

Tidy Towns Competition 2023

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Killeevan - Cill Laobhain** Ref: **610**
County: **Monaghan** Mark: **231**
Category: **A** Date(s): **08/06/2023**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2022	Mark Awarded 2023
Community – Your Planning and Involvement	80	22	24
Streetscape & Public Places	80	36	37
Green Spaces and Landscaping	80	27	28
Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality	55	23	24
Sustainability – Doing more with less	55	9	10
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	50	51
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	55	26	27
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	55	30	30
TOTAL MARK	550	223	231

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....Your committee of 14 is assisted by 5 additional volunteers who help to carry out your work programme. In addition, you have been successful in achieving assistance and support from Monaghan County Council, the Chamber of Commerce, Church groups and a number of other organisations interested in your development. Well done to your school on achieving Green Flag status and promoting litter picks on behalf of the committee. The 'ONE' specific project is high-profile and the new heritage signage looks very well. Promotion articles and notices in your newspaper and the church bulletin are good methods of spreading your message locally. Thank you for your completed entry form and accompanying map. The map was clearly illustrated, easy to follow and numbered the locations of your various projects. The photographs submitted were of great assistance to the adjudicator.

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

Killeevan is a historic village with a long settlement tradition. Your history is told on a number of nicely illustrated storyboards at various locations. Both churches have excellent presentations. At the Church of Ireland, the information name sign has a rich dark background, highlighted with gold leaf lettering, and its appearance hugely enhances its location. The stone built boundary walls here, topped with a cocks comb coping, encloses an atmospheric burial-ground. The elevated Saint Livinus Church is brightly painted and presented with well-cared for grounds. Well done to your Rural Scheme worker on the excellent rebuilding of the stone wall at the Church of Ireland. Built stone walls are a feature of the village and all are worthy of long-term preservation.

Green Spaces and Landscaping / Spásanna Glasa agus Tírdhreachú:

The newly planted native trees and the St. Laebhan's access road are excellent undertakings and will be fine enhancements here as they mature. Your list of ongoing maintenance projects is considerable and fruit tree planting at the school should create great interest among the students.

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

A biodiversity report on the wetlands on the Monaghan Road will be a source of information and education and will give structure to your work on the protection and management of wildlife habitats. The monitoring of important goose and swan populations, wintering on local wetlands, undertaken by a local farmer on the Greenan's Cross Road, is an exciting project. This farmer is engaging in ACRES, a new scheme to help address biodiversity decline. This scheme may provide very interesting information for wildlife surveys in the area. You note an increase in

pheasants, nesting buzzards in Rectory Wood and a Bat conservation area in the Church of Ireland. Well done on seeking professional assistance with your ongoing wildlife plans.

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

The establishment of a Local Link is a fantastic local service. This has resulted in an increase in the use of public transport and a resultant decrease in private car usage, thereby reducing your carbon footprint. Your committee is encouraging the use of peat-free compost on tubs and hanging baskets. Perhaps you could consider also the segregation and recycling of litter from cleanups, thus reducing landfill waste.

Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:

Your ongoing efforts to remove litter and to maintain a tidy appearance in the village is producing excellent results. Your list of works in this category does your committee proud. There has been extensive cleaning, painting and decorating throughout the village and we particularly commend your rebuilding of stone walls, maintenance of kerbs, renewal of gates and ongoing efforts to manage dereliction.

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

Individual residences in the village have an attractive traditional character and harmonise with their setting. An array of colourful presentations, including window boxes, flower tubs and hanging baskets were admired throughout.

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

The previously mentioned heritage signs are a substantial enhancement on five village approach roads. Hanging baskets and planted tub interventions abound throughout the core of the village and are welcoming. On the Church of Ireland lane, some of the historical information boards would benefit from a freshen up. The earlier Killeevan pictorial announcement signs look excellent and have an inviting appearance.

Concluding Remarks:

The committee has a structured approach to their ongoing maintenance and improvement works. The results of their hard work is to be seen throughout this historic village. Well done to an obviously united group who have a clear focus on their plans