



A Tidy Towns Five-Year Plan 2022-2026 for Drogheda Tidy Towns, County Louth



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A New Five-Year Plan for Drogheda Tidy Towns in County Louth

Purpose of the Five- Year Plan

This Five-year Plan is to aid Drogheda Tidy Towns to plan and manage current and future projects within the remit of the National Tidy Towns Competition. It is supported by guidance documents and adjudicators’ advice, national initiatives, existing supporting Local documents, and the groups Vision for Drogheda Tidy Towns.

The Five-year Plan is a whole community initiative which has been compiled in conjunction with the Drogheda Tidy Towns Committee by Buildings Reimagined.

The document and the projects it contains have been subject to public engagement and consultation over a number of months during 2020/2021 through a series of interviews, site visits and workshops with volunteers, partnership groups; including BIDs The Chamber of Commerce and Louth County Council and the committee as well as being made readily available on the Drogheda Tidy Towns website for inspection and comment.

It is a *living* document; to be easily and regularly updated over the course of the 5 years, supported by emerging project specific Drogheda Tidy Towns web pages including photographic diaries, events calendars, maps, and educational material, made accessible to all.

The plan highlights each of the different areas of interest within the competition and the specific focus of each project within the adjudicators’ assessment process.

Procurement of a New Five-Year Plan

Buildings Reimagined tendered for production of **Five Year Plan for Drogheda Tidy Towns County Louth** on 31st July 2020 and were appointed on 23rd November 2020.

Funding for the Five Year Plan was provided through Louth Leader Partnership and supported by:

- The Department of Rural & Community Development
- Our Rural Future
- Leader
- The European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development
- Local Community Development Committees
- Louth County Council

The principal objective of the new **Five Year Plan for Drogheda Tidy Towns** will be to identify a range of projects and initiatives under each of the National Tidy Towns adjudication categories which, when implemented, will result in Drogheda winning its population category, and being regional winner, within the lifetime of the plan.

Commencement of the plan was delayed until September 2021 due to Covid-19 restrictions. The revised program for the completion of the Five Year plan is:

- 16th November 2021 - Draft Issue of the Five Year Plan
- 17th November 2021 – Committee Meeting to consult on draft Five Year Plan
- 6th December 2021 – Final Draft Issue of the Five Year Plan
- 1st February 2022– 21st March 2022 – Public Consultation
- April 2022 – Final Issue of Plan

Buildings Reimagined – The Team:

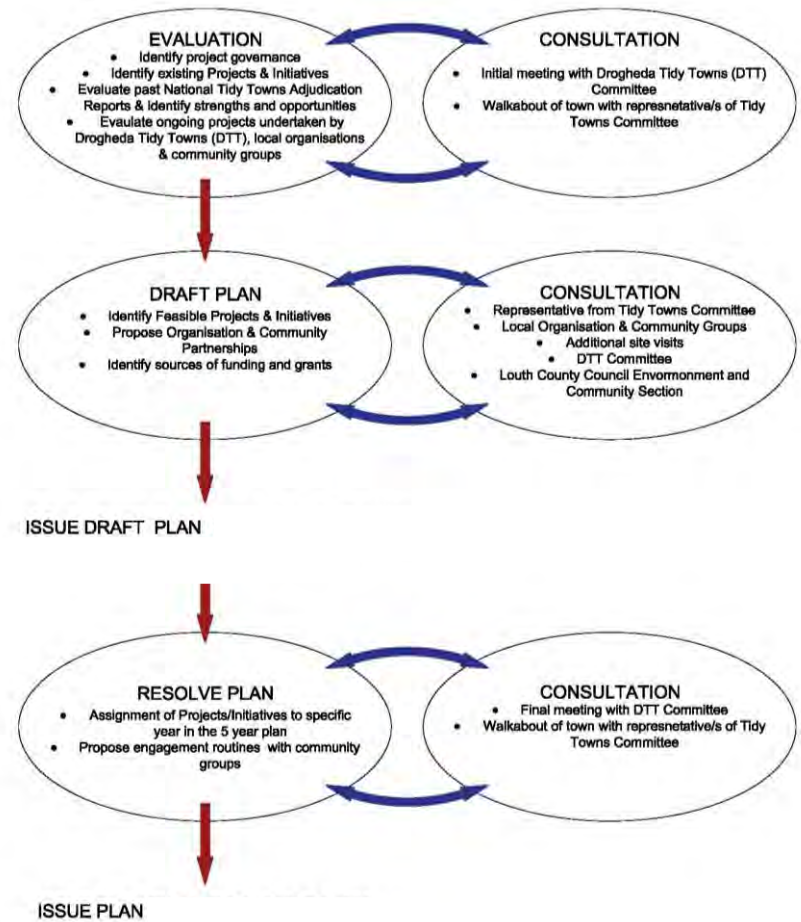
Louise Dandy – Historic Environment Advisor

Louise has considerable experience in facilitating partnerships between community groups and local authorities within the Built and Natural Environment. Key strategic actions would include:

- Exploring and evaluating each individual adjudication heading under the Tidy Towns competition, to identify potential gaps and find a match within the community to fill that gap.
- Identify key stakeholders within the community /local authority for each of the adjudication headings as well as experienced facilitators to help the whole community.
- Identify what is special and locally distinctive about Drogheda to inform the specific relevant and sustainable projects for the 5 years and the legacy beyond.

Jackie Pope – Qualified registered Architect with the Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland (MRAI No: 13112) and Architect accredited in conservation at Grade II.

Jackie Pope is Conservation Architect practicing in County Louth. She is also the Secretary of the Baltray and District Residents Association (BDRA) since 2014. Jackie is responsible for applying for and administering the Grants on behalf of BDRA.



Structure of the Five Year Plan

In September 2021, a scoping report was prepared to ‘Evaluate’ the standing of the Drogheda Tidy Towns (DTT) in the annual SuperValu Tidy Towns Competition and to inform the production of a new **Five Year Plan for Drogheda Tidy Towns in County Louth**.

The **Scoping Report** is the first output in the preparation of the **Five Year Plan**. The scoping report aligned with the first work stage ‘Evaluation’ of the Project Methodology issued at tender and included the following activities:

- Identifying Project Governance
- Identifying existing and planned projects undertaken by DTT and other local organisations and community groups.
- Evaluating DTT’s performance in previous 8 years of the Tidy Towns Competitions
- Identifying the objectives of the competition and under each of the 8 categories.
- Identifying existing strengths of the DTT group.
- Identifying opportunities to improve points in the competition.

Background:

Drogheda/ Droichead Átha is a historic town dating back to 1194. The town straddles the River Boyne giving it a dynamic hilly streets typography full of historic buildings, narrow streets and alleyways. It is also Ireland’s largest town with a population of 40,956 recorded in the 2016 census.

Core Data:

County: Louth County Council & Meath County Council

Region: Midlands & East

Local Authority: Louth County Council & Meath County Council

Population Category in SuperValu Competition: Large Urban Centre (25,001 and over)

Consultation:

Consultation undertaken Scoping Report for the Five-Year Plan:

- Appointment meeting 18/12/2020
- Drogheda Tidy Towns Committee Meeting 13/09/2021
- Walkabout of Drogheda Town Eamonn Clinton and Paul Hussey Volunteer members of the Tidy Towns Committee 28/09/2021

Consultation undertaken to for the Five Year Plan:

Consultation with following key stakeholders begun in parallel with the Scoping exercise the outcomes of that which will be captured in the issue of the **Draft Five - Year Plan**:

- Elias Mlimbila -30/09/21- Park Superintendent Louth County Council
- Robert Murray -30/09/21 -President Drogheda Chamber of Commerce.
- Barry Eaton - 01/10/21– Community Section Louth County Council
- Kevin Callan – 07/10/21 - Chair DTT & Councillor Louth County Council
- Trevor Connolly – 08/10/21- LoveDrogheda Business Improvement District (BIDS)

Public Consultation:

An online consultation (on the new Drogheda Tidy Towns Website) of the five-Year Plan took place for a period of seven weeks running from 1st February 2022 to 21st March 2022. The opportunity for community comment was well advertised by the Drogheda Tidy Towns Committee through the local press and social media.

The successful results showed the site was visited a total of 88 times with 85 downloads of the consultation draft.

- 10 new Volunteers offered their support
- 2 direct comments added value to existing projects.

Source material for Five Year Plan :

- DTT Invitation to Tender for production of Five Year Plan Issued 10/03/2020
- DTT Presentation notes from Meeting 18/12/2020
- SuperValu Tidy Towns Handbooks Sections 1-8 published 2021
- Previous adjudication reports 2012-2019
- DTT SuperValu Tidy Towns Entry Form 2019
- DTT SuperValu Tidy Towns Entry Form 2021
- Drogheda: Creating a Bridge to a Better Future – Community Safety & Wellbeing: Report of a Scoping Review for the Department of Justice by Vivian Geiran January 2021.
- Urban Design Framework Plan for the Heritage Quarter, Drogheda Prepared by Shaffery Associates, Mitchell Associates, Stephen Little Associates & Margaret Gowen, Published May 2013.
- The 2006 Conservation Plan Town Walls and other defences of Drogheda was prepared by The Integrated Conservation Group, John Cronin & Associates Planning Consultants, Managing Editor Margaret Gowen for Drogheda Borough Council & the Heritage Council.

