



Session 6 – Sligo PPN TidyTowns Support.

Completing your 2021 National TidyTowns Entry Form.



The screenshot shows the SuperValu TidyTowns website. At the top, there are logos for SuperValu TidyTowns, Rialtas Government of Ireland, and a search bar with 'In English' and 'As Gaeilge' options. A purple navigation bar contains 'Home', 'Competition', 'Get Involved', 'Our Sponsors', and 'About Us'. A red arrow labeled '1' points to the 'Competition' menu item. Below the navigation bar, a sidebar titled 'IN THIS SECTION' lists various links. A red arrow labeled '2' points to the '2021 Entry Forms' link. To the right of the sidebar is a large image of a group of people celebrating with confetti. Below the image, the text '2021 ENTRY FORMS' is displayed, followed by links for 'Main Entry Form (PDF)', '2021 TidyTowns Entry Form English', and '2021 TidyTowns Entry Form Irish'.

<https://www.tidytowns.ie/competition/2021-entry-forms/>

Entry Form, available in:

- English,
- Irish

Entry Form, available in:

- Word Version,
- PDF Version



2021 ENTRY FORMS

[Main Entry Form \(PDF\)](#)

[2021 TidyTown Entry Form English](#)

[2021 TidyTown Entry Form Irish](#)

[Main Entry Form \(WORD – Editable\)](#)

[2021 SuperValu TidyTown Entry Form English](#)

[2021 SuperValu TidyTown Entry Form Irish](#)

Closing date 2nd July 2021

Download 3 pages of T&Cs

Contains helpful advice. For example:

- One entry per community;
- On-line entry to tidytowns@drccd.gov.ie
- Max 20mb
- Put pictures in with text for each category.



Welcome to the SuperValu TidyTown competition for 2021. Please read the following very carefully before you complete your entry form noting the email size limit of 20MB.
We are delighted to announce some new sponsors under our Special Awards category for 2021. Please see the list of awards on this site giving greater detail on these special awards.

If you encounter any difficulties accessing any of the special awards application forms, please contact the TidyTown unit at tidytowns@drccd.gov.ie and we will provide the relevant forms to you for completion. If you have entered one or more of the Special Awards, which are relevant to a TidyTown category, you should also record this as a project on your TidyTown Entry Form.

1. These terms and conditions together with any guidelines set out in the SuperValu TidyTown Handbook or the SuperValu TidyTown Entry Form are the competition rules ("the Rules"). By entering the competition, entrants agree to be bound by the Rules.
2. The SuperValu TidyTown Competition ("the Competition") is organised by the Department of Rural and Community Development ("the Department"). In the event of any dispute the decision of the Department will be final.
3. To enter the Competition, the entrant must be a body entering on behalf of a town, village, island or stand-alone area ("town") and should be working towards being broadly representative of all sectors residing or working in the town.
4. Only one entrant per town is allowed. Where a town has more than one entrant, the Department will, at its absolute discretion, select one to participate in the Competition.
5. Competition entries should be made in the manner, and by the closing date, specified. Late entries will not be accepted. Please keep supporting documentation as concise as possible as the Adjudicators have a limited time to review all material, therefore only material relevant to the projects for consideration should be provided.
6. Entries should be submitted electronically to tidytowns@drccd.gov.ie on or before the closing date, the entry should be contained in one single email and should not exceed 20MB. Entries cannot be submitted via DropBox, Google File share or any other file sharing mode.
7. Backup information should be as concise as possible and should only relate to this year's entry. Additional information should be clearly referenced to the appropriate category in the entry form. Adjudicators welcome the inclusion of links to websites or social media, which can support your activities or give further information. We recommend that you identify all photographs, referencing

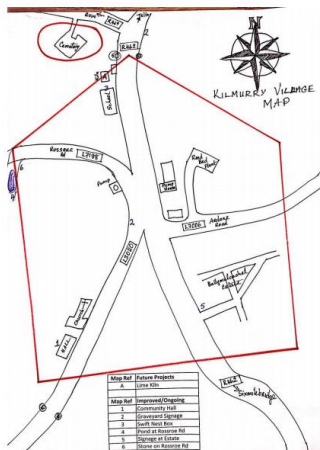
Collate work from 1 June 2019 to 2 July 2021

