

# Tidy Towns Competition 2023

## Adjudication Report

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| Centre: Tydavnet - Tigh Damhnait | Ref: 614            |
| County: Monaghan                 | Mark: 318           |
| Category: A                      | Date(s): 07/06/2023 |

|   | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 2022 | Mark Awarded 2023 |
|---|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Community – Your Planning and Involvement | 80           | 45                | 46                |
| Streetscape & Public Places               | 80           | 42                | 42                |
| Green Spaces and Landscaping              | 80           | 42                | 43                |
| Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality  | 55           | 35                | 35                |
| Sustainability – Doing more with less     | 55           | 17                | 18                |
| Tidiness and Litter Control               | 90           | 66                | 67                |
| Residential Streets & Housing Areas       | 55           | 29                | 30                |
| Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes           | 55           | 36                | 37                |
| <b>TOTAL MARK</b>                         | <b>550</b>   | <b>312</b>        | <b>318</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 completed entry form and village map identifying the locations of your various projects and accompanying photographs. The Tidy Towns Network works well for you and encourages the sharing of experiences, views and ideas. It is clear that you are gaining from your engagement with other interested agencies that have similar aims. You are further successful in receiving financial support from a variety of organisations including Monaghan County Council and Monaghan Credit Union. Your committee is fortunate to have a large band of volunteers who are willing to help with your programme. Well done on your links with St. Dymphna's School and younger residents as hopefully they will later become committee members and volunteer workers themselves. Promotion using local media, the Web and Facebook, obviously gets your message across effectively and the focus on environmental projects was awarded by your school receiving a Green Flag for biodiversity. Well done to all concerned!

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

The presentation of public spaces was a high point of your submission. This important agenda was very well illustrated by a good presentation of the Church, Community Hall and commercial buildings. The attractive vista looking from Jack's Bar and The Rock Inn down to the school, could be further enhanced by some strategic planting to provide additional visual enclosure and linkage. St. Dymphna's school has a contemporary design with a nice choice of materials which harmonise and integrate successfully with the surroundings. The landscaped grounds in the car park are well screened and maturing nicely. The profusion of ox-eye daisies surrounding the set down area highlighted your biodiversity agenda. Nearby the Community Centre was brightly painted and looked cheerful.

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

The cluster of well maintained greenery at the school provides a nice focal point here and colourfully presented displays were admired. At the atmospheric burial-ground, the planting of a roadside hedge would provide a nice sense of enclosure. Well done to your workers and volunteers on your ongoing maintenance programme in relation to all areas in this category. We note your comments relating to the local micro-climate and your sympathetic management of your environs to encourage wildlife. The daffodil planting along the graveyard lane will provide a nice splash of colour in the springtime.

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

The welcome signs on the approach road are colourful and well maintained. Maturing trees and planting are a

feature of the village green. Thank you for including your biodiversity action plan produced by Flynn Furney Consultants. The use of perennial flower plants and shrubs is laudable. Your continued involvement with St. Dympna's National School augurs well for a biodiverse future. Planting of native trees, fruit bushes, vegetables and managed wildflower areas are an inspiring way to educate and raise awareness in your young residents. The replacing of Whitethorn hedging at the back of the car park, along the Graveyard Lane and in front of the priests house, is an important undertaking for the long-term improvement of the village and will provide further locations for wildlife habitats.

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

Active School status is a great achievement by St. Dympna's students and staff. Well done on supporting the school in encouraging students to consider more environmentally friendly ways of travelling, by walking, cycling, carpooling and use of public transport. Recycling of unwanted gifts, electrical goods, computers, old phones etcetera, not only reduce our landfill waste but also increase consciousness of the dangers of plastic pollution and thoughtless consumerism. Water harvesting, composting, seed harvesting are all important ways of reducing your carbon footprint. Well done!

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

The completion of construction works at Cnoc na Greine will afford new opportunities for village improvements. Spring and autumn cleanups, and more frequent litter picks, are well organised and well supported. This is reflected in the litter free and tidy presentation of your village.

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

Cnoc Na Greine has a semicircular layout surrounding a green amenity area set in the backdrop of mature trees. The individual housing units have a nice vernacular design, and an appropriate use of materials, that harmonise well with their setting. It is encouraging to read that the residents of your estates have become involved in your ongoing campaign. A number of imaginative garden presentations were admired here.

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

Your partnership with Monaghan County Council is affective in relation to the management of approach roads. The presentation of the name sign on the Monaghan entrance road, acknowledging your twinning, is particularly attractive, colourfully planted and provides a welcoming announcement to the village. Well done to the County Council workers, CE workers and indeed your volunteers.

### **Concluding Remarks:**

You continue to progress well in the competition and your future plans are exciting. We wish you well with your future endeavours.