The following Five Year Plan is divided into the following sections:

- Introduction
- Section 1 – Community – Your Planning and Involvement
- Section 2 – Streetscape and Public Spaces
- Section 3 – Greenspaces & Landscaping
- Section 4 – Nature & Biodiversity in your Locality
- Section 5 – Sustainability – Doing More with Less
- Section 6 – Tidiness & Litter Control
- Section 7 – Residential Streets & Housing Areas
- Section 8 – Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes

Sections 1 -8 are divided up under the following headings:

Guidance

- What the adjudicators are looking for extracted from the SuperValu Tidy Towns Handbooks
- Applicable Sustainable Development Goals
- Drogheda Tidy Towns Vision

Flagship Projects - Table format

- Collation of information in tabular form to include project name and location, map reference, project description, next steps, role of DTT, project partners, sustainable development goals.
- Information in tabular form easily transferable to :
 - Future SuperValu Tidy Towns Entry Forms
 - Future Funding applications

Additional Projects to Aid Annual Update - Table format

- Collation of information in tabular form to include project name and location, map reference, project description, next steps, role of DTT, project partners, sustainable development goals.
- Information in tabular form easily transferable to :
 - Annual planning /update of 5-Year Plan
 - Further Community Consultation

Structure of the Five Year Plan

Area of Interest	Project Description	Tasks Undertaken/ Potential Next Steps	Time Frame	Role of Drogheda Tidy Towns Committee	Evaluation of past performance/scope for improvement /opportunity to target TT points
Drogheda Tidy Towns Five -Year Plan	<p>Production of a time-framed Tidy Towns Five-Year Plan to identify projects/initiatives under each of the National Tidy Towns Competition adjudication headings as recommended by adjudicator</p> <p>The key principles :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Short• Direct, it should outline how, where, and when you are going to undertake jobs.• Realistic, all projects should be capable of being implemented - albeit often over a long timeframe.• Most importantly as the Plan is the Group’s work programme it should therefore reflect the objectives and capabilities of the Group.• In summary, it should be a simple and easily read document. <p>Update your Tidy Towns plan each year to keep a record of the projects undertaken and the results achieved with the addition of current photographs. This will form a useful background for assessing progress and can also be adapted for use as publicity material and it also keeps morale and motivation levels high and promotes the group as an important local resource.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opportunity for promoting the Tidy Towns initiative /projects and volunteering through community engagement/consultation• Potential to link to area specific actions through a community needs assessment for building on existing /future project	6mths/1 year	Project designer/ community consultation	<p>Required as supporting documentation for outlining the DTT actions and intentions. It should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• represent a shared vision of what the Drogheda Tidy Towns programme can achieve within the timeframe• be clear and concise• be easy to monitor and update for future plans• link to other plans that may be in operation for the area for example Urban Renewal Strategies or a Site-Specific Master Plan.

Guidance		
<p>Sustainable Development Goals</p> <p>In September 2015193 UN Member States adopted the 2030 Agenda for sustainable Development “Transforming our World”. The centrepiece of this Agenda is the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which reflect economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development.</p> <p>The Supervalu Tidy Towns Handbook identifies where many of these goals are aligned to the different Tidy Towns categories.</p> <p>In the completion entry form the applicant is asked to identify, if applicable, under each category where a project or initiatives aim to address on or more of the sustainable development goals.</p> <p>https://sdgs.un.org/goals</p>	<p>The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to transform our world:</p> <p>GOAL 1: No Poverty</p> <p>GOAL 2: Zero Hunger</p> <p>GOAL 3: Good Health and Well-being</p> <p>GOAL 4: Quality Education</p> <p>GOAL 5: Gender Equality</p> <p>GOAL 6: Clean Water and Sanitation</p> <p>GOAL 7: Affordable and Clean Energy</p> <p>GOAL 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth</p> <p>GOAL 9: Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure</p> <p>GOAL 10: Reduced Inequalities</p> <p>GOAL 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities</p> <p>GOAL 12: Responsible Consumption and Production</p> <p>GOAL 13: Climate Action</p> <p>GOAL 14: Life Below Water</p> <p>GOAL 15: Life on Land</p> <p>GOAL 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions</p> <p>GOAL 17: Partnerships for the Goals</p>	

Monitoring and Review	Conclusion
<p>Why Monitor And Review?</p> <p>The committee are encouraged to complete a ‘Project Monitoring and Review Assessment Form’ for each project every 6 months (see sample form on the right). This will help gather all the relevant information required to regularly update the current 5 year plan and to focus the efforts of the group to drive forward the projects. It will also help highlight potential issues or the requirement for additional resources such as staffing, volunteers or funding at an early stage.</p> <p><u>A Living Plan:</u> Funding, resources and initiatives locally and nationally can be subject to change and therefore the regular gathering of the information will help to explore if there is a current opportunity or need to tweak or bolt on an additional mini project within the current period of the 5 year plan. It will also provide relevant up-to-date photos and information to support the annual application form process, the supporting map and the website</p> <p><u>NEWS, NEWS, NEWS:</u> A website always benefits from regular good news stories, updates and latest photos; regular assessment will help with this promoting the work of all involved.</p> <p><u>Filling in the Form:</u> Ideally this form needs to be completed every 6 months for each of the maintained and new projects for each of the separate competition categories. It would be helpful if one assessment took place before the completion of the annual competition application. It should be completed by the project lead with input from the community, key stakeholders & partners where relevant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Using the 5 year plan as reference fill in the relevant information relating to category, project title etc.• Current situation, this is the bulk of the information.• Input a brief update, recent achievements or milestones reached.• The key people involved.• If it requires additional money or resources such a professional advice or more volunteers• Be honest are there any problems to overcome?• What are the next steps?• Are they laid out in the current 5 year plan or is there some minor modification?• Collect and take current photos of the project and those involved to update the webpages/social media, promote the project and volunteers involved.• Share the assessment with current project leads, stakeholders and via the website.	<div><div><div>DROGHEDA TIDY TOWNS</div><div>PROJECT MONITORING AND REVIEW ASSESSMENT FORM</div></div><div><div>CORE DATA</div><div>DATE:</div><div>COMPETITION CATEGORY:</div><div>PROJECT NAME:</div><div>MAINTAINED/NEW:</div><div>LOCATION ON MAP:</div><div>5 YEAR PLAN PAGE REFERENCE:</div><div>RELEVANT DTT WEBPAGE LINK:</div><div>SOCIAL MEDIA/PROMOTION LINK:</div></div><div><div>CURRENT SITUATION</div><div>BRIEF PROJECT UPDATE:</div></div><div><div>CURRENT PROJECT LEAD:</div></div><div><div>CURRENT STAKEHOLDERS/PARTNERS:</div></div><div><div>ANY ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUIRED:</div></div><div><div>ANY ADDITIONAL RESOURCES REQUIRED:</div></div><div><div>ANY CURRENT ISSUES:</div></div><div><div>NEXT STEPS:</div></div><div><div>RECENT PHOTOS:</div></div></div> <div><div>Conclusion:</div><div>The aim of the Drogheda Tidy Towns 5 year Plan 2022 – 2026 is to describe the breadth of work undertaken, next steps and the key players, volunteers and professionals brought together in the town by taking part in the National Tidy Town competition.</div><div>Underpinned by adjudicators advice and published Tidy Town guidance the document builds on the groups aims, informs community decision-making and partnership working over the next 5 years as well as firmly supporting Drogheda’s future annual competition applications and any necessary funding bids.</div><div>It has been formulated over a number of months by the community, volunteers, stakeholders and the Drogheda Tidy Towns board in collaboration with Buildings Re-Imagined and Louise Dandy and Associates.</div><div>Through a series of interviews, meetings and public consultation information has been gathered regarding the various projects and initiatives that Drogheda Tidy Towns community and its partners instigate, promote and support.</div><div>This relevant up to date information informed the current state of play of each project, the future aspirations and goals, the key partnerships and funding streams involved in order to plan for the future.</div><div>For ease of use the plan is divided into each of the distinct categories of the competition and supported by newly commissioned maps of the town showing the location of each area of work.</div><div>The inclusion of the Monitoring and Review template allows the regular updating of the plan groups throughout its lifetime, wholeheartedly supporting the aspiration that the Drogheda 5 Year Plan is a flexible living community document.</div></div>

Section 1: Community – Your Planning and Involvement

1.1 Introduction

Drogheda Tidy Towns Vision:

“Drogheda Tidy Towns endeavours to promote the core principles of a clean and tidy town in which people can live, work and play. The Committee seek to engage with all stakeholders from Louth County Council, residential area representatives, to the education, business, and volunteer sectors to ensure a coordinated and effective strategic approach to areas such as the environment, area enhancement, litter management, biodiversity, sustainability and projects to improve the public realm of the town including public parks and spaces”

The principal objective of the new Plan will be to identify a range of projects and initiatives under each of the National Tidy Towns adjudication categories which, when implemented, will result in Drogheda winning its’ population category, and being regional winner, within the lifetime of the Plan’ – the Request for Tender for the production of a new Five Year Plan for Drogheda Tidy Towns.

At present time we have 9 members on the Tidy Towns Committee. With the help of the people of Drogheda and our community partners and volunteers we do consistently well in the Drogheda Tidy Towns competition and in 2021 we secured our 14th Gold Medal.

In section 1.2 Flagship Projects – **Community – Your Planning and Involvement** we have identified 3 key initiatives, to be progressed in the first year of the plan, which will be instrumental in achieving our goal of being regional winner within the lifetime of the plan.

3 Key Initiatives :

1. Consolidate and Strengthen the Committee
2. Procure a Website
3. Procure Mapping

If actioned the above initiatives will facilitate meaningful community engagement with the Five-Year Plan and, in turn, its successful implementation and delivery.