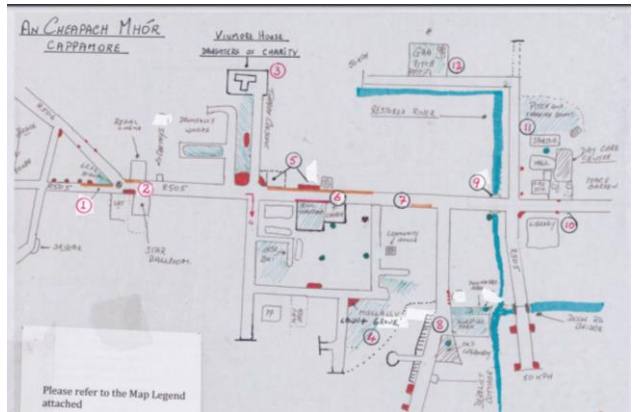
- Review your 2019 Adjudication report
- Remember your reader
- Pictures within text
- Pictures of 'Before & After'.
- Identify Projects as:
 - (N) – New
 - (M) – Maintenance
 - (FP) – Future planned project



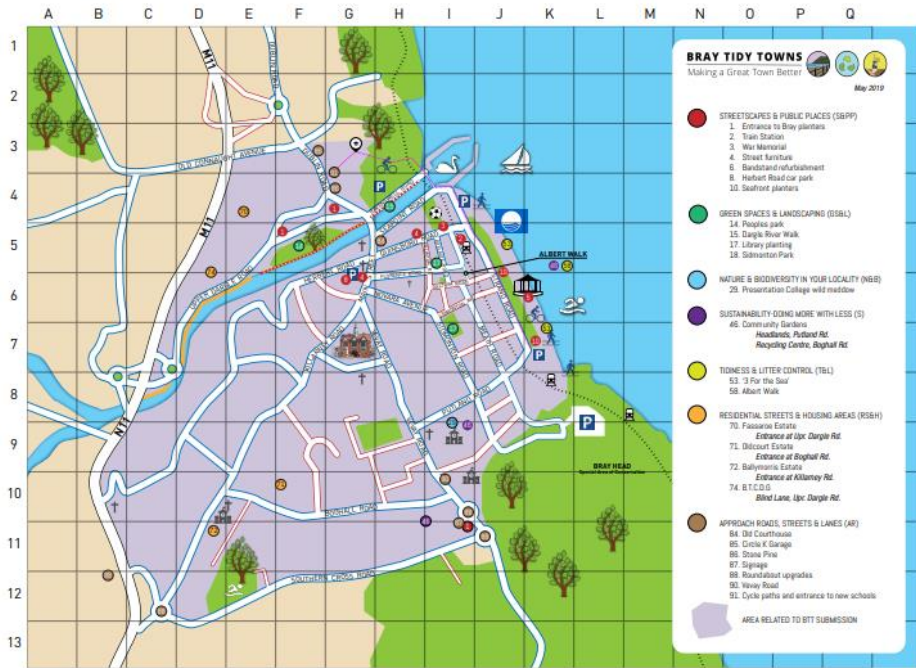
Guides ready to do some Litter picking for National Spring Clean

Sample Maps



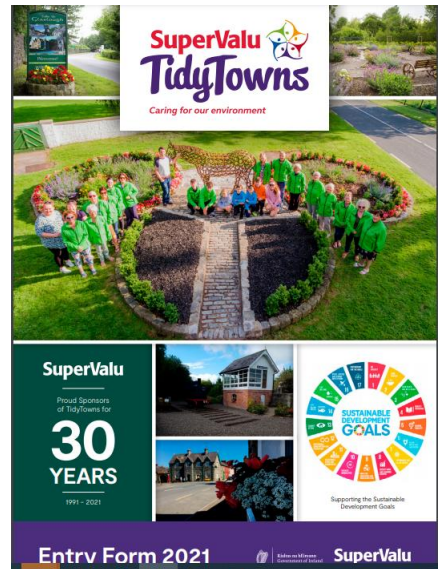


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Category Marking Structure

- Community-Your Planning & Involvement 60 •
- Streetscape & Public Places 60 •
- Green Spaces & Landscaping 60 •
- Nature & Biodiversity in your Locality 50 •
- Sustainability-Doing more with less 50 •
- Tidiness & Litter Control 90 •
- Residential Streets & Housing Areas 50 •
- Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes 50



Content of our entry

- Include figures and details where available:
- *We had our Easter Spring Clean*

vs

15 volunteers helped for 2 hours each for the Easter spring clean.

