



Catching the eye of your adjudicator

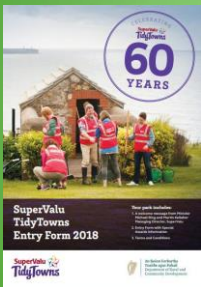
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What stood out across 883 entries in 2018?



Your adjudicator has with them...

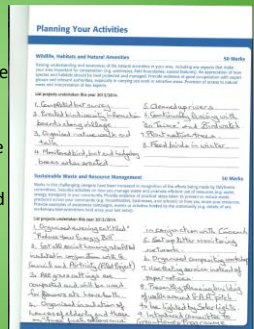


- Your submission:
 - Entry Form
 - Map
 - Long-term Plan
- Last Year's adjudicator report
- Smart Phone

ENTRY FORMS – printed or hand-written

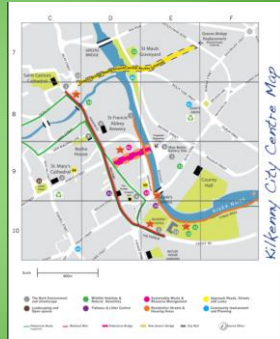
Read through and consider questions which often change.

- Identify – New, Maintained & Future Projects
- Your adjudicator will look for a number of activities throughout the year.
- Pictures jump out with captions and Before & After imagery
- Include statistics Eg:
 - 75% of the 30 workshop attendees are still composting 6 months later.



A good map that helps us.

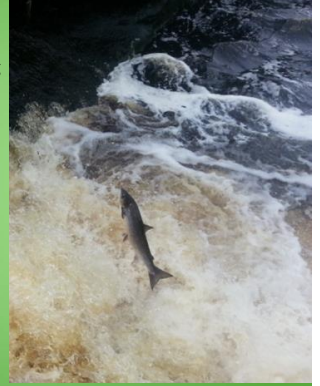
- Hand-drawn is OK -
- It should include key landmarks (eg, Chapel!) and 'north' arrow.
- Mark your projects/focus points for work June 2018 – May 2019.



Long Term Plan:

Important as it demonstrates strategic planning and fulfilling needs of the community.

- Terryglass needed an outdoor performance space.
- Provision of pavements to provide connectivity between estates or schools.
- Recreational walks
- Conservation projects



Long-term plan attracts funding:



Currently 8 separate adjudication categories:

- **Community Your Planning & Involvement** (60 marks)
- **Streetscape & Public Spaces** (50 marks)
- **Green Spaces & Landscaping** (50 marks)
- **Nature & Biodiversity in your area** (50 marks)
- **Tidiness & Litter Control** (90 marks)
- **Sustainability – doing more with less** (50 marks)
- **Residential Streets & Housing Areas** (50 marks)
- **Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes** (50 marks).

Community Involvement & Planning

- Using your Long-term planning.
- Training/Workshops attended?
- What organisations or personnel are you working with?
 - EAO – environmental awareness officer?
 - Litter Warden?
 - Dog warden?
- How working and sharing messages across the community?
 - Sligo's Street Captains
 - Westport's Estate Leaders
 - Beach Families (eg. Skerries)



Community Involvement & Planning

Communications

- Festivals
- Local notes?
- Community bulletin?
- Facebook?
- Text alerts?
- Leaflet drops

NATIONAL SPRING CLEAN 2016

On Saturday 16th April @ 10am we will be joining up with Clondalkin Tidy Towns & Round Towers GAA to clean up Clondalkin Park & Leisure Centre for National Spring Clean

NATIONAL SPRING CLEAN

Meeting at top of St. Johns Wood in the Park

"Many hands make light work"

Please join us!!

(Gloves, pickers & bags will be provided)

www.conventroadresidents.com

Streetscape & Public Places

Use of vibrant colour in Ballinahown to enhance whole streetscape



The choice of muted colours in Templemore ...



Window boxes or the mural draws the eye down side street?



Creatively brightening what's normally mundane...



Awareness and good management of local heritage features



Empty Properties





Good shop fronts also attract....

- Traditional Facades
- Irish Language
- Hanging external signs
- Fascia
- Window stickers

Green Spaces & Landscaping

- Sustainable planting – use of shrubs and not just annuals. Allows year-round colour and structure.
- Good to see native planting. Community Orchards. & Edible Hedges
- Adjudicator would see if you have considered aftercare, maintenance, possible vandalism. Wildflowers. Water Costs/Butts.





1916 Commem

Knightstown's telegram

'Kathleen was successfully operated on today at 12 O'Clock,'

A prearranged code that the Rising had begun.