1.2 Flagship Projects – Community – Your Planning and Involvement

Project / Time Frame	Project Description	Tasks Undertaken/ Potential Next Steps Time Frame	Role DTT/ Project Partners	Project Outcomes Aligned to Tidy Towns Handbook
<p>1. Consolidate and strengthen the committee</p> <p><u>Time Frame</u> 2022</p>	Sustainable expansion of the Drogheda Tidy Towns Committee.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constitutional Structure – write a short constitution covering the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The objectives of the group ○ The roles of the members ○ The way it keeps the accounts ○ Governance routines • Constitutional Structure to be agreed by all members to provide transparency, accountability and protection to individuals to act with common purpose. <i>Ref: Tidy Towns Handbook General Information page 5.</i> • Current Core Committee structure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chairperson/Assistant Chairperson ○ Secretary/Assistant Secretary ○ Treasurer/Assistant Treasurer • Expand Core Committee structure to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Public Relations Officer/Assistant PRO ○ School Liaison Officer ○ Local authority Liaison Officer • Expand group Structure to include: 	<p><u>Role of DTT:</u> Project Lead</p> <p><u>Project Partners:</u> Louth County Council The Volunteer Centre Resident Groups Community Groups</p>	<p><i>Awareness Community engagement Partnership working</i></p> <p><i>The role of volunteers</i></p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sub-committees for specific sections ○ Project Leads for specific projects. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify existing and future 'gaps' for committee roles in the five year plan. Recruit volunteers for specific and defined roles – big or small - and allow space and autonomy for those volunteers achieve in that role. 		
2. New DTT website and social media Time Frame 2022-2023	<p>A well designed and updated website would be an effective means of communicating the work of DTT and improving community engagement.</p> <p>Information and communication are key within this area of the competition to aid the promotion of Tidy Towns initiatives and widen existing community led decision making and involvement in Drogheda</p> <p>The importance of active inclusive involvement of the whole community, in terms of age, ability etc. in relation to governance, planning and decision-making surrounding project work is highlighted throughout the competition.</p> <p>It will help identify and develop our communications and engagement with related groups who can, through their specific work and projects, directly support an improved Tidy Town performance.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Set up a Communications Section of Drogheda Tidy Towns Committee. 2. Procure Website with content <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is Tidy Towns / including links nationally • Drogheda Tidy Towns Vision including link to 5 year plan • People involved, committee/volunteers • Relevant, up to date mapping and calendar of events • Links to past projects • Links to current projects • Links to current partnership working • Volunteer's page • How to contact /get involved 3. Improve Connections with Local Media and Social Media : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twitter • Face book • Instagram Tidy Towns community diary of projects throughout the year • TikTok 4. Improve hard copy information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use existing community notice boards/public information boards/schools/businesses to promote and way-find projects/events and website • Regularly up-date • Links to local radio/newspapers/existing community newsletters/business notice boards/doctors' surgeries • Keep up to date • DTT Branding of existing volunteers high viz tabards for existing projects, training events and media opportunities 	<p>Role of DTT: Project Lead Commissioner</p> <p>Project Partners: Louth County Council The Volunteer Centre Resident Groups Community Groups</p> <p>Explore potential for partnership with local schools/Further Education/Local Businesses to set up and update website and notice boards.</p>	<p><i>Focus on outreach & promotion of Drogheda Tidy Towns Including mission statement and highlighting current partnership working</i></p> <p><i>Awareness Community engagement Partnership working</i></p> <p><i>The role of volunteers</i></p>
3. Mapping Time Frame 2022	<p>Improved mapping and annotation to support improved communication and future competition applications.</p> <p>Over the last few years competition adjudicators have consistently requested improved mapping to better communicate the work of DTT.</p> <p>The following brief for the procurement of mapping was prepared following an evaluation of previous adjudication reports 2012-2019 and the DTT SuperValu Tidy Towns Entry Form 2019 & 2021.</p> <p>The purpose new mapping is:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support the <i>Tidy Plan Competition Entry Form</i> – Issue in print form and attach with the annual competition entry so that the Adjudicator can use when visiting and judging the competition. 2. Support and raise awareness of the Activities of DTT – Issue in a format that is web-site compatible and upload onto the website. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Commission the following Maps: Map 1 - Historic Core <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small Scale Map (the Walls and Spires Map from the Drogheda Walks Map 2019 ©'Once Upon Design' is a good example) • Notation M – Maintained Projects, N- New Projects, FP – Future Projects • Number all projects sequentially – DON'T restart renumbering with each Notation Category • Map Legend to include project title/name • Map landmarks – use arrow to pinpoint location • Starting points for walking trails. • Landmark Map Notation Map 2 - Tidy Towns Boundary Map <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large Scale Map • To pick up approach roads / estates/projects etc... not included in Historic Core Map 	<p>Role of DTT: Commission Mapping</p> <p>Project Partners: Louth County Council The Volunteer Centre Resident Groups Community Groups</p>	<p><i>Quality of application</i> <i>Supporting documents</i> <i>Mapping</i> <i>Awareness</i> <i>Updated 5 yr. Plan</i></p>


		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notation N- New Projects, M – Maintained Projects, FP – Future Projects • Number all projects sequentially – DON'T restart renumbering with each Notation Category • Map Legend to include project title/name • Map landmarks – use arrow to pinpoint location • Map starting points for walking trails i.e., Historic Walking Trails, Boyneside Trail, Camino Trail <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Make maps available on new website to highlight DTT projects and general improved communication. 3. Use base layer mapping to support specific project events and activity calendar for litter picking and general tidiness. 4. Include with all relevant walking maps in each competition submission and up-load to new website to increase awareness. 5. Update the maps at least once a-year ahead of competition entry deadline. Base maps to be designed so that the easily updated every year by hand or by using everyday computer software. 		
Improved Application and 5 year plan supporting documents <u>Time Frame</u> 2022		<p>Collate all existing relevant documents which support the 5 year plan</p> <p>Supported by a needs assessment it will help inform future projects and be part of the on-going valuable evidence of strong working partnerships and community planning within the town</p>	Information on DTT website	<i>Quality of application</i>

1.3 Additional Project to Aid Annual Update – Community – Your Planning and Involvement







PROJECT & TIME FRAME	Project Description	Tasks Undertaken/ Potential Next Steps Time Frame	Role DTT/ Project Partners	Project Outcomes Aligned to Tidy Towns Handbook
Needs Assessment	An opportunity to collect valuable evidence of “the whole community working in unity “	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highlight the value of a community <i>Needs Assessment</i> as outlined in the TT handbook, in terms of improved community led decision making consultation, communication, and improved inclusivity of youth and residents. 	<p><u>Role of DTT:</u> Project Lead</p> <p><u>Project Partners:</u> Potential for partnership with local projects/schools/FE/ Local Business</p>	<i>Participation of whole Community and future Planning</i> <i>Updating 5 yr. Plan</i>
Maintenance / Existing Project Training Days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To promote TT initiative to encourage future partnership working with existing groups, residents, community health, educational and businesses • Opportunity to improve communication to and inclusion of <i>hard to reach</i> <p>To celebrate existing volunteers and initiative, promote local and national awareness and greater community involvement encourage new volunteers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up a training section of Tidy Towns to help co-ordinate the project and highlight other training providers events • Develop a short series of regular project training days for existing projects with the aid of existing volunteers, partnership projects and committee members • Advertise through a monthly/yearly events diary on web-site • Training sessions to be recorded and shared through website, social media • To form the basis of a needs assessment to build on current project and update 5 year plan 		<p><i>Focus on Training</i> <i>Whole community Awareness</i></p> <p><i>Partnership working</i></p> <p><i>Future planning</i></p> <p><i>Updating 5 yr. Plan</i></p>
Tidy Towns Community Survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify other related town and community groups and organisations who can support our improvement work across all the relevant Tidy Town Competition headings. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Commission the production of a simple survey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief survey of existing volunteers • Brief survey of existing and supporters including donors/fund givers. • Brief survey of existing partnership projects 	<p><u>Role of DTT:</u> Project Lead</p> <p><u>Project Partners:</u></p>	<i>Focus on volunteers/ partnerships/ supporters/ stakeholders</i>


	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop proposed engagement routines with these groups that can help us work together in achieving the common goals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Who they are? Their current involvement? What would they like their involvement to be in the future? <p>2. Highlight survey and results on website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promotion /Website/Social Media Photography/Diarist Social Events Specific projects in the key competition areas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> nature and biodiversity in your locality sustainability – doing more with less tidiness & litter control residential streets & housing areas approach roads, streets & lanes 	<p>Key stakeholders within the project areas</p> <p>Residents' groups</p> <p>Community groups</p> <p>Health Care initiatives; access groups, community health and well-being</p> <p>Schools/colleges</p> <p>Faith Groups/</p> <p>Local Business</p>	<p><i>Whole community working</i></p> <p><i>The Role of Volunteers</i></p> <p><i>DTT Awareness</i></p> <p><i>Partnership working</i></p> <p><i>Future planning</i></p> <p><i>Updating 5 yr. Plan</i></p>
Improved Community Planning /Consultation on existing and future projects	Prepare a Needs Assessment Survey/Questionnaires to gather specific data to highlight improved community led decision making and update 5 year plan	<p>1. Commission a <i>Needs Assessment Survey</i>, on existing projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Needs assessment survey for current projects to help modify current work , inform future work and give live updates to the 5 year plan New Annual Community planning workshop event to feed-back results of needs assessment potential future projects and update 5 year plan Community vote to aid the focus on building on existing projects to further development for year 2-5 of 5 Year Plan <p>2. Organise ,promote ,record and publish the event and its findings on website and media</p> <p>3. Launch Junior Tidy Towns initiative and introduce youth representation to DTT committee</p>	<p><u>Role of DTT:</u></p> <p>Project Lead</p> <p><u>Project Partners:</u></p> <p>Potential for partnership with /schools/FE/communit y service initiatives</p>	<p><i>Focus on planning and decision making</i></p> <p><i>Whole community Awareness</i></p> <p><i>Partnership working</i></p> <p><i>Future planning</i></p> <p><i>Updating 5 yr. Plan</i></p>
Funding Strategy	Set up a fundraising subsection of the Tidy Towns committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highlight achievements and supporters on website Evaluate existing and potential areas of funding for the projects including Major donors Celebrate and thank the sponsors/partnerships involved in projects, training days other initiatives through highlighting on the new DTT web site Explore the links to national funding Become members of the PPN to ensure eligibility to apply for grants when available. Publicly thank past and present sponsors to encourage involvement in future projects Project photographs of the existing situation, together with an artist's impression of the finished project, can help in gaining support for the project. 	<p><u>Role of DTT:</u></p> <p>Project Lead</p> <p><u>Project Partners:</u></p> <p>Seek additional support /volunteer from volunteer hub for this skillset</p>	<p><i>Improved sustainability of DTT</i></p> <p><i>Whole community working</i></p> <p><i>Inclusivity</i></p> <p><i>Awareness</i></p> <p><i>Partnership working</i></p> <p><i>Future planning</i></p>
Social Event Diary	Social Event Diary to promoting volunteer retention and increased wellbeing through volunteering.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set up Communications Sub-committee of DTT Advertise calendar of existing and new events on DTT website Photograph for social media and updating 5 year plan Regular social get-together for existing and prospective volunteers and stake holders, including youth representatives, not just work related Regular project awareness days on site 	<p><u>Role of DTT:</u></p> <p>Project Lead</p> <p><u>Project Partners:</u></p> <p>Seek working Partnerships for each project</p>	<p><i>Retention of volunteers /encouragement of New</i></p> <p><i>Whole community working</i></p> <p><i>The Role of Volunteers, Inclusivity</i></p> <p><i>Improved Health and Wellbeing</i></p> <p><i>Awareness</i></p> <p><i>Partnership working</i></p> <p><i>Future planning</i></p>