- Link to SDGs
- Circular economy
- Let pictures do the talking
- Project types:
New, Future, Maintained.
- Relevance of materials included

Geashill TidyTown's Co Offaly – Sustainable Development Goals

If you are involved in TidyTown's then you will be becoming increasingly familiar with the 17 sustainable development goals, set in 2015 by the United Nations General Assembly, here Geashill TidyTown's tells us what the goals mean to them.

Across our own group in Geashill we had some knowledge but certainly needed more, particularly as these goals are now becoming more and more embedded into our work (and into the application form for this year!). We quickly realised that as a group we really hadn't fully connected these goals with our existing actions to understand what we were already doing and how we could use them to guide our planning for this and future years.

But to take a step back, which is what we had to do! The 17 sustainable development goals were adopted by all United Nations member states in 2015 as a universal set of actions to help combat poverty, protect the planet and improve our world for future generations.



Community, Involvement & Planning

Reaching out across the community

- Youth engagement
- Awards
- Outreach
- On-line training
- Long-term Planning - trails, orchards, classrooms, etc
- Parades
- School links
- Roles – PR? Social Media?

Links with others..

- NPWS?
- Biodiversity Ireland
- IT Sligo
- Businesses
- Organic gardens
- SEN

Key Questions Comm & development:

- ID specific projects on which you have worked over last 2 years...
- Youth Links?
- How has your community benefited from participating in the competition?
- [Mention your long-term plan here and attendance at training courses.](#)



Streetscape & Public Places

- Presentation of Buildings – day & Night
- Connectivity / Accessibility audits
- Derelict Buildings – Mill Ballisodare, Shopping Blocks Grange
- Protected Structures
- Playgrounds
- Way-finding
- Shop Signage – use of Irish
- Shop Windows – RIAI award!



Greenspaces & Landscaping

- Purpose of landscaping schemes (seasonal, softening hard areas, visual amenity)
- Emphasis on native trees & shrubs
- Problems
- On-line training
- Perennial planting
- Use of compost (links to SDG)

Sensory boxes in Ballyvourney TT:



Nature & Biodiversity in your locality

- *Evidence of Education, conservation and celebration of Nature & biodiversity*
- Buffer zones for natural amenities
- Biodiversity Management Plans
- Knowledge of protected areas and species in locality

Walks & Talks
 Research
 Training Programmes
 Pollinator plans



Sustainability – doing more with less

Debbie's talk...

- PR – sell yourselves
 - Back to basics campaign
 - Communications
 - Statistics good here.
 - Emphasis waste prevention (eliminate, reduce, reuse)
- Emphasis resource efficiencies (water, energy, transport)



Tidiness & litter Control

- Great pictures and statistics from litter patrols.
- Before & After
- Clear Signage
- Litter surveys & Litter plans
 - Take-away litter
 - School litter
 - Dog waste DNA database!



Tidiness & Litter cont'd

- Walls & Fencing
- Advertising Hoarding
- Graffiti
- Traffic management
- Parking arrangements



Residential Streets & Housing Areas

- Roadside boundary walls and gables.
- Green & Hard open spaces
- Community actions
- Green areas in estates
- Recycling promotions
- Tree planting
- Front garden competitions.
- Litter control



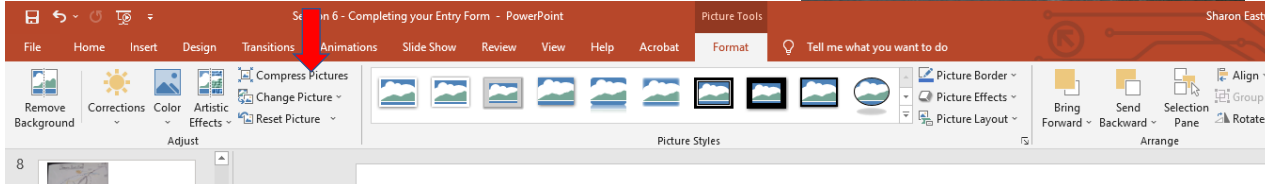
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes

