

Tidy Towns Competition 2015

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Cabinteely** Ref: **1334**
County: **Dublin** Mark: **304**
Category: **D** Date(s): **29/06/2015**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2014	Mark Awarded 2015
Community Involvement & Planning	60	42	42
Built Environment and Streetscape	50	39	40
Landscaping and Open Spaces	50	37	38
Wildlife, Habitats and Natural Amenities	50	31	32
Sustainable Waste and Resource Management	50	20	21
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	58	59
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	50	36	36
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	50	36	36
TOTAL MARK	450	299	304

Community Involvement & Planning / Rannpháirtíocht an Phobail & Pleanáil:

Cabinteely is welcome to the 2015 National Tidy Towns Competition; thank you for your entry submission with map showing the location of projects and linked to details in the entry form by number; cognisance is taken also of your three year plan and we wish you every success in its implementation. The village Heritage panel in the centre is excellent in presentation and information provided. The Tidy Towns committee is well structured for the task and well connected with stakeholders in the future development of Cabinteely. Congratulations on awards to date.

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

Cabinteely's built environment is a successful mix of contemporary and traditional architecture. Saint Bridget's Girls School and grounds are well presented. The well painted Garda station was admired together with the Public Library and its grounds, the Japanese Maple here is a most attractive feature. The overall appearance of the streetscape within the village centre is good with attractively presented shopfronts and good quality street furniture. It will be enhanced further when the overhead service cables are ducted particularly the service pole and wires at the church. Name signs for all commercial premises and their grounds are suggested for example the Bank of Ireland IT Centre. Cognisance is taken of representations to your council and relevant property owners regarding the upkeep of vacant premises and sites. Congratulations on the Heritage Grant Award.

Landscaping and Open Spaces / Tírdhreachú agus Spásanna Oscailte:

Handsome stands of mature trees are complemented by well managed shrubberies and colourful flower displays in beds and containers to enhance the streetscape of Cabinteely even further. Your tree survey sounds interesting; could it be developed into Tree Trail. The verge along the edge of the Bray Road South could be cleared of weed growth to show landscaping here to full effect. Landscaping overall is excellent throughout Cabinteely particularly at the footbridge all that remains now are to reseed grassed areas where necessary. We wish you success with the development of the proposed Irish Wild Meadow patch at the entrance to the Linear Walkway.

Wildlife, Habitats and Natural Amenities / Fíadhúlra, Gnáthóga agus Taitneamhachtaí Nádúrtha:

The planned Shanganagh River Linear Walkway is an exciting development which will bring great benefits to the Cabinteely community as well as the wider population and the work of the committee with DLR CoCo is noted favourably. Activities relating to wildlife habitats and the maintenance of their areas are appreciated. We would like to have the bird survey results when this project has been completed. Well done on the new status of Doyle's Field for bio diversity. The proposed second bio diversity site in Cabinteely has good support which should see it completed for next year's competition. The Red Squirrel and Dawn Chorus events are commendable for raising

community awareness of our local wildlife neighbours. We eagerly anticipate the results of the planned Habitat Survey. Your adjudicator followed the fingerpost sign for Tully Church and Cross but failed to find them! (along the Lehaunstown Road).

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

We would love to know of the success or otherwise of the homemade organic weed killer being 'trilled' by the committee. Participation in Green Homes Green Business and Green Communities will benefit the community greatly, we would like to hear of savings in resource use and reductions in waste output; where possible measure and report your successes no matter how crude the measurement. Congratulations to pupils for attaining Green Flag status. Well done on the community WEEE recycling event. The recycling point noted enjoys good maintenance. Remember Prevention of Waste at Source is the ultimate goal.

Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:

Roadside screening to an undeveloped site is good and reduces the potential for a negative visual impact here. Litter control is good throughout Cabinteely. Well done on Cabinteely's fruitful participation in the National Spring Clean. The segregation of picked litter for recycling is commendable. The school's Poster Art competition appears to have been a great success. The Dog fouling initiative is noted favourably. Redundant signs and on-street utility bin storage have been worthwhile as their removal has enhanced the streetscape. The clearing of the small stream will bring a benefit to wildlife also.

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

The Brennanstown residential development is beautifully landscaped with green open spaces semi mature and mature trees; no doubt the old fencing here will be replaced in due course (This encloses a site for rubble et cetera) some patches of green are in need of reseeding. The surrounds of the Ogham Stone in the Holmwood estate could be refurbished appropriately it was very scorched when seen on adjudication day. The attractive name stone for Cabinteely Close was especially admired. Cottages located within the village centre are charming with most enjoying good maintenance. The roads survey defects will be an invaluable help in getting the issues addressed. Residential areas within Cabinteely are nicely presented in general with not too many lapses.

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

The beautiful name stone noted on the M11 entrance should be replicated at the boundary with Cornelscourt. Street furniture is excellent throughout the village and ranges from solar powered litter bins to stainless steel bollards and bicycle racks and includes polished granite seating, a very admirable combination. Parking is orderly throughout the village and car parking spaces are well marked; the combination of short and long term parking is noted. The car park overlooking the Park Shopping Centre is nicely landscaped and tidy however a little weeding and reseeding in sections is necessary. The small roundabout in the Glenn Lawn area could be resurfaced and feature container plants. The overhead wirescape is not too visually obtrusive however the streetscape will be improved on its removal / ducting. Well done on the comprehensive road survey which will hopefully hasten the completion of necessary works.

Concluding Remarks:

Cabinteely is graced with natural amenities and potential to develop these even further. The Tidy Towns committee is proactive very well informed and approaching the Tidy Towns Competition in a professional manner ready to negotiate with all stakeholders for the development of the village and quality of life enhancement for the community.