Section 2: Streetscape and Public Spaces

2.1 Guidance		
2.1.1 Guidance extracted from Supervalu Tidy Towns Handbook		
<p>Buildings: Conservation and presentation of heritage buildings and quality of shop-fronts will be considered, taking account of the design, sustainability, accessibility, usability and suitability of new structures or civic amenity buildings for all people, regardless of age, size, ability or disability. Please highlight the efforts made to address derelict sites and unoccupied buildings even if unsuccessful.</p>	<p>Public Spaces: Consideration will be given to; squares, parks, streetscape, paving, landscaping and street furniture mindful of sustainability and access for all. Condition of street lighting, building facade lighting, appropriately designed signage and way-finding relating to streets and place nameplates. Attention will be given to the presentation of parking locations, historical trails, walkways and access points to local amenities or facilities and the general use of the Irish language.</p>	<p>What the Adjudicator Considers – Elements that influence Architectural Character</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Public and Private Buildings including Derelict Sites and Buildings2. Building Materials and Colour3. Shopfronts and Upper Storeys Graveyards4. Public Places – the Public Realm Streets Street Furniture Paving Monuments, Sculptures and Art Forms Overhead Cables5. Signage6. Boundary Treatments
2.1.2 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)		
<p>‘Streetscape and Public Places’ Category aligns with the following Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):</p> <p>GOAL 3: Good Health and Well-being GOAL 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities GOAL 14: Life Below Water GOAL 15: Life on Land GOAL 17: Partnerships for the Goals</p>		
2.1.2 Drogheda Tidy Towns Vision		
<p>Drogheda has performed consistently well in this Category over the years, but it has the potential to do even better.</p> <p>The centre Drogheda is rich with historic urban spaces and protected structures; however much of the built fabric is in a poor state of repair and dereliction and to the visitor passing through its charms are easily overlooked.</p> <p>Drogheda hosted the Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann in 2018 and 2019. In the lead up to the Fleadh local volunteers and the business community of Drogheda pulled together to clean up Drogheda’s Streetscapes and Public Spaces. Drogheda, once spruced up and buzzing with visitors and activity, was transformed. A real sense of the potential of Drogheda as a cultural event centre was appreciated.</p>	<p>The Historic Core of Drogheda is a fabulous but underutilised asset.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vacant upper storeys should be put back into residential use<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ A used building is a maintained building○ An increase of people living in the historic core will improve economic vitality of the town + provide passive surveillance making the streets safer.• Development of back lanes & back lands<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ There is an abundance of vacant and derelict back lands which should be brought back into use and improve the economic and cultural vitality of the town.	



2.2 Flagship Future Projects 2022-2026



Project / Time Frame / Map Ref	Photo	Project Description	Tasks	Role DTT/ Project Partners	Project Outcomes Aligned to Tidy Towns Handbook	SDGs
The Historic Street Signs Project Time Frame 2022-2023		<p>Survey and Conserve the Historic Street Signs of the Historic Core.</p> <p>Historic Cast Iron signs showing street names have been photographed and scheduled by DTT.</p> <p>A project to paint, clean or replace general street signs has been agreed with Louth County Council.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Survey Historic Street Signs Identify funding stream for conservation works. Tender conservation works. Promote work on website 	<p><u>Role of DTT:</u> Project Lead Grant Aid</p>	<p><i>Conservation and presentation of heritage buildings Elements that influence Architectural Character</i></p>	
'Historic Elements of the Public Realm' Time Frame 2023-2024		<p>Survey and Protection of the 'Historic Elements of the Public Realm' in the Historic Core of including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> limestone kerbing Iron pavement grilles Cobble drains. Historic street furniture Milestones Limestone entrances Historic Signage <p>These elements can easily be overlooked and over time could inadvertently be lost through thoughtless development.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Survey Historic Elements of the Public Realm. Undertake photographic survey of historic elements. Consider an exhibition and producing a calendar to raise awareness of their historic significance. Adopt plan for their care Promote work on website Keep an eye on ongoing development and identify historic elements 'at risk.' Educate building owners of historic significance of elements to encourage their retention and care. 	<p><u>Role of DTT:</u> Project Lead Grant Aid</p> <p><u>Project Partners:</u> LCC LOVEDROGHEDA BID</p>	<p><i>Conservation and presentation of heritage buildings Elements that influence Architectural Character</i></p>	
Address Dereliction within the Historic Core Time Frame 2023-2026		<p>Address dereliction within the historic core by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Raising awareness Engagement with Central Government Engagement with Louth County Council <p>The condition of the traditional buildings within the historic core is in decline due to lack of basic maintenance and high levels of vacancy.</p> <p>The Historic Core of Drogheda is a fabulous but underutilised asset.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vacant upper stories should be put back into residential use <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A used building is a maintained building An increase of people living in the historic core will improve economic vitality of the town + provide passive surveillance making the streets safer. Development of back lanes & back lands <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is an abundance of vacant and derelict back lands which should be brought back into use and improve the economic and cultural vitality of the town. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Raise awareness:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Educate building owners on the economic benefits of basic maintenance i.e., cleaning gutters, removal of vegetation. Run competitions to address certain issues and Invite building owners and businesses to compete. i.e. Promote public awareness of https://vacanthomes.ie/ central portal for individuals to anonymously log possible vacant properties and alert local authorities who can then follow up with the owners to see whether the house can be re-used quickly. <u>Engagement with Central Government:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lobby central government adopt the Town Centre Living Initiative. Lobby central government for grants for first-time buyers to do up old homes. Lobby for city status so that Drogheda's level of investment matches its requirements. Lobby for implementation of the Proposed Port Access Northern Cross Route (PANCR) which would free up the North Quay from HGVs. 	<p><u>Role of DTT:</u> Raise Awareness Lobby Central Government Lobby LCC</p> <p><u>Project Partners:</u> LCC LOVEDROGHEDA BID Drogheda Chamber of Commerce</p>		  

			<p>3. Engagement with Louth County Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For improved cleaning regime for paved surfaces of West Street. Lobby for a coherent masterplan for the future development of Drogheda town along the lines of Waterford and Westport. Lobby LCC to consider ways to ensure greater Council presence, visibility and engagement in Drogheda. Local Authority clarify what the Fáilte Ireland 'Destination Town' designation can bring to Drogheda, and how this can be progressed accordingly. Lobby LCC to adopt 'Urban Design Framework Plan for the Heritage Quarter, Drogheda' as a guidebook for future Drogheda Tidy Towns Projects Prepared by Shaffery Associates Architects, Michelle Associates, Stephen Little Associates & Margaret Gowen for Louth County Council 2013. 			
<p>DTT Drogheda Town Walls 5 Year Plan:</p> <p>Recover and present the historic line of the Medieval Walls.</p> <p><u>Time Frame</u> 2024-2026</p>	<p>CONSERVATION PLAN Town walls and other defences of Drogheda</p>  <p>2006 Conservation Plan Town Walls and other defences of Drogheda.</p>	<p>Drogheda Town Walls: Recover and present the historic line of the Medieval Walls.</p> <p>Drogheda Tidy Towns, through their work, have the opportunity to protect '<i>the coherence and plan form of the circuit of the town walls and defences on both sides of the river; and to making the circuit an essential part of the 'old town's identity'</i></p> <p>The 2006 Conservation Plan Town Walls and other defences of Drogheda was prepared by The Integrated Conservation Group and John Cronin & Associates Planning Consultants, Managing Editor Margaret Gowen for Drogheda Borough Council and the Heritage Council.</p> <p>The Conservation Plan was developed in consultation with a steering group which included members the local authority as well as the Heritage Council and the National Monuments Council. The plan, with observations & opportunities and policies contained therein were adopted by the elected members of Drogheda Borough Council on 2 October 2006.</p>	<p>1. Set up 'Drogheda Town Walls Committee Sub-Committee'.</p> <p>2. Review 2006 Conservation Plan Town Walls and identity project opportunities for DTT Town Walls 5 Year Plan :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Within existing projects to protect and enhance the town wall. For improved presentation and urban integration/Streetscape/Public presentation of the wall at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Murdock's Yard Carpark Between Fair Gate and West Gate Patrick Street Link between St Laurence's Gate and standing remains @ Featherbed Lane The Mollies The blind gate (re-open) south of Millmount. Remains of Butlers Gate Greenway link following the former town linking John Street with the Butler Gate and then onto Millmount. Marking the Wall Alignment in the Pavement (using materials identified in Conservation Plan) Marking the Gateways into medieval Drogheda Creating an identity/Brand. Opportunities to mark the wall alignment of in pavement. Monitor planning applications/LCC improvement works and advice on opportunities to recover or present the town wall. Survey list of scheduled monuments on the line of the town wall to possible adoption by DTT under 'Adopt a Monument' Scheme (see below) 	<p><u>Role of DTT:</u> Project Lead Grant Aid</p> <p><u>Project Partners:</u> LCC LOVEDROGHEDA BID Drogheda Historical Society</p>	<p><i>Conservation and presentation of heritage buildings</i></p>	<p>11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES</p> <p>15 LIFE ON LAND</p> <p>17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS</p>
Adopt a Monument on		<p>'Adopt a Monument'; A scheme run by the heritage council to help communities become actively involved in</p>	<p><u>Tasks:</u></p> <p>1. Consider adopting a Monument on route of Medieval Town Wall. In conjunction with 'Recover and present</p>			<p>11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES</p>

<p>route of Medieval Town Wall</p> <p>Time Frame 2024-2026</p>	 	<p>the conservation and interpretation of their local archaeological and cultural heritage sites.</p> <p>https://www.heritagecouncil.ie/projects/adopt-a-monument</p> <p>It is a mentoring scheme for community groups which want to take on the care and maintenance of a scheduled monument.</p> <p>The scheme teaches best practice which will help the community them gain funding, as well as the knowledge of how to apply it correctly.</p>	<p>the historic line of the Medieval Walls’ town wall project above. DTT to undertake a survey list and of scheduled monuments on the line of the town wall to adopt under ‘Adopt a Monument’ Scheme.</p> <p>2. Consider St Mary’s Memorial Cross, Mary Street, Dublin Road. A freestanding Celtic high cross style monument, built c. 1930 "IN HONOURED MEMORY OF THOSE FROM DROGHEDA AND DISTRICT WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE GREAT WAR"</p>			
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2.3 Additional Projects to Aid Annual Update

