

**Press Release**  
**North Tipperary County Council**

Ballina scoops overall prize in Council's Environmental Awards.

Monday 16th November, 2009

Ballina Tidy Towns Committee was awarded the overall prize in North Tipperary County Council's Tiobraid Álainn – Pride of Place Competition 2009. This year's Environmental Awards Ceremony held in the Civic Offices in Nenagh included Primary schools, Tidy Towns and Villages groups, Burial ground committees and businesses.

A prize fund of almost €10,000 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 Denis Ryan. “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.”

The following awards were presented in the Tiobraid Álainn – Pride of Place Competition 2009. Awards are given by electoral area in most categories.

### **Tidy Schools Winners 2009**

Nenagh

1<sup>st</sup> – Carrig NS, Birr

2<sup>nd</sup> – St. Mary's Convent Primary

Newport

1<sup>st</sup> – Bishop Harty NS

2<sup>nd</sup> – Kilcommon N.S

Thurles N.S

1<sup>st</sup> – Moycarkey N.S

2<sup>nd</sup> – Littleton N.S

Templemore

1<sup>st</sup> – St Colmcille's N.S

2<sup>nd</sup> – Lismackin N.S

Overall Winner – St Joseph's Primary School, Templemore

### **Best Presented Shop Front 2009**

1<sup>ST</sup> – Kennedy's Puckane – Proprietor James Kennedy

2<sup>nd</sup> – Country Chic, Ballina – Proprietor Ann Kelly

### **Best Burial Ground 2009**

Nenagh Area

1<sup>st</sup> Castletown Burial Ground Committee

2<sup>nd</sup> Cloughprior Burial Ground Committee

3<sup>rd</sup> Modreeney / Cloughjordan Select Vestry

Newport

1<sup>st</sup> Kilcommon (Old) Burial Ground Committee

2<sup>nd</sup> Kilnarath Burial Ground Committee

3<sup>rd</sup> Ballinree New Burial Ground Committee

Templemore Electoral Area

1st St. Burchin's Burial Ground

- 2nd St. Cronan's Church of Ireland Burial Ground
- 3rd Moyne Old Burial Ground Committee

Thurles Electoral Area

- 1st Littleton (St. Kevin's) Burial Ground Committee
- 2nd St. Michael's Bouladuff Burial Ground
- 3rd Ballycahill Burial Ground Committee

**Tiobraid Álainn 2009**

Nenagh

- 1<sup>st</sup> Kilbarron Development Association
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Carrigahorig Development Association
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Terryglass Improvements Association

Newport

- 1<sup>st</sup> Birdhill Tidy Village
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Killoscully Enhancement Group
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Newport Environmentally Friendly Group

Thurles

- 1<sup>st</sup> Holycross Development Association
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Upperchurch Tidy Village
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Inch Tidy Village Committee

Templemore

- 1<sup>st</sup> Roscrea Tidy Towns
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Moyne Tidy Village Committee
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Loughmore Tidy Village

Overall Winner – Ballina Tidy Towns

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