

Press Release
North Tipperary County Council

Birdhill scoops overall prize in Council's Environmental Awards for third year in a row.

Monday 17th November, 2008

Birdhill Tidy Village Committee was awarded the overall prize in North Tipperary County Council's Tiobraid Álainn – Pride of Place Competition 2008 and was presented with a special award of €20,000 by County Manager Terry O'Niadh for their huge achievement in winning the national title of 'Tidiest Village' in Ireland for the third year in a row. This year's Environmental Awards Ceremony included Primary schools, Tidy Towns and Villages groups, Burial ground committees and businesses.

A total prize fund of €28,550 was awarded on the night and North Tipperary County Council hopes the awards will encourage more communities who are making improvements year on year to improve their local environment.

"The Environmental Awards is a great competition, promoting good community spirit and an awareness of environmental issues at local level," said North Tipperary's Mayor Dr. Joe Hennessy. "Without the hard work and dedication of these committees, schools and individuals within our communities, our local heritage and environment would be significantly depleted". He also commended the hard work of all the Tidy Towns and Villages groups throughout the county who have been going from strength to strength in the national Tidy Towns competition.

According to Áine Mc Carthy, the Council's Environmental Awareness Officer, the competition is a great opportunity for the local community. "We encourage all communities who are working hard all year at improving their local environment to enter the competition and get some recognition for their efforts" she said. "This

is a great opportunity to reward local communities for their hard work throughout the year. We can only improve our environment if we all work in partnership with each other.” This year’s ceremony saw the introduction of a new award for ‘Best Presented Shop Front’ and Ms Mc Carthy added that “by establishing this award the County Council is hoping to create an awareness of the positive impression a well presented shop front can create within the local community and to visitors alike”

The following awards were presented in the Tiobraid Álainn – Pride of Place Competition 2008:

Tidy Schools Winners 2008

Nenagh / Newport Electoral Area

2nd Place – Burgess National School

1st Place - Youghalarra National School

Borrisokane Electoral Area

2nd Place – Terryglass National School

1st Place - Redwood National School

Templemore Electoral Area

2nd Place – Templetuohy National School.

1st Place - Corville National School, Roscrea

Thurles Electoral Area

2nd Place – Scoil Angela, Thurles

1st Place - Scoil Mochaomhog Naofa, Two Mile Borris

Overall Winner – Scoil Naomh Seoisaimh. Toomevara

Best Presented Shop Front 2008

3rd Place – Roly’s @ Park Avenue, Thurles

2nd Place – The Studio, Ballina

1st Place – Stonewoods, Roscrea

National Pride of Place Competition recognition of being short listed to

- Cabragh Wetlands
- Borrisokane

Best Burial Grounds 2008

Borrisokane Electoral Area

- 3rd Place – Kilruane Burial Ground Committee
- 2nd Place – Cloughprior Burial Ground Committee
- 1st Place – Kilbarron New Burial Ground Committee

Nenagh / Newport Electoral Area

- 3rd Place – Monsea Burial Ground Committee
- 2nd Place – Rockvale Burial Ground Committee
- 1st Place – Killenaive Burial Ground Committee

Templemore Electoral Area

- 3rd Place – Moyne Old Burial Ground Committee
- 2nd Place – Cooleeney Burial Ground Committee
- 1st Place – St. Cronan's Roman Catholic Burial Ground Committee

Thurles Electoral Area

- 3rd Place – Inch Old Burial Ground Committee
- 2nd Place – Rahealty Burial Ground Committee
- 1st Place – St. Michael's Bouladuff Burial Ground Committee

5. Tiobraid Alainn Pride of Place winners

Borrisokane Electoral Area

- 3rd Place – Carrigahorig Development Association
- 2nd Place – Kilbarron Development Association
- 1st Place – Terryglass Improvements Association

Nenagh / Newport Electoral Area

- 3rd Place – Newport Environmentally Friendly Group
- 2nd Place – Killoscully Development Association
- 1st Place – Silvermines Enhancement Group

Templemore Electoral Area

- 3rd Place – Clonmore Village Development Association
- 2nd Place – Moyne Tidy Village Committee
- 1st Place – Roscrea Tidy Towns

Thurles Electoral Area

3rd Place – Kilcommon Community Council
2nd Place – Holycross Development Association
1st Place – Inch Tidy Village Committee

Overall Winner – Birdhill Tidy Towns

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