Project / Time Frame / Map Ref	Photo	Project Description	Tasks	Role DTT/ Project Partners	Project Outcomes Aligned to Tidy Towns Handbook	SDGs
<p>St. Laurence’s Gate & Surrounding Area</p>	 <p>View from the top of St Laurence’s gate looking west down St Laurence Street</p>  <p>View from the top of St Laurence’s gate looking east towards the Boyne Viaduct. ©BuidlingsReimagined 2017</p>	<p>Open St Laurence’s Gate to the Public.</p> <p>St Laurence’s Gate is a 13th Century Barbican – one of only two surviving gateways into the medieval town wall.</p>	<p>Open St Laurence’s Gate to the Public.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop user friendly pedestrian plan based on street scape funding from Failte Ireland. Lobby Office of Public Works and Louth County Council to progress essential structural repairs. Lobby Office of Public Works and Louth County Council for the design of a ‘Visitor Management Solution’ to provide safe visitor access to the interior and viewing area at the top of the gate. 	<p><u>Role of DTT:</u> Project Champion</p> <p><u>Project Partners:</u> Louth County Council (LCC) Office of Public Works Drogheda Historical Society LOVEDROGHEDA BID</p>	<p><i>Conservation and presentation of heritage buildings</i></p> <p><i>Elements that influence Architectural Character</i></p>	

<p>Plaza at St Peter's Hill</p>	 <p>St Peter's Hill Before</p> <p>St Peter's Hill After</p>	<p>Develop a public meeting space at Peters Hill which will feature high-quality paving and seating, a bespoke sculptural art work and 'soft planting' and 'street tree planting based on funding supported by the European Union's PEACE IV Programme</p>	<p>Tasks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plans and particulars of the proposed development already drafted and shared with public for feedback" Continue to support delivery of project. 	<p><u>Role of DTT:</u> Project Champion</p> <p><u>Project Partners:</u> Louth County Council LOVEDROGHEDA BID Drogheda Historical</p>	<p><i>Conservation and presentation of heritage buildings</i></p> <p><i>Elements that influence Architectural Character</i></p>	
<p>West Gate Vision</p>	 <p>Westgate Vision</p> <p>The regeneration of Westgate, Drogheda</p>	<p>Louth County Council has launched this exciting project for the regeneration and development of the Westgate Vision Area in Drogheda. This project seeks to recover the streetscape and provide high quality public spaces that will transform Westgate and act as a catalyst for positive regeneration of the area in the broader town centre.</p>	<p>Westgate Vision will be delivered in three stages over a 10 year plus time frame.</p> <p>Initial work, due to be carried out will improve the visual amenity and public facilities in the immediate area. This will include repairing and repainting prominent buildings, removal of inappropriate signage and the provision of high-quality shop fronts, soft landscaping of public areas and facilitating pedestrian access through Old Abbey Lane to Narrow West Street.</p> <p>The Vision also promotes investment in the sensitive adaption and reuse of vacant buildings, as well as the development of vacant lands for new homes and businesses. A key objective is to promote a thriving urban centre, attractive to residents and businesses alike.</p> <p>Westgate Vision is a holistic urban regeneration guide that balances protection of heritage assets with townscape recovery - a blueprint to create a vibrant, liveable urban heritage district in the town</p> <p>The public consultation process regarding the regeneration of the West Gate area already has commenced.</p>	<p><u>Role of DTT:</u> Monitoring Supporter</p> <p><u>Project Partners:</u> Local Volunteers BIDS / Louth County Council</p>	<p><i>Conservation and presentation of heritage buildings</i></p> <p><i>Elements that influence Architectural Character</i></p>	

Section 3: Greenspaces and Landscaping

3.1 Guidance

3.1.1 Guidance extracted from Supervalu Tidy Towns Handbook

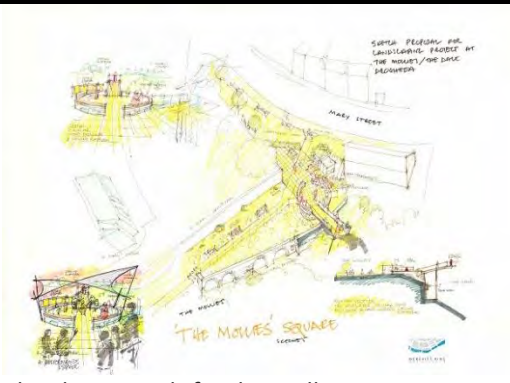







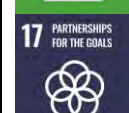



<p><u>Category Includes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Greenspaces and Landscaping• Planning a Planting Programme• Planting to address vandalism• Trees<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Planting of Trees – Use of Native Trees◦ Care of Established Trees◦ Tree Removal◦ Shrub and Perennial Planting Schemes – Use of Native Scrubs• Controlling weeds with chemicals• Annual Bedding Displays	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plant Containers• Edible Landscapes• Planting a Community Orchard• Community Gardens• Community Woodlands• Maintenance of Amenity and Green Areas• Wildflower Meadows• Control of Invasive Species• Picnic Sites Recreational Walks and Trails• Children’s Play Areas, Teen Spaces and Outdoor Fitness Facilities.	<p><u>What the Adjudicator Considers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The appropriate selection and siting of trees, hedges , shrubs and flowers for year-round effect• The maintenance of trees, including formative pruning (if required), watering and attention to the stakes and ties. Over-pruning and pruning when not required can be a common issue.• Incorporation of native and pollinator into planting schemes where appropriate. The planting of the incorrect species of trees, such as non-native trees where a native tree would be much more appropriate e.g., at the edges of towns and villages where they meet the countryside.• The location, design and maintenance of planted areas• The planning, design and management of green spaces.• Presentation of landscaping of all entrances to your town/village/locality
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6.1.2 Sustainable Development Goals


<p>‘Greenspaces and Landscaping’ Category aligns with the following Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):</p> <p>GOAL 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities</p> <p>GOAL 12: Responsible Consumption and Production</p> <p>GOAL 13: Climate Action</p> <p>GOAL 14: Life Below Water</p> <p>GOAL 15: Life on Land</p> <p>&</p> <p>GOAL 17: Partnerships for the Goals</p>	     
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3.2 Flagship Future Projects 2022-2026— Greenspaces and Landscaping

Project / Time Frame / Map Ref	Photo	Project Description	Tasks	Role DTT/ Project Partners	Project Outcomes Aligned to Tidy Towns Handbook	SDGs
Planting Programme <u>Time Frame</u> 2022-2024		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commission a planting and management plan to include each of the existing project areas to inform annual planting To consider the landscape and setting of Drogheda Chosen plants should suit local conditions. Controlling weeds Maintenance of Amenity and Green Areas Conduct Needs Assessment <p>Green Spaces and Landscaping including review of existing Urban Design Framework Plan for the Heritage Quarter, Drogheda</p>	6mths/2yr: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DTT to Commission Survey in partnership with LCC /Chamber of Commerce/BID Share survey data with partners and highlight on website Photographic diary for all projects. Use to support future projects and funding applications 1/5yrs - Funding support to implement	<u>Role of DTT:</u> Commission consultants <u>Project Partners:</u> LCC LOVEDROGHEDA BID Chamber of Commerce Resident Associations	<i>Planning a Planting Programme</i> <i>Maintenance of Amenity and Green Areas</i> <i>Controlling weeds with chemicals</i> <i>Control of Invasive Species</i>	
Tree Survey & Management Plan <u>Time Frame</u> 2022-2023		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commission a tree survey and management plan A tree survey to inform the following <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A planting plan for Trees – Use Native Trees (see list of native trees page 8 of the Supervalu Tidy Towns Handbook) Care of Established Trees Tree removal Shrub and Perennial Planting Schemes – Use of Native Scrubs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DTT to Commission Survey Share survey data with partners and highlight on website 	<u>Role of DTT:</u> Commission consultants <u>Project Partners:</u> LCC LOVEDROGHEDA BID Chamber of Commerce	<i>Trees</i> <i>Planning a Planting Programme</i> <i>Maintenance of Amenity and Green Areas</i>	
The Mollies – Improved Public Presentation <u>Time Frame</u> 2024-2026		THE MOLLIES – IMPROVED PUBLIC PRESENTATION New landscaping plan at the Mollies. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mark the line of the town wall in appropriate materials New lining and street furniture to enhance the urban space. New hard landscaping within the town wall /soft landscaping outside the town wall. Interpretation panels. <p><i>Ref: Page 48 Conservation Plan Town Walls and other Defences of Drogheda</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lobby LCC for progression of proposals for Mollies Square <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase 1 - paving to form the square and picnic Area on the plan with planting. Phase 2, construction of circular social area and the enabling foundation work to build the ramp/viewing platform Phase 3 – construction of a cantilevered viewing walk over the old town wall. Support project with grant aid Raise Awareness Consider interpretation panels as part of a Town Wall Brand (see Section 2 Streetscape and Public Places). 	<u>Role of DTT:</u> Project Champion Grant aid <u>Project Partners:</u> LCC The Red Door McKevitt King Architects		

