



## Catching the eye of your adjudicator

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## What stood out across 883 entries in 2018?



## Your adjudicator has with them...

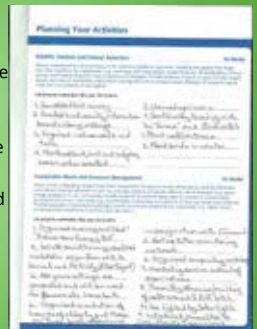


- Your submission:
  - Entry Form
  - Map
  - Long-term Plan
- Last Year's adjudicator report
- Smart Phone

## 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.

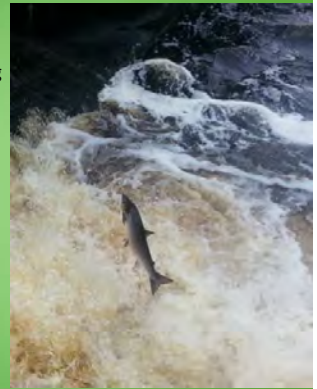
- Hand-drawn is OK -
- It should include key landmarks (eg, Chapel!) and 'north' arrow.
- Mark your projects/focus points for work June 2018 – May 2019.



## 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

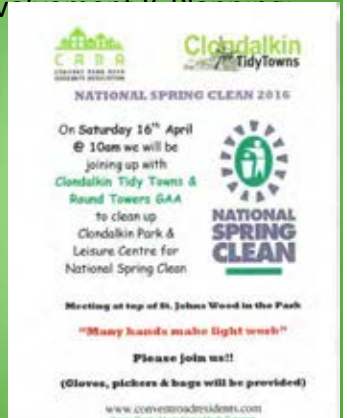
- Using your Long-term planning.
- Training/Workshops attended?
- What organisations or personnel are you working with?
  - EAO – environmental awareness officer?
  - Litter Warden?
  - Dog warden?
- How working and sharing messages across the community?
  - Sligo's Street Captains
  - Westport's Estate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



## Community Involvement & Planning

### Communications

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



## 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?







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....



### 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...

