

# Tidy Towns Competition 2014

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Cloneen** Ref: **557**  
County: **Tipperary(South)** Mark: **285**  
Category: **A** Date(s): **03/06/2014**

	<b>Maximum Mark</b>	<b>Mark Awarded 2014</b>
Community Involvement & Planning	60	50
Built Environment and Streetscape	50	37
Landscaping and Open Spaces	50	38
Wildlife, Habitats and Natural Amenities	50	28
Sustainable Waste and Resource Management	50	11
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	59
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	50	29
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	50	33
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>285</b>

### **Community Involvement & Planning / Rannpháirtíocht an Phobail & Pleanáil:**

Cloneen is welcome to the National Tidy Towns Competition 2014. Thank you for your entry which included a well completed application form, with a clear outline of your projects, and a village map which was of great assistance to the adjudicator during the visits. Your three year plan outlines a number of clear objectives under each category heading and is well balanced and achievable. Well done on your bio-diversity and wildlife report especially important in an area close by, a designated area of special conservation.

Your committee of fourteen has enlisted support from a wide range of groups and agencies ranging from Solas and Tus to Tipperary County Council. Co-operation with local businesses, residential groups and your school is to be commended and your communications are obviously successful, as excellent results are clearly to be seen throughout the village. The photographs submitted visually animate your recent work programme and clearly show some impressive improvements.

### **Built Environment and Streetscape / An Timpeallacht Thógtha agus Sráid-dreacha:**

The village has a strong urban structure whilst retaining a vernacular charm in the core. The barrel- vaulted building, opposite the post office, was beautifully presented with an attractive colour scheme and some nicely planted red window boxes. The town house opposite look very well located in a prominent location and provides important enclosure in this central location. The sports hall has a great location and ongoing works were noted here. The lighting and resurfacing are a fine addition. The Post Office and Anglim's Bar provide a busy vitality to the centre and both were well presented. The school had an array of hanging baskets and colourful flower arrangements and flag poles enclosed by a fine stone wall. The adjoining St. Patrick's GAA club was equally impressive and makes a strong visual contribution to this location. The response to your request for improvement to various village properties has proved visually impressive.

### **Landscaping and Open Spaces / Tírdhreachú agus Spásanna Oscailte:**

You have a good number of areas undergoing recent re-seeding and planting following the flooding and road works. All of the schemes outlined in your work programme were visited and results were impressive. The proposed planting of native trees at Mountain View will provide a nice enclosure here and re-enforce the traditional wooded setting of your village. Your ongoing maintenance programme with the Tus and Solas workers, together with some local volunteers, is working well and results can be clearly seen. Congratulations on your local school receiving their second Green Flag.

### **Wildlife, Habitats and Natural Amenities / Fiadhúlra, Gnáthóga agus Taitneamhachtaí Nádúrtha:**

You are fortunate to have Paddy Clancy to assist your efforts under this category and to help you promote and understand the objectives. Well done on the public meetings and the commencement of wildlife surveys, and the initiation of some proper walks on Slievnamore Mountain. Are there any results from the Bat Box projects?

### **Sustainable Waste and Resource Management / Bainistiú Acmhainní agus Dramhaíola Inbhuanaithe:**

You have already commenced on a water harvesting and composting scheme and this approach augurs well for the future. The circulation of promotional leaflets to businesses and households on waste reduction will hopefully accelerate the agenda. The 'Bring Centre' at Mountain View is well maintained.

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

The overall appearance of the village is one of a well maintained centre and the presentation of Anglim's car park and seating area, together with the school opposite, make a substantial contribution at the village core. A directional sign-post at the GAA Cross needs to be realigned. Your twice-yearly power washing of walls and footpaths and your weekly litter patrols are obviously successful. The old pump feature by Fethard Road Bridge could be freshened up. The village announcement sign on the Drangan Road could also be cleaned and freshened. The pointing of field gates is visually effective in spreading your improvement efforts out to the surrounding countryside.

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

Individual residences and garden presentations, in the village centre and environs, retain a good standard and many were admired on the Drangan Road, Fethard Road and Kilusty Road. Mountain View is well maintained and has a nice layout. The entrance area to the estate is nicely presented. The wildflower sanctuary here will be a fine addition when completed.

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

The Jubilee Memorial hard landscaping is an effective contrast to the softer landscaping on the approach roads. The newly developed open-space, road margin area, close by Kilbury Lane will be a fine addition when completed. Verges on the approach roads are generally well maintained but their presentation is a little uneven in places. Well done on re-seeding at the Drangan and Mullinahone Roads and on the gate painting project. Plans at Cloneen are progressing well and we wish you further success on your future endeavors.