	 <i>Sketch Proposals for the Mollies Square, Drogheda © McKeivitt King Architects</i>					
Dominican Church – Garden Restoration and Maintenance Time Frame 2023-2024	 <i>Sketch Proposals for the Mollies Square, Drogheda © McKeivitt King Architects</i>	<p>Restoration and Maintenance of the Dominican Church Garden.</p> <p>Early 2021 Dominican Church and Priory was taken into the care of Louth County Council.</p> <p>The garden has been part of the church grounds since the 1800s and it is also the burial ground of Fr Meadthe, the Drogheda man who built the church.</p> <p>2024 is the 800 years of the Dominican presence in Drogheda.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare a planting and management plan of the existing garden. Controlling weeds New signage/memorial plaque to commemorate 800 years of Dominican presence in Drogheda. 	<p>Role of DTT: Supporter</p> <p>Project Partners: LCC LOVEDROGHEDA BID Chamber of Commerce</p>	<p><i>Planning a Planting Programme</i></p>	  
Rejuvenation of the Dale (Red Door Project) Time Frame 2024-2026	 <i>Volunteers and staff of the Red Door Project with Councillors with their mural in 2018 ©Drogheda Life</i>	<p>The Red Door Project an Addiction Resources Centre in Drogheda are undertaking rejuvenation of the Dale. http://www.thereddoorproject.ie/mission/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DTT funded the Mural painted by local artist Gary McGuire and local volunteers. Planting to address vandalism Community Planning a Planting Programme Maintenance of Amenity and Green Areas Edible Planting Project (NP) to be included in new emerging Planting and Maintenance Plan 	<p>3/6mths - Promote the project on the new DTT website including new mapping and photo diary</p> <p>1/5yrs - DTT to help fund planting /support funding applications</p> <p>6mths/1year - Highlight on website Include in photo diary and map Include project in commissioning of new Needs Assessment to inform future requirements and cooperation with TT vision</p> <p>1/5yrs - Use data to support future funding bids and annual updating 5-year plan</p>	<p>Role of DTT: Supporter Raising Awareness</p> <p>Project Partners: Red Door LCC</p>	<p><i>Rejuvenation of the Dale (Red Door Project)</i></p> <p><i>Community Gardens</i></p> <p><i>Planning a Planting Programme</i></p>	  
YELLOWBATTER PARK Time Frame 2024-2026		<p>Improvements Park Entrance and New Playground to complement the Glen Project.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improvement to Yellowbatter Park entrance from Ballymakenny Road to Community Centre. Remove overgrown tarmac from the road to the walking path and replace with cobble lock paving. Incorporate trees. Playground in the Glen/Yellowbatter to compliment the Glen Park Project. Suggested location where there were once swings. 	<p>Role of DTT: Supporter</p> <p>Project Lead: LCC</p> <p>Project Partners: Leader Community Enhance ment Programme</p>		  

3.3 Additional Projects to Aid Annual Update – Greenspaces and Landscaping

Project / Time Frame / Map Ref	Photo	Project Description	Tasks	Role DTT/ Project Partners	Project Outcomes Aligned to Tidy Towns Handbook	SDGs
Signage plan for the Boyne Camino St. Peter's West St.		<p><i>The Boyne Valley Camino is a self-guided, 25km looped walk from Drogheda, which forms part of the Celtic Camino series. It was created by the Boyne Valley Walking and Drogheda Walks teams.</i></p> <p><i>The walk goes along the Boyne, through beautiful Townley Hall woods, via two OPW sites of Mellifont Abbey and Oldbridge House, through the village of Tullyallen, along the Boyne Canal, and returns to Drogheda along the stunning Boyneside Trail.</i></p> <p><i>Official Camino Passports can be used to collect beautiful stamps created by local artists en route. This 25km Boyne Valley Camino can be continued in Galicia by walking the old pilgrim route from A Coruña (the port of landing of pilgrims from Ireland through ages) to Santiago de Compostela (75km) to complete the 100km required to receive an official Compostela.</i></p> <p><i>Above Text Extracted from https://www.discoverboynevalley.ie/boyne-valley-drive/heritage-sites/boyne-valley-camino</i></p>	<p><u>Drogheda Tidy Towns Actions:</u></p> <p>3/6mths - Promote the project on the new DTT website including new mapping</p> <p>3mths/5years - Create a regular DTT photo diary of the project to add to website and update 5 year plan and competition submission</p> <p>6mths/1year - Include project in commissioning of new “Needs Assessment” to inform future requirements and cooperation with TT vision and that of other initiatives (LCC/BID/ Chamber of Commerce)</p> <p>1/5yrs - Use “Needs Assessment” data to support future funding bids and annual updating 5-year plan</p> <p>Ongoing - Share information</p>	<p><u>Role of DTT:</u> Supporter Raising Awareness</p> <p><u>Project Partners:</u> LCC LOVEDROGHEDA BID Chamber of Commerce New photograph volunteer/ Volunteer Hub “Needs Assessment” Consultants</p>	<i>Recreational Walks and Trails</i>	
Extension of the Boyneside Trail		<p>https://www.drogheda.ie/explore-and-do/do/tours-and-trails/boyne-greenway.html</p> <p><u>Phase I: Complete</u></p> <p>1.9km long Boyne Greenway from St. Dominic's Park near the ‘Bridge of Peace’ in Drogheda, along the south bank of the River Boyne to the site of the Battle of the Boyne Visitor Centre at Oldbridge.</p> <p>The walking and cycling facility use sections of boardwalk to create a riverside resource connecting Drogheda’s town centre to the Oldbridge Estate, via the existing ramparts. Along the boardwalk are a number of heritage signs with information about Irish Mythology relevant to the Boyne Valley.</p> <p>https://www.drogheda.ie/explore-and-do/do/tours-and-trails/boyne-greenway.html</p>	<p><u>Drogheda Tidy Towns Actions:</u></p> <p>Promote Extension of walk – Drogheda to Mornington</p> <p>Ongoing - Support through with grant aid.</p> <p>3/6mths - Promote the project on the new DTT website including new mapping</p> <p>3mths/5yrs & Ongoing - Create a regular DTT photo diary of the project to add to website and update 5 year plan and competition submission</p>	<p><u>Role of DTT:</u> Supporter Raising Awareness</p>	<i>Recreational Walks and Trails</i>	

Section 4: Nature and Biodiversity in your locality

4.1 Guidance

4.1.1 Guidance extracted from Supervalu Tidy Towns Handbook

<p><i>This Category is all about how you understand, protect and enhance nature and bio-diversity in your local area. The Adjudicator is looking for evidence that you have a clear understanding of the natural components of your locality and that your work takes these into account at a very fundamental level. Crucially you should demonstrate that you appreciate the most ecologically valuable areas in your locality and that your work will never have a negative impact on these. You should tell us how you have sought good advice on dealing with these areas and how you have put this into practice. Ideally, your Tidy Towns Group should be carrying out well-informed and researched projects that will help enhance and protect nature and biodiversity in your locality either through projects on your own or through your working with local businesses and community groups. How you share your knowledge and awareness of your communities is also a key aspect of this category.</i></p>	<p>What the Adjudicator Considers:</p> <p>1. Knowing and understanding Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A Habitat Survey• A Habitat Map• Areas Designated for Nature Conservation <p>2. Habitats and Species in your Locality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rivers/Streams, Lakes and Freshwater Habitats• Beaches Dunes and Coastal Areas• Woodlands, Treelines and Hedgerows• Buildings and Stonewalls• Parks and Open Spaces• Bats & Tidy Towns• Minding Birds in your Locality• Creating nesting places• Feeding Birds	<p>3. Actions for Nature and Biodiversity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A Local Biodiversity Plan• Surveys• Tree Planting• Actions for Pollinators• Habitat Creation• Habitat Management• Invasive Species• Planting Schemes that are Pretty (and) Good for Wildlife <p>4. Awareness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Schools• Signs• Leaflets• Website• Social Media• Events
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4.1.2 Sustainable Development Goals






<p>‘Nature and Biodiversity in your locality’ Category aligns with the following Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):</p> <p>GOAL 6: Clean Water and Sanitation</p> <p>GOAL 13: Climate Action</p> <p>GOAL 14: Life Below Water</p> <p>GOAL 15: Life on Land</p> <p>GOAL 17: Partnerships for the Goals</p>	
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4.1.2 Drogheda Tidy Towns Vision





<p>‘Support and develop local natural and wildlife environments’</p> <p><i>We have continued to approach biodiversity as one of our top priorities.</i></p> <p><i>In recent years we have increased our activity and the promotion of areas such as bee corridors, the need to protect species such as the soprano pipistrel bat and to see biodiversity gardens created.</i></p> <p><i>As a committee we consider this to be a key part of our activity throughout the year</i></p> <p><i>We can function as a source of information and a support to any group undertaking a project that will not only enhance the appearance of the area but will be beneficial to the local environment.</i></p>	<p>The continued loss of Biodiversity and impact of the Climate Emergency are the biggest threats to our planet and our way of life.</p> <p>Arguably Nature & Biodiversity in your Locality’ together with ‘Sustainability – Doing More with Less,’ ‘are the most important categories in the competition.</p> <p>Biodiversity & Sustainability and are also issues that matter to youth.</p> <p>Situated on the tidal estuary of the Boyne River which runs as far up as Oldbridge. Drogheda has a wealth of natural habitats including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boyne Estuary -Special Protection Area (SPA) for Wetland & Waterbirds• Boyne Coast and Estuary - Special Area of Conservation (SAC)	<p><u>Opportunities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To engage with the youth of the town by engaging them on issues that matter to them –Biodiversity and Sustainability.• Inform and engage the wider community on DTT’s projects which seek to understand, protect and enhance nature and bio-diversity and change the perception that Tidy Towns is only about picking up litter and hanging baskets.• Page 11 of the Tidy Towns handbook on this category has a list of 19 organisation and their Websites addresses which offer:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Additional information and guidance on Biodiversity.○ Educational material○ Free trees○ Avenues for funding• Look for opportunities to work with Louth Nature Trust
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4.2 Future Projects 2022-2026 – Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality

