

# Tidy Towns Competition 2021

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Dundalk - Dún Dealgan** Ref: **494**  
County: **Louth** Mark: **344**  
Category: **H** Date(s): **30/08/2021**

	<b>Maximum Mark</b>	<b>Mark Awarded 2021</b>
Community – Your Planning and Involvement	60	56
Streetscape & Public Places	60	49
Green Spaces and Landscaping	60	46
Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality	50	37
Sustainability – Doing more with less	50	25
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	55
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	50	36
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	50	40
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>344</b>

### **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 TidyTowns 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

If 10 on your committee and 50 people volunteer. You have an extensive list of agencies bodies and businesses that support your activities. You use your communication channels well and receive extensive coverage in local press and in 2020 you established a presence on Instagram to reach younger demographics and you are currently working on a new website which you hope to launch this year. Currently there is a total of 32 schools both primary and secondary in the green flag program. In 2021 you launched your Junior Tidy Towns. You have updated your three year plan to 2023.

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

The pictures that you have included of streetscape improvement work on Clanbrassil and Church Street which includes wider footpaths, improved pedestrian crossings, planting and seating, new public lighting street furniture and public art look very impressive. The works proposed for Saint Nicholas Quarter/Backlands regeneration will surely enhance the area, and we look forward to seeing some before and after pictures once the work is completed. Your Facades Project has already had an impact in year two of this three year project. The often-neglected upper storeys of buildings have received a much needed facelift. Hopefully this project will continue beyond it's three year lifespan. The EPSO is very colorful and we can see why it has been hugely popular. The SEEK urban arts festival is also very colorful and adds much interest to bare walls. These projects, along with the planters, parklets and VARCITIES project must add much colour and additional interest to the streetscape

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

Well done on maintaining your two Green Flags for your parks. We encourage you, as you have mentioned, to enter additional parks into this excellent award scheme. Your new planters in the Town Center look large enough to support the proposed tree and perennial pollinator friendly plants. The changes in your greenspace management are to be welcomed especially the elimination of chemical weed killers and the changes in grass cutting regimes. The creation and maintenance of a stumpery an Ice House Hill Park is encouraging to see must be a great habitat for wildlife and biodiversity.

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

Your planting of over 800 pollinator friendly plants and native hedging is encouraging to see. You obviously are well aware of changes in what is considered best practice in landscaping schemes. Well done on your work in conjunction with Louth Beekeepers Association on the new beehives at the Castle Town Riverwalk. In your native tree planting please ensure all the hard work is followed up with appropriate maintenance, especially in the first three years. You have also attended biodiversity training, provided biodiversity kits to resident associations

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

You have installed your first water station. From comments from other applicants in the competition it should prove very successful. You launched an innovative cigarette litter program where the butts are collected, processed and the plastic elements are extracted and recycled into products such as frames for glasses. You have held on-line sustainability awareness campaigns, been involved in Trashion fashion and mattress and sofa amnesty days. Please keep us informed of your progress in your nomination of Dundalk as a Decarbonising Zone. You have many other projects mentioned in this category all of which have been taken into account. Well done.

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

Other centers have had similar success with their Adopt a Patch campaigns. It is heartwarming to hear of over 50 individuals taking part. You have been busy in this category, taking part in World Clean up Day, the National Spring Clean, weekly litter picks and sign audits

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

The transformation of the seating area at Meadow Grove shows what can be done when people get active and volunteer. Work has also been carried out at Mill Street, Parnell Park, Tom Bellew Avenue and the Ramparts.

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

Well done to you on the three stranded approach to the inner relief road project. You managed to incorporate biodiversity, sustainability and public art all into one project. Well done on the work on Dundalk In Bloom, at Quay Street, Roden Place, Hill Street and at the Ramparts.

**Concluding Remarks:**

Your approach to the competition is encouraging to see with the mix of projects across all categories and a mix in size of project. I wish you continued success