- Welcome
- Making an Impact
- Connectivity
- Cycleways (Sligo Cycle Campaign)
- Signage
- Greenways

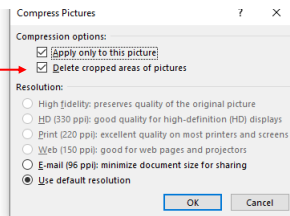


Reduce your photo size

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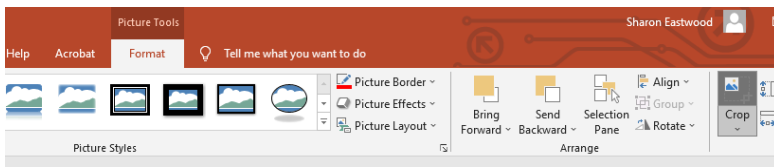


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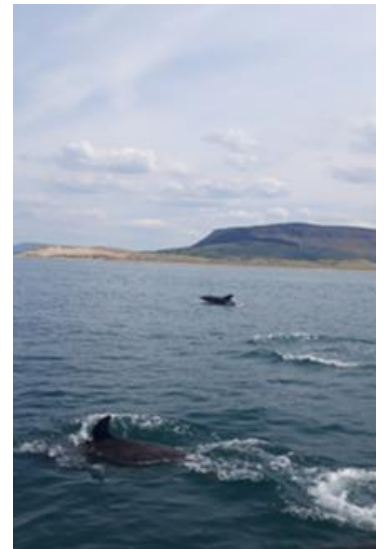


Crop your photos

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- 3. Click on 'crop'
- 4. Picture becomes active (block lines) so you can crop it.



Ready to submit?

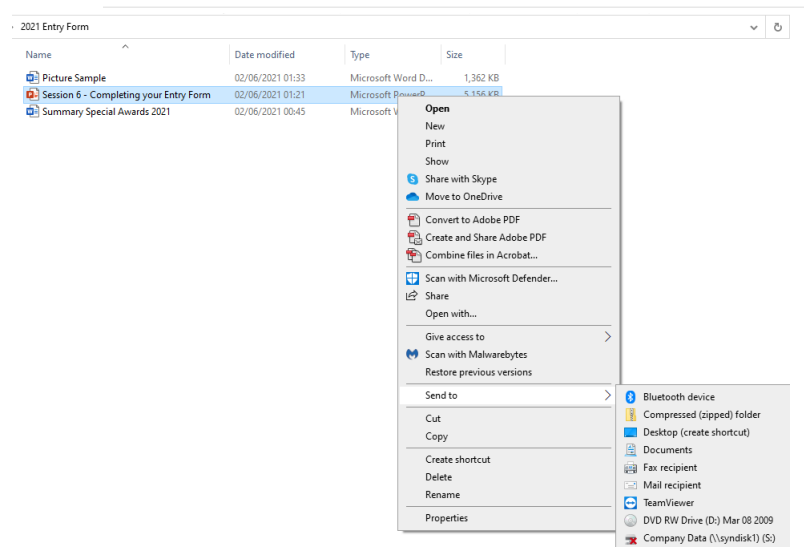
E-Mail submission and include

- Entry Form
- Long-term plan

Zip File to reduce its size:

In Window Explorer

- Right click
- Select 'Send to'
- Select Compressed Zip Folder



Once entered, remember

- You will get an acknowledgement e-mail.
- List of entries will be on website.

A Medal is awarded to an entrant with a score falling within a specified range of marks of the overall winner of the competition category:

Gold / Silver / Bronze.