Project / Time Frame / Map Ref	Photo	Project Description	Tasks	Role DTT/ Project Partners	Project Outcomes Aligned to Tidy Towns Handbook	SDGs
Biodiversity section on new Drogheda Tidy Towns website Time Frame 2022		Biodiversity section on new Drogheda Tidy Towns website to promote: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To promote existing protects Biodiversity awareness To encourage involvement of new volunteers 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> highlight links to on website and social media to National Initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Pollinator Plan https://pollinators.ie/ Coast Watch survey http://coastwatch.org/europe/survey/#all-ireland-survey The Little Tern Project Set up an 'Event Calendar' on DTT website to raise awareness and encourage participation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 'No Mow May' 	<u>Role of DTT:</u> Raise Awareness Supporter	<i>Awareness Social Media Education</i>	
Habitat Map Time Frame 2024	 ©The Heritage Council	Commission a Habitat map and encourage community groups/schools to undertake habitat surveys to populate map.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Set up 'Nature and Biodiversity Sub-Committee'. Commission Habitat Map <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use to evidence your DTT's understanding of natural components in your locality to the adjudicator. Publish the map in the local paper and use to improve awareness in the community of the habitats on their doorstep. Consider uploading to web site and then adding hyperlinks to any habitat surveys undertaken to improve awareness. Use to identify and coordinate areas for future habitat surveys. 	<u>Role of DTT:</u> Commission a habitat map <u>Project Partners:</u> Local Schools. Red Door/ LCC Heritage Officer	<i>Awareness Social Media Education</i>	  
Actions to Help Pollinators Time Frame 2022	 <i>Local Communities: actions to help pollinators' Guidelines 1</i> https://pollinators.ie/	Support the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan - an island-wide attempt to reverse declines in pollinating insects. https://pollinators.ie/ Actions to undertake include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and project existing areas that are good for pollinators and locate on habitat map. Encourage reduction in frequency of mowing to benefit pollinators. Provide pollinator friendly planting – see list in guidelines. Provide wild pollinator nesting habitats. hedgerows, earth banks and hotels Reduce use of pesticides Raise public awareness of pollinators within the local area on DTT website. Tracking progress and recognition of efforts - log actions on the 'Actions for Pollinators' online mapping system. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Download 'Local Communities: actions to help pollinators' Guidelines 1 https://pollinators.ie/ . These guidelines contain 24 useful actions to help pollinators. Set up 'Nature and Biodiversity Sub-Committee' to review guidelines above. Prepare and adopt 5 year DTT Pollinator Action Plan. Progress pollinator friendly planting at the following locations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Banks overlooking the Dublin road at the Mac Bridge Drogheda Train Station. Ballymakeeny Road at Broad Meadows. The Glen The Dales Log pollinator friendly actions on the 'Actions for Pollinators' online mapping system. Make specific mention of actions undertaken in annual submission to Tidy Towns Competition. Enter the local Authority Pollinator Award in the national Tidy Towns competition 	<u>Role of DTT:</u> Project Lead Raise Awareness. <u>Project Partners:</u> LCC/ Red Door/ Irish Rail/	<i>Awareness Social Media Education</i>	 


<p>The Dale</p> <p><u>Time Frame</u> 2022-2024</p>		<p>Rejuvenation of the Dale (Red Door Project) The Red Door Project are undertaking rejuvenation of the Dale.</p> <p>TT Biodiversity Survey was undertaken by the students from St. Mary's C.B.S.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information on initiative to populate new website including Biodiversity Survey undertaken by St Marys CBS Add project to DTT Clean Up Calendar on website to highlight regular clean-up events Add project area to the new planting and management plan to be commissioned by DTT to aid planning of native host plants and removal of invasive species such as Japanese Knotweed Highlight on website support available in terms of training and survey material Funding is also being sought to develop the area into a user-friendly walkway. Manage website and Events calendar Support and Seek additional funding for surveys Use evidence gathered and information from a Needs Assessment to inform future projects and adding value to existing 	<p><u>Role of DTT:</u> Supporter Raise Awareness Grant Aid</p> <p><u>Project Partners:</u> Red Door/LCC/BID</p>	<p>Opportunity to join national initiative if not already <i>Areas Designated for Nature Conservation</i></p> <p><i>Habitat survey</i> <i>Habitat Map</i></p> <p><i>Feeding birds</i> <i>Nesting Birds</i></p>	
<p>Become an Ark</p> <p><u>Time Frame</u> 2022-2023</p>		<p>Support 'Become an Ark'</p> <p>An Ark is a restored, native ecosystem, a local, small, medium, or large rewilding project. It's a thriving patch of native plants and creatures that have been allowed and supported to re-establish in the earths intelligent, successional process of natural restoration. Over time this becomes a pantry and a habitat for our pollinators and wild creatures who are in desperate need of support. Become an Ark https://wearetheark.org/</p> <p><i>'Weaving a patchwork of safe havens for Nature globally, in our gardens, schools, public spaces and beyond.'</i></p>	<p>Add biodiversity projects in Drogheda to the Ark movement to the online interactive map on https://wearetheark.org/ Webpage has resource pages on what native host plants for moths and butterflies.</p> <p>Enormous potential improvement on tidy towns points as gives information and guidance so that individual households and gardens can become Arks</p>	<p><u>Role of DTT:</u> Promoter</p>	<p><i>Areas Designated for Nature Conservation Awareness</i></p>	
<p>Green Flag Initiative and Retaining Status</p> <p><u>Time Frame</u> 2022-2023</p> <p>2024-2026</p>		<p>Support works to retain Green Flag Award status at Dominic's Park.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highlight the need to commission Green Flag Action Plan on website Biodiversity section and Green School section on new website Photographic diary Make available to support future competition applications and funding Engage with Green flag schools and secondary schools to for projects linked to the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan www.pollinators.ie/resources. 	<p><u>Role of DTT:</u> Raise Awareness Supporter</p>	<p><i>Awareness Education Schools</i></p>	

4.3 Additional Projects to Aid Annual Update – Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality











Project / Time Frame / Map Ref	Photo	Project Description	Tasks	Role DTT/ Project Partners	Project Outcomes Aligned to Tidy Towns Handbook	SDGs
Community Planning / Consultation on existing and future projects Needs Assessment		<p>Prepare a Needs Assessment Survey/Questionnaires to gather specific data relating to current and future biodiversity projects to highlight improved community led decision making and update 5 year plan</p> <p>Underpinned by national and local guidance and surveys</p> <p>National Pollinator Plan https://pollinators.ie/ Coast Watch survey http://coastwatch.org/europe/survey/#all-ireland-survey</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Needs assessment survey for current projects to help modify current work , inform future work, and give live updates to the 5 year plan Annual update of 5 year plan 	<p><u>Role of DTT:</u> Commission a Needs Assessment Highlight on DTT website</p> <p><u>Project Partners:</u> LCC</p>	<p><i>Awareness Education Schools Community Planning</i></p>	<p>17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS</p> 
Dominic's Park, Biodiversity Project New Interpretation Boards Bird Survey Habitat Survey		<p>St Dominic's Park is a focal point for wildlife and amenity in the town with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tidal river Established deciduous and evergreen trees Bat boxes Playground Outdoor gym Ramparts leading onto the boardwalk of the Boyneside River Walk Bridge Jam Urban Art Project Skate Park Access to Dominic's Bridge and the Wanderer Sculpture <p>Undertake a project which includes the placement of Biodiversity interpretation signage at Dominic's Park, in conjunction with St. Oliver's School</p> <p>Work to support the production of a habitat and Bird survey to inform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Habitat map Provision for Feeding birds Provision for Nesting Birds Highlight links and join national/international initiatives Highlight support available in terms of design and design competition material Business sponsorship opportunity e.g., small local ceramic firm, Men's sheds link Training opportunities Tree planting ,willow tunnel planting/ weaving Information to populate new website Photographic diary <p>Identify actions to retain Green flag status and update 5yr plan</p>	<p><u>Tasks:</u></p> <p>3-6mths - Project page Links on web pages</p> <p>6mths-1yr - Add project to Needs Assessment</p> <p>1-2yrs - Lobby BID and Chamber of Commerce</p> <p>6mth-1yr - Commission Green Flag Action Plan</p> <p>1-2yrs - Commission Community led Habitat and Bird Survey</p> <p>2-3yrs - Informed by habitat and bird survey develop project to access /plant free trees underpinned by guidance from new Planting and management Plan</p> <p>3-5yrs - Commission a series of Lectures</p>	<p><u>Project Partners:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LCC Schools BID C of C 	<p><i>Trees Bats Walks</i></p> <p><i>Habitat survey Habitat Map Schools Feeding birds Nesting Birds Awareness Education</i></p>	<p>14 LIFE BELOW WATER</p>  <p>15 LIFE ON LAND</p>  <p>17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS</p> 





Red Door and The Dale Beehive Project		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to develop Beehives at Red Door to support an increase of bee population Expand the initiative to other areas linked to the proposed new planting and management plan Including the Dale an undisturbed natural environment at the very heart of the town All underpinned by National Pollinator Plan https://pollinators.ie/ Amazon beehive initiative to link with The Red Door Project to make The Dale an environmental and biodiversity park <p>Expand on the new initiative to introduce beehives on rooftops within the town.</p>	<p>Tasks:</p> <p>3-6mths - Highlight initiative and national links on Web pages</p> <p>6mths/1 year - Commission Hive Map</p> <p>6mths /5yrs - Support and sponsor project</p> <p>1-2yrs - Share new Planting and Management Plan to aid project</p> <p>2-5yrs - Encourage and Sponsor a Local Biodiversity Lecture series</p>	Tony Conaghy (Beekeeper/Educator) Red Door/ LCC/ BID/Amazon	<p><i>Bees Pollinators Planting and management Plan Awareness Education</i></p> <p><i>Increased partnership working</i></p> <p><i>Awareness Educational work</i></p>	 
Boyneside Trail Wildlife Interpretation Signage		New Wildlife Interpretation signage along the Boyneside trail	<p>Tasks:</p> <p>1/2yrs - Highlight project on website</p> <p>2/3yrs - Use information gathered from Habitat Survey to inform signage.</p> <p>3/5yrs - Sponsor a design competition for inclusive and accessible signage commission</p>	Links to Biodiversity Signage Dominic's Park St Oliver's School Links to the Dale	<p><i>Awareness Schools Education Signage</i></p>	  
Promote Awareness of Biodiversity in Council Parks		Help Promote Biodiversity in Council parks focusing on bio-diversity related to the River Boyne.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop stronger links Louth CC grounds maintenance; to commission Planting and Management Survey focussed on Council Parks To inform training and future projects Information to populate new website and identify areas of Council parks and green areas uncut in a bid to help pollinator plan Develop wildflowers, bees, meadows and mini meadows environment. Erect signage to build awareness and engage the public Organise clean-ups along the banks of the River Boyne. 	<p>Role of DTT: Project Champion and Project Partner</p> <p>Project Partners: Louth County Council</p>	<p><i>Awareness Planting and management Plan Education</i></p>	



