

Five towns in North Tipperary rewarded at National Tidy Towns Competition.

The 50th Anniversary of the National Tidy Towns competition saw more success for North Tipperary this year. Winners of the national competition were recently announced with 5 areas in North Tipperary gaining success in the competition. Birdhill, Terryglass, Silvermines, Kilbarron and Killoscully were all announced as winners in different categories in the competition which is well-deserved recognition of the hard work and effort expended by ordinary people, contributing to their communities, out of a sense of place and pride in those communities.

Birdhill scooped four awards in the national competition and they made it three in a row when they won the award for Ireland's Tidiest Village for the third successive year. Terryglass won two awards, a Bronze Medal Award and a County Award. The Silvermines also won two awards, a County Award and a Landscape award for their nature trail. Killoscully won an Endeavour Award and finally, Kilbarron won an award in the 'Best New Entry' category.

“North Tipperary County Council would like to offer congratulations to all of the winners in this year's competition. It is wonderful that the towns and villages in the County continue to do so well each year and we hope this encourages other tidy towns groups and the people in North Tipperary to continue their hard work in taking pride in their local communities” commented Áine Mc Carthy, Environmental Awareness Officer with North Tipperary County Council.

North Tipperary County Council organised a Tidy Towns seminar in March in conjunction with Shannon Development to advise groups on the competition nationally and locally. The Environmental Awareness Officer is available to answer any queries in relation to the Local Tidy Towns grants which are offered annually by the Council. The Council will be awarding €70,000 in Tidy Towns grants to a large number of groups at the end of September to support the towns and villages across North Tipperary.

Spregann Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann Thuaidh an pobal le Laghdú, le hAthúsáid agus le hAthchúrsáil an oiread agus is féidir.

For more information about the National Tidy Towns competition visit www.tidytowns.ie . For information on local tidy towns grants you can contact North Tipperary County Council on (067) 44784, email amccarthy@northtippcoco.ie or visit www.tipperarynorth.ie

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