature and Biodiversity because you continue to explore, to learn and to facilitate habitats.

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

In Kilmeedy, Sustainability is practiced locally: From using the local fruits from the Boreen that are then used in the Roots shop to the Kilmeedy Homegrown enterprise to the new Community Development Field that has now been planted with vegetables and including Pumpkins, to the planting of a new Community Orchard and which was facilitated by students from An tIonad Glas Organic College. This is Sustainability. In Roots shop and Café the vegetable waste is returned to Kilmeedy Homegrown for composting. Needless to say,, the Kilmeedy School has been awarded a Green Flag for water conservation.

Two aspects of Sustainability that do not often get much press are cycling and bus travel. And both are used in this area.

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

Your Tidy Towns does just that – it keeps Kilmeedy clean, and you also are involved in the Team Limerick Clean Up (TLC). But it is more than TLC. You do your cleaning on a regular basis.

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

Your residential Streets and Housing Areas are well maintained, both in cleaning and maintenance. Housing is painted on a regular basis and even the John Deere Dealership is extremely well maintained!

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

The approach Roads, Streets and Lanes are, as would be as expected very attractive and very well maintained.

### **Concluding Remarks:**

Kilmeedy is an amazing place and all the more so since it is such a small village of under 200 people. It is an example for everyone.