Ballinahown..Centenary Garden

The timber plinths in this Centenary garden are the actual louvres from the spire in our parish church in Ballinahown Village. They were constructed in 1902 and replaced in 2016. It seemed fitting that they find a new home in our Centenary garden as they are over a hundred years old



Actions linked to the National Pollination Plan

- Junior Version of All-Ireland Pollinator Plan
- Killorglin's new honey-bee mural



Nature & Biodiversity in your locality:

1. Show us you know what special wildlife and natural habitats you have.
2. Promote and raise awareness
3. Protect and Enhance appropriately



Wildlife Communications

Bug hunts, Bog bounces, bat walks, Bird choruses
 Toilets in Knightstown – notices about EU designated habitats
 Facebook – Competition – first swallow, spotted in a community!



Signage - Well designed, researched & practical



Enhancement of Natural Habitats



- Native Trees & hedges
- Community involvement to make feeders / Bird or Bat Boxes
- Well designed and positioned bird boxes.
- Wild bird food table - *Community could plant sun flowers and leave heads for seeds.*



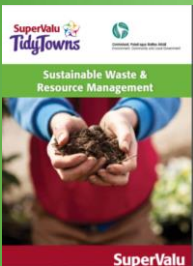
Awareness/management IASs



Wildflower meadow...?



Sustainability – doing more with less



Projects supported by your EAOs catch the eye. Themes include:

- Energy
- Water
- Food Waste
- Transport



Tidiness & Litter Control

- Great photos and statistics stand out.
- Your adjudicator will look to see if you have a Litter Plan or actions based on it.
 - Litter black spots?
 - Specific Types of Litter



Eg. Dog waste
– what actions to address this?

The Story of Litter

• Enjoy your rest here, you are our guest.
 • We ask our guests to be environmentally responsible people.
 • Please enjoy this rest place and avoid littering.

How long does litter last? Facts & Figures

While out enjoying our recreational areas, have you ever come across some litter and wondered how long it will be there if no one picks it up? Litter and dumping are a serious concern that can be avoided if everyone learns about the problem and what can be done to eliminate it.

- Cigarette butt** 1-5 years
- Leftovers** 6 months or more
- Aluminium cans** 200 years
- Disposable diapers** 450 years
- Plastic bottles** 450 years
- Styrofoam** May be around forever
- Plastic shopping bag** '000 years

CHEWING GUM
Discarded chewing gum is becoming an ever increasing problem. It is unhygienic and an irritant. Not only is it difficult to remove, it's also very expensive. Discarded gum can be expensive for road builders and adds to the cost of road maintenance. Please do not throw your gum on the road.

SO CHEW IT AND BIN IT

BE RESPONSIBLE. BIN IT.

Created by an award-winning Litter Aid shopping team on the spot from 8th September 2012

You won't want your adjudicator's eye to catch some of these:



But nice to see:



Sligo's answer to cigarette litter:

- Poster campaign on-line.
- Reminded others re littering fines.
- Free ashtrays



Dog waste problems.

Residential Streets & Housing Areas

- Links with estate owners eg. Street Captains
- How get all involved?
- Competitions – enhance national policy eg. Pollination Plan and best bee-friendly front garden.

Ask families to help with work in another category...cross thinking...



CloughJordan Community April Spring Clean

HELP MAKE CLOUGHJORDAN LOOK ITS BEST
PLEASE GIVE 60 MINUTES WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS

Sat 12th	10PM - Borrisokane Road - Courtyard Antiques - Plant 6 Trees Contact: Corinne O'Grada	Sun 13th	3PM-5PM - Henagh Road & Shop Rd - Prepare flower beds Contact: Marie Daly (085) 812 0295
	11.30AM - Main Street Coach House Sq - Main Street Spring Clean Contact: John Lawlor (085) 211 8477	Sat 19th	11.30AM - EcoVillage - Welcome Centre - Easter Family Fun - Easter Egg Prizes for Best Young Litter Pickers Contact: Lisa Johnson (085) 262 4134
Sat 26th	11.30AM - Templemore Rd - Expand, Prepare & Plant Flower bed at the Sign Contact: Brendan Sheehan (085) 733 9027	Sun 27th	3PM-6PM - Henagh Road - Plant Summer Bedding Contact: Jessie Daly (085) 831 0295
	2PM-3.30PM - EcoVillage - Cluster Clean up Methall	Sun 27th	11AM - EcoVillage - Lime Tree Lane entrance - Plant Up New Container Contact: Gemma R. McP. (085) 812 5509
	Borrisokane rd - Clean & Paint Oil Pump Contact: Corinne O'Grada		Step Road - at/hear triangle Plant Summer Bedding Contact: Lisa Johnson (085) 262 4134

Tidy Towns

Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes

- How distinguish area so people know they have arrived somewhere special?
- Inclusive access and pedestrian connections.

Beelines & wildlife corridors



Collated signage on approach roads



Planting to screen areas



Lanes - Limerick city & herb walls



Wildflower alley, Belfast.



Finally - how strategically placed buildings can catch the eye...

