

Tidy Towns Competition 2021

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Kinvara - Cinn Mhara** Ref: **960**
County: **Galway** Mark: **291**
Category: **B** Date(s):

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2021
Community – Your Planning and Involvement	60	46
Streetscape & Public Places	60	42
Green Spaces and Landscaping	60	38
Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality	50	29
Sustainability – Doing more with less	50	21
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	54
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	50	31
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	50	30
TOTAL MARK	470	291

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

Fáilte chuig Comórtas na mBailte Slachtmhara Super Valu 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. Your entry form is really comprehensive and detailed. We went through your 51 pages and your 14 page plan 2021-2024, together with your map. We would welcome an improved larger size map as we found some of the font size too small. Please highlight the new works in particular. Your detailed description within the entry form illustrates how busy you have been and your ability to plan ahead in realistic way, so well done. We are surprised at the multiple organisations within the village working in the interest of a better environment. Indeed your involvement extends to social and educational matters all aimed at creating an involved community. Your regular meetings ensure full discussion relating to the village requirements. You mention that there are nine environmental groups in Kinvara is most commendable. Of course Kinvara is a tourism location of great distinction and your loyalty to the business association needs to be recognised. We are pleased to learn of your involvement with Covid 19 and we hope next year will see all of us back to normal. You will be pleased to learn that many many TidyTowns groups around the country have played a major part in dealing with the pandemic.

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

You have many fine buildings of period distinction through the village and some excel in presentation. We liked the colourful shop fronts, especially those of traditional vintage. We acknowledge the work done by Burkes Superspar and we know from experience that chain effect usually follows fresh painting, so well done to all. The hotel in particular is well presented. We read with interest the finding of some cobble stones of a previous era and your recycling of these is praiseworthy and will be welcomed by all. Perhaps a small plaque giving some background would find favour. We loved your many pictures illustrating your work in this category, especially the new Accessible Car Park space. Your planned board walk will be welcomed and provide an additional amenity for walkers. Do let us know progress in due course. Your close liaison with Galway Co. Council in this category will benefit parties. Your list of projects in the three-year plan will raise your standards. We note a big emphasis on educational involvement with the community and these include Heritage and Nature Trail. Have you selected suitable sites for the Wildflower Meadow? You will need advice on this development as it is a two/three year programme, but very rewarding when achieved.

Green Spaces and Landscaping / Spásanna Glasa agus Tírdhreachú:

Your green spaces have received extra pollinator pots and this will add colour and translate to help the bee

population. We seldom get an example of a Tree Audit and this is good news, especially if it contributes to improved tree maintenance. We lay great emphasis on the condition of green spaces, especially areas that offer opportunity for walking, and leisure. Landscaping within the village and on the approach roads is of a high standard and signage is well presented.

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

We read with interest your plans for Nature and Biodiversity at Ballybrannigan meadow. The plan for the development of a cycle path will be welcome. We enjoyed reading about the Holytree Garden Biodiversity Project and the supplied photographs are interesting and give us an understanding of what is involved.

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

Your four page submission in this category gives us a good understanding of your existing and planned work programme. The new group Kinvara Climate action is timely and will focus attention on the task that lies ahead worldwide. Well done on the use of peat free compost. No doubt you are aware of the plans by Bord na Mona for the rehabilitation and the preservation of the bogs, no longer harvested peat areas. The information and studies of these proposals would be worth accessing. Well done to the Farmers Market for this category as described in your entry.

Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:

You will notice the large mark allowance in this category. We read with delight your activity in this respect and your close liaison with community groups and their work in the various clean-ups. Your location in a seaside area adds an extra dimension to your work as the litter often comes from areas other than Kinvara. Your picture illustrates a group pick-up. Your involvement with dog fouling is an area getting more attention than heretofore and we acknowledge your endeavours in this regard. Well done on your work at the Bottle Bank. Your photo shows seven units. These units have been much approved in appearance and the hedge planting will lead to improved behaviour. Well done on your extra work with waste management and recycling.

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

Well done to the new residents at Nuns Orchard for their work on litter control and the planting of native flowers. You sent us an attractive array of photographs which illustrate the work done. We like the painted wall at Bóthar Na Mios.

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

We recall from previous adjudication the praise given to your approach roads and we are glad to see you maintaining this standard. Previously we recall mentioning the access area to the castle and wonder if any change has been made to traffic control here. Well done to Men's Shed for their work in TidyTowns.

Concluding Remarks:

Kinvara has performed very well again this and your involvement with the Pandemic calls for special praise. We hope you will appreciate our inability to visit Kinvara this year because of Covid 19 regulations. However, your comprehensive submission has enabled us to raise your marks again this year and we hope next year will witness a back to normal visit. Go néirí go geal libh amach.