

# Tidy Towns Competition 2018

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Glounthaune** Ref: **130**  
County: **Cork(South)** Mark: **310**  
Category: **B** Date(s): **09/07/2018**

	<b>Maximum Mark</b>	<b>Mark Awarded 2017</b>	<b>Mark Awarded 2018</b>
Community – Your Planning and Involvement	60	44	46
Streetscape & Public Places	50	38	40
Green Spaces and Landscaping	50	40	42
Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality	50	35	38
Sustainability – Doing more with less	50	16	19
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	58	59
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	50	33	34
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	50	31	32
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>310</b>

### **Community – Your Planning and Involvement / An Pobal - Pleanáil agus Rannpháirtíocht:**

Cuireann an moltóir seo fáilte roimh An Glenntan chuig Comórtas na mBailte Slachtmhara SuperValu 2018 agus chuig Ceiliúradh 60 Bliain an Chomórtais. What your adjudicator loves about Glounthaune is your strong sense of heritage and the numerous ways in which it is honoured from the 1916 Garden of Remembrance to the Tribute to all who worked on the railway in the area; clearly the community places a high value on its heritage and people! The Tidy Towns initiative is well organised within the community with strong and fruitful links with a wide variety of stakeholders in the future of the village and good communication methods for spreading the word on Tidy Towns tasks and events. The working relationship with the schools is invaluable and ensures a future for Tidy Towns in the village. The physical benefits accrued to the community of participation in the competition is evident for all to see and gives testament to Glounthaune's strong community spirit. Thank you for this year's entry including your Tidy Towns map and plan 2018-2020.

### **Streetscape & Public Places / Sráid-Dreach & Áiteanna Poiblí:**

Public buildings within Glounthaune enjoy an excellent presentation; Church and its grounds and associated buildings were admired in addition to the Community Centre and car park. The Rising Tide premises was nicely painted and other shops within the main thoroughfare including the Post Office, Hair Salon, Beauty Salon and more were quite well presented also. Work accomplished at the Railway Station is impressive and the 'softening' of the stone 'Dry Bridge' will become more effective with the passage of time. Pride of place must go to the Human Sundial Explanatory plaque.

### **Green Spaces and Landscaping / Spásanna Glasa agus Tírdhreachú:**

New seating at Craig's Field Marsh together with well-maintained green areas enhances the enjoyment of this beautiful natural amenity significantly. Shrubs and flower bed to the roadside boundary railings of the railway line look beautiful and give good enclosure here. Container planting throughout the village are colourful, profuse, numerous and strategically placed to maximise visual amenity; hedgerow, flower beds and shrubberies are noteworthy too in this respect. All planted areas are nicely complemented by well maintained green areas. The Ashborne Way Walk, picnic area and Remembrance Garden is a fine amenity which offers some quiet time for reflection if needed.

Entrances from approach roads are an excellent introduction to Glounthaune

### **Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality / An Dúlra agus an Bhithéagsúlacht i do cheantar:**

The Harper's Island Wetland Centre is a wonderful amenity benefiting the local, national and international

community and the Glounthaune community are no doubt proud to have played a significant part in its development for wildlife appreciation and awareness. The riverside park and children's playground together with information panels on wildlife / wild birds of the estuary and heritage are excellent in design, maintenance and accessibility and were in great demand on adjudication day. Congratulations on Glounthaune's success in the Water's and Communities Award. It is good to note success to date on tackling the problem of invasive species and the emphasis on wild flower local to the area. We look forward to receiving a copy of the Habitat Survey Report with next year's entry.

### **Sustainability – Doing more with less / Inmharthanacht - Mórán ar an mbeagán:**

Congratulations on Glounthane's partnership agreement with SEAI on an Energy Master Plan for the area, we look forward to hearing more about this in future adjudications. The extension of LED public street lighting should bring about savings in energy use too which we would love to hear about. Other initiatives involving recycling / reuse are praiseworthy projects also, where possible try to calculate the amount of waste reduced / prevented at source to get an idea of the community's overall sustainability /waste status and possible future improvements.

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

Further congratulations are extended this time for Glounthaune's success in the Cork County Council Litter Challenge! Participation in the Coast-watch Clean-up is twice yearly is beneficial to the community and wildlife also. Litter awareness signage coupled with regular litter patrols both within the village and along approach roads is laudable and we are indebted to volunteers and TUS workers. Your submission to the Cobh Municipal District Litter Management Strategy is noteworthy; if the type and source of litter is known this could be mentioned in next year's entry along with the preferred management strategy. No doubt litter is segregated for recycling.

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

The 'Getting To Know You 'initiative is an excellent way of creating a more cohesive community, it is good to know it has surpassed expectations and will be extended to other areas; well done to the Highlands Residents group for organising this. Green areas within residential areas are being beautifully managed. The small riverside residential area is charming and flower displays were quite stunning. The Highlands residential estate offers a very attractive presentation in a discreet manner from the main thoroughfare with its lovely gardens and roadside boundary walls heavily planted in many instances. Improvements to the laneway from the estate to the school have been noted favourably.

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

Road and footpath surfaces throughout the main thoroughfare look quite good. Road signage including finger post signs are being well maintained. Approach roads for the most part were neatly presented although road works were in progress at the time of adjudication; grassed verges looked well. The service pole and wirescape at the small bridge looked particularly bad. Cognisance has been taken of improvements to roadside drain.

### **Concluding Remarks:**

The Glounthane community is pro-active in all matters environmental and indeed social and have a village to be proud of.