- Population A&B Within 5 / Within 10 / Within 15
- Population C&D Within 10 / Within 15 / Within 20
- Population E&F Within 15 / Within 20 / Within 30
- Population G&H Within 20 / Within 30 / Within 40

Special Awards

- Your adjudicator does not see these!!
- 20 Separate Special Awards
- €66,000's worth of prizes – money, packages, consultancy.
- Cash prizes from €500 - €3000.
- Package Prizes – RIAI architect supports to Solar-powered compactor bin.
- 18 entry forms available
- Most 3 weeks after 2 July
23/7/2021



TIDYTOWNS-SPECIAL-AWARDS-SUMMARY-2021 ¶

NB. --This is my understanding of the entry forms requirements. --Most competition are assessed by the staff from the sponsors. ¶

No. ¶	Name ¶	Theme ¶	Value ¶	Details-to-be-completed ¶	Deadline-Date ¶	Format-of-Entry ¶
1 ¶	Covid-19-Community-Awards ¶	What-have-done-during-Covid-- <i>Staying-together-while-Apart ¶</i>	4-prizes-totaling-€5000-¶ --3-x-€1000-1-x-€2000-prizes ¶	Gives-a-chance-to-show-what-you-have-done--especially-important-if-all-other-normal-TT-activities-have-not-been-¶	2-July-2021 ¶	Part-of-Standard-Entry-form ¶
2 ¶	Agent-Brite-litter-Awareness-Awards ¶	¶	One-Prize-€7000-value.-One-solar-powered-litter-bin-and-other-materials-¶	Asks-how-often-your-litter-bins-are-emptied.-State-in-250-words-max-why-you-need-to-have-this-prize.-¶	2-July-2021 ¶	1-page-PDF-form-from-website.-¶
3 ¶	Young-Persons-in-TidyTowns-Awards ¶	For-a-TidyTowns-group-that-works-hard-to-engage-young-people-aged-16-24. ¶	One-€1000-prize ¶	Get-groups-who-are-involved-with-programmes-such-as-An-Gaisce-so-they-can-also-consider-helping-out-TT-community-work.-¶	23-July ¶	1-page-pdf--4-questions--include-quotes-from-young-people. ¶
4 ¶	Sustainable-Development-Goals-Awards ¶	Details-what-your-group-has-done-that-helps-achieve-the-17-SDGs. ¶	Six-prizes--2-x-€1500; 4-x-€500.-¶	4-questions-to-be-answered.-¶ What-have-you-done,-how-engaged-with-others,-impact-and-future-plans?-2000-words-max-in-total. ¶	23-July-2021 ¶	2-page-word-document.-¶ TidyTowns-groups-only. ¶
5 ¶	EPA-Circular-Economy-Awards ¶	If-you-have-prevented-waste,-encouraged-re-use-and-max-recycling ¶	Three-prizes-total-value-€2000.-¶	1000-words-plus-pictures-or-link-to-your-website/details ¶	23-July-2021 ¶	PDF-form ¶
6 ¶	RIAI-Shopfront-Awards ¶	Offers-architect's-support-to-draft-guidelines-for-shopfronts-for-your-community. ¶	One-€2000s-worth-prize-¶	Provide-photos-and-address-of-two-good-shopfronts-in-your-community-and-state-why-you-need-RIAI-support. ¶	23-July-2021 ¶	Word-format ¶

