

Tidy Towns Competition 2021

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Rathcoole - Ráth Cúil** Ref: **1099**
County: **Dublin** Mark: **228**
Category: **D** Date(s): **30/08/2021**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2021
Community – Your Planning and Involvement	60	33
Streetscape & Public Places	60	33
Green Spaces and Landscaping	60	33
Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality	50	23
Sustainability – Doing more with less	50	3
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	49
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	50	25
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	50	29
TOTAL MARK	470	228

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

Fáilte Chuig Comórtas na mBailte Slachtmhara SuperValu 2021. Táimid buíoch daoibh as ucht na hiontrála a chur chugainn. Go raibh maith agaibh as ucht bhur dtacaíocht le linn na paindéime. Lean leis an dea-obair. Welcome to the 2021 SuperValu Tidy Towns competition. Thank you for your entry and for your commitment to your place in these difficult times. Keep up the great work. Please be assured that although I may not mention specific projects from your application in this adjudication report, all works have been taken account of in your marks awarded. Any comments below should be taken as suggestions to consider and are made without full knowledge of all the factors in play on the ground.

Thank you for your comprehensive plan. You have 13 involved in your committee and six others who volunteer. You have a good list of agencies, bodies and businesses that have supported your activities. You have a Facebook site and use WhatsApp and email. The communication with local schools regarding sustainability projects.

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

Well done on securing funding for the refurbishment and upgrading after historical courthouse on your Main St. The picture you supplied speaks 1000 words. You carried out clearance work on the Anglican church path and removed Ivy using and procedure advised by South Dublin County Council building conservation officer. It is welcome to hear that you got expert advice on this work. You carried out painting on hoarding at a derelict cottage and created false windows and doors. You also have a new tourist information sign I'm heritage walking tour app which will both be of benefit to visitors to your area.

Green Spaces and Landscaping / Spásanna Glasa agus Tírdhreachú:

You have carried out various new pollinator planting schemes at different locations around your center.

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

You have created a number of wild meadows in cooperation with South Dublin County Council and established a wild Meadow at the Garda station along with window pollinator flower boxes. You were also involved in the Dublin water blitz 2021 which involved other volunteer groups who by working together taking samples of your local river. They also intend to form a Rathcoole tidy towns freshwater watch group with the overall purpose to create awareness and curiosity in the community about the rivers and streams in and around Rathcoole.

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

You have listed a number of projects you carried out in this category including the solar energy powered fountain, the provision of bus timetables at the bus stop, and also you have contacted the local primary level school to promote walking to school.

Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:

You have focused your attention in this category on the Main Street. This will provide you with a good base to work out from and also gives you high visibility in the work that you carry out. You also support resident groups on regular cleanups in their estates.

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

The work on Muldowney's Cottages in the photos looked very good, as did the work on the Day Care Center and Garda Station. The Ballaun Stone project sound very worth while and will help to preserve this heritage feature. Well done on the Rathlawns Estate entrance upgrade.

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

Your new heritage style welcome signs look well as did the refurbishment of the Fitzmaurice road monument.

Concluding Remarks:

Thank you for your application and you have a good plan to set you on the right path.