7 ¶	SuperValu-&-ASIAM-inclusive-communities-awards ¶	Rewards-actions-to-include-autism-friendly-actions-into-a-community ¶	One-€2000-prize ¶	Six-questions-over-2-pages-on-why-you-have-done-to-support-autism-groups-in-your-community.-¶	23-July-2021 ¶	PDF-form-¶ Entry-for-TT,-Junior-TT-or-other-groups-who-work-closely-with-TT-groups. ¶
8 ¶	Gaeltacht-Awards ¶	¶	Two-prizes-worth-in-total-€2500 ¶	Only-for-national-competition-entries-in-Irish.-¶	2-July-2021 ¶	n/a ¶
9 ¶	Gum-Litter-Task-Force ¶	Rewards-actions-to-reduce-gum-litter ¶	2-prizes. ¶ €3000-&-€2000. ¶	Answer-question-on-what-you-do-at-work,-school,-shops-and-public-bodies-to-tackle-gum-litter.-¶	23-July-2021 ¶	Word-Documents ¶
10 ¶	RIAI-Town-Challenge ¶	To-provide-a-vision-for-your-town. ¶	€5000-worth-package--1-community-to-win-an-architect-to-design-solutions-for-your-problems.-¶	1-page-to-complete-on-problems,-opportunities-in-your-community.-¶ V-Simple-entry-form.-¶	23-July-2021 ¶	Word-documents ¶
11 ¶	Heritage-Awards ¶	To-reward-group-who-benefit-and-promote-local-heritage-¶	One-€1000-prize ¶	Consider-if-project-is-part-of-a-management-plan-and-how-you-are-implementing-this-to-a-wider-audience. ¶	23-July-2021 ¶	e-mail-pages-and-photos-to-panel. ¶
12 ¶	RIAI-Good-Windows-Awards ¶	¶	One-€500-prize ¶	Simply-submit-photos-of-good-windows--2-of-the-same-modern-window-(close-up-and-then-whole-façade)-and-2-of-a-historic-window-(close-up-and-then-whole-façade) ¶	23-July-2021 ¶	Simple-form-e-mail.-¶
13 ¶	Leave-No-Trace ¶	Rewards-Leave-no-trace-principals ¶	One-€1000-training-programme-package-¶	4-questions-to-answer-on-leaving-no-trace.-¶	23-July-2021 ¶	Word-form.- 2000-word-max-¶
14 ¶	Tree-Project-Awards ¶	Rewards-good-public-tree-¶	One-€1000-prize ¶	Provide-3-photos-of-your-tree/s.-Provide-details-and-how-benefits-your-community.-¶	23-July-2021 ¶	Word--Irish-and-English. ¶

		planting-and-maintenance.¤				
16¤	Climate-Action-&-Air-Quality-Award¤	Prize-if-you-have-raised-awareness-for-Climate-Change-&-Air-Quality.¤	6-prizes:¶ 2-x-€2000;¶ 3-x-€500¶ 1-x-€500-esp.-for-Youth-Entry.¤	5-questions-to-be-answered-on-your-own-document-and-e-mailed..¤	23-July-2021¤	2250-words-max---¤
17¤	Can-It¤	Rewards-Aluminum-collection-points-you-have-set-up.¤	One-€1500-prize-and-plus-can-crusher¤	Provide-videos-and-photos-of-how-encouraging-people-to-recycle-their-cans.¤	23-July-2021¤	Provide-photos-/Videos-and-tag-via-social-media.¤
18¤	Water-&-Communities-Award¤	Linking-community-&-water-bodies¤	8-prizes:¶ 1-x-€2000¶ 3-x-€1000¶ 4-x-€500¤	State-how-you-have-raised-awareness-of-local-water-body..Community-Involvement; Stakeholder-engagement; project-benefits; lessons-and-future-plans.¤	23-July-2021¤	Word-document---5-questions.¤
19¤	All-Ireland-Pollinator-Award¤	Encourages-pollinator-friendly-actions¤	9-prizes-spilt-by-region:¶ 1-x-€2000¶ 8-x-€1000¶ 1-x-€1000---best-newcomer¤	Supports-positive-actions-to-improve-pollinators---2-year's-worth-of-work.¶ Check-out-the-top-tips-on-entering-this..¤	23-July-2021¤	Submit-one-pdf-of-10mb.¶ 10-questions-to-be-answered-covering-lots-of-actions-from-pesticide-use-to-mowing-regimes.¤
20¤	Island-Award¤	Highest-Island-communities¤	2-prizes-€1500¤	Island-communities-only-(eg.-Coney).¤	23-July-2021¤	n/a¤

Community survey for SuperValu – stats for Co Sligo

- We would encourage all groups to engage with the survey, make sure the great work you do is included in the statistics compiled and be in with a chance to win one of those €100 SuperValu Gift Cards. The survey can be accessed by visiting this link

https://supervalushoptalk.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_78JSPXEk6BZ9uh8

Questions

- Remember TidyTowns Unit can help at any time:
- Address: TidyTowns Unit
- Government offices,
- Ballina,
- Co Mayo.
- Telephone: 076 100 6912 / 076 100 6836
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