Section 5: Sustainability – Doing More with Less

5.1 Guidance		
5.1.1 Guidance extracted from Supervalu Tidy Towns Handbook		
<p><i>This category has been evolving in keeping with current EU and government policy as well as ‘best practice’ guidelines. It encapsulates how we try to minimise our use of all resources within the community so that we reduce our environmental impact. It is a broad category so you may be surprised at how many of your existing community initiatives are relevant.</i></p>	<p>What the Adjudicator Considers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Describe how your activities help to make your community more environmentally sustainable. Not just your own direct activities but those of local business, schools, community buildings, and community gatherings and events etc... Remember it’s a very broad area: water, transport, waste, energy, and climate action.• Show an understanding of what this category means and awareness of the move towards a Circular Economy and implementation of Sustainable Development Goals (which you are probably doing away!).• Provide evidence of how you as a Tidy Towns group reduce your environmental impact; reduce your environmental impact, reduce paper usage, zero waste or plastic free committee, car-pooling or walking to meetings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How you use resources for projects you are involved in (i.e., methods or materials you use), e.g., Reusing salvage materials for landscaping or biodiversity projects. Removing the use of pesticides as well as water conservation landscaping projects.• Awareness raising activities carried out across your community – workshops, demonstrations, information days, stalls at farmers markets, joining with the school.• Awareness raising campaigns using local newsletters, noticeboards, local media, social media.• Are you linking with other groups in the community? Sharing ideas and information or doing joint initiatives? E.g., Cub Scouts & Brownies look for environmental projects and can earn badges and Men’s/Women’s Sheds or Active Retirement groups enjoy upcycling and repair projects.
5.1.2 Sustainable Development Goals		
<p>‘Sustainability – Doing More with Less’ Category aligns with the following Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):</p> <p>GOAL 6: Clean Water and Sanitation GOAL 7: Affordable and Clean Energy GOAL 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure GOAL 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities GOAL 12: Responsible Consumption and Production GOAL 13: Climate Action GOAL 14: Life Below Water GOAL 15: Life on Land GOAL 17: Partnerships for the Goals</p>		
5.1.2 Drogheda Tidy Towns vision		
<p>Minimise Environmental implications and protect for future generations</p> <p>The impact of the Climate Emergency and the continued loss of Biodiversity are the biggest threats to our planet and our way of life.</p> <p>Arguably ‘Sustainability – Doing More with Less,’ together with ‘Nature & Biodiversity in your Locality’ are the most important categories in the competition.</p> <p>Sustainability and Biodiversity are also issues that matter to youth.</p> <p>Drogheda Tidy Towns (DTT) performs poorly in this category, its mark for 2019, its highest in recent years, is only 40%. It is worth noting that other Towns also perform poorly in this category – Glaslough’s mark in 2019 was also 40% and Ennis’s 2019 mark was only marginally better at 48%.</p>	<p>A random sample of 2019 adjudication reports would indicate that most towns perform very poorly in this category and for many it is their worst performing category. If DTT were to show marked improvement in this category, they could significantly improve their standing in the completion overall.</p> <p><u>Opportunities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To engage with the youth of the town by involving them on the issues that matter to them – Sustainability and Biodiversity• Involve the community in climate action and change the perception that Tidy Towns is just about picking up litter and hanging baskets.• Improve DTT’s overall standing in the competition by improving points in Sustainability category which is the competitions lowest performing category.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tidy Towns handbook is full of advice on how to easily improve points in this category including:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Advice on how to better describe and demonstrate understanding about sustainability measures you and your community are already doing but may not realise it.○ Participate in Raising Awareness Campaigns – particularly with youth.○ A list of simple and practice ‘top tips’ (page 8 and p of the handbook)○ A list of useful Websites for householders/community and businesses.






5.2 Flagship Projects 2022-2026 – Sustainability Doing More with Less





Project / Time Frame / Map Ref	Photo	Project Description	Tasks	Role DTT/ Project Partners	Project Outcomes Aligned to Tidy Towns Handbook	SDGs
Environmental Awareness Calendar Time Frame 2022	 <p>February 2nd February 2022 - World Wetlands Day 14th February 2022 - International Book Giving Day March National Tree Week Earth Hour 8:30-9:30pm 18th March 2022 Global Recycling Day 22nd March 2022 World Water Day April 1st April 2022 Walk to Work Day National Spring Clean Month April 28, 2022, Stop Food Waste Day May 29th May 2022 World Hunger Day No Mow May May 1 – 7, 2022 - International Compost Awareness Week (ICAW) World Bee Week June 5th June 2022 UNEP World Environment Day 8th June 2022 World Oceans Day 16th June 2022 World Refill Day Global Wind Day World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought EU Sustainable Energy Week</p>	Host Environmental Awareness Calendar on DTT Website July 3 rd July 2022 International Plastic Bag Free Day 10 th July 2022 Don't Step on a Bee Day August HeritageWeek 12 th August 2022 International Youth Day September 22 September 2022 World Car-Free Day Coast Watch Survey October October 1, 2022 - October 30, 2022 International Walk to School Month October 4, 2022 - World Habitat Day October 4, 2022 - World Animal Day October 16, 2022 - World Food Day November November 7, 2022 - November 13, 2022, Science Week Ireland December December 5, 2022, World Soil Day December 5, 2022, International Volunteer Day	Tasks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elect DTT sub-committee to Identify International and National Awareness days and events to participate in and or champion. Create event calendar on DTT website. Schedule press releases / notifications on socials i.e., Facebook. 	Role of DTT: Project Lead Project Partners: LCC	Awareness	        

<p>WASTE Drogheda Tidy Towns 'An Taisce' Green Home Audit</p> <p><u>Phase I:</u> 2022</p> <p><u>Phase II:</u> 2023-2024</p>		<p>Drogheda Tidy Towns to do waste audit and provide evidence of how Drogheda Tidy Towns reduces its own environmental impact on its own direct activities.</p> <p>Run an awareness programme encouraging householders to participate in the 'An Taisce' Green-Home programme.</p>	<p><u>Phase I – DTT Audit</u> Task Register and undertake Audit: Register on https://www.greenhome.ie/. Tidy Towns groups to contact Green Home before undertaking any Green Home project so they can set up your group name. How to do this:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Contact Green Home Team: Email: info@greenhome.ie or Tel: 01-4002218. 2. The Green Home team will set your group up as a hub on the website. <p>Once your group has been set up as a hub on the website - remember to tell your group members / participants that when they register to complete the Green Home survey, they need to ensure that they choose their group under their county.</p> <p><u>Phase II – Awareness Campaign</u> Run an evening launching the 'An Taisce' Green-Home programme. Calling householders find out how to save money by reducing your household bills and 'do their bit.'</p>	<p><u>Role of DTT:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Lead <p><u>Project Partners:</u> Greenhome.ie</p>	<p><i>Awareness Education</i></p>	
<p>WASTE PREVENTION Education and Awareness Local Businesses</p>	 <p><i>Note the are currenty nine locations in Drogheda on the Concious Cup Campaign Website including branches of Maxol Garage, Starbucks, Insominia, Esquires and Gerrys Fresh Good</i></p>	<p>Education and Awareness Local Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Run a 'Sustainability Hero's Competition' for SMEs in Drogheda. <p>Encourage participation with prizes for 'most improved', 'best innovation' etc... & promote on local media.</p>	<p>Tasks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support campaign and competition with practical ideas and actions to reduce waste, costs and carbon footprint ref: 'Sustainably Ideas for SMEs – an informative pamphlet by Fingal County Council. https://www.fingal.ie/sites/default/files/2021-02/sustainable-fingal-ideas-for-smes.pdf • Promote campaign and competition through local media. • Encourage participation in national initiatives: https://stopfoodwaste.ie/ https://consciouscup.ie/ https://refill.ie/ • Information to populate new website 	<p><u>Role of DTT:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project influencer <p><u>Project Partners:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LCC <p>Bids</p>	<p><i>Awareness Education</i></p>	



WATER Water Refill stations Time Frame 2023-2024	 <p>See location of free tap refills on Tap Map Refill.ie Tap Map App due to be launched late 2021</p>	<p>Reduce plastic waste by providing and raising awareness of water refill stations.</p>	<p>Tasks undertaken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Louth County Council has received funding to install a water re-fill station on George Street to reduce the use of single use plastic bottles. A key legacy of the Green Fleadh 2018 & 2019. DTT to chase progress. <p>Next Steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider running competition within historic core local businesses for reduce waste. Continue to champion the installation of water re-fill stations in the town Raise awareness i.e., place link of the 'Tap Map' (Refill.ie) on DTT website. The Tap Map shows locations where people can refill bottles while on the go. <p>Encourage local businesses to register on the Tap Map on Refill.ie</p>	<p>Role of DTT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project influencer <p>Project Partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LCC Tap Map on Refill.ie 	<p><i>Awareness Education</i></p>	
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5.3 Additional Projects to Aid Annual Update – Sustainability Doing More with Less


Project and Time Frame Map Ref:	Photo	Project Description	Tasks Undertaken/ Potential Next Steps	Role DTT/ Project Partners	Project Outcomes Aligned to Tidy Towns Handbook	SDGs
Drogheda Tidy Towns Youth Committee		Establish a Drogheda Tidy Towns Youth Committee to spear head a flagship project in the sustainability category.	<p>Tasks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elect Committee Youth Officer under the DTT Constitutional Structure or Company Structure <p>Outreach for youth member in the 16-24 group for young persons in Tidy Towns award</p>	<p>Role of DTT: Project Lead</p>		
WASTE Community Waste Audit	 <p>https://www.voiceireland.org/</p>	<p>Work with partners and national initiatives to undertake community waste audit and raise awareness on waste. Work with V&W Recycling centre in utilising available data and develop audit process</p> <p>Or https://www.voiceireland.org/workshops/free-community-workshops</p>	<p>Reach out to project partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drogheda V&W Recycling centre Voice Ireland <p>Raise awareness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information to populate new website 	<p>Role of DTT: Project promotor and sponsor</p> <p>Project Partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drogheda V&W Recycling centre Voice Ireland 		
WASTE PREVENTION Education & Awareness Schools Programme		<p>Education and Awareness Schools Program: Develop and expand School program (has been put on hold due to Covid-19)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunity for joint working through Local Initiative Opportunity to join national initiative if not already Support available in terms of training and survey material for a variety of initiatives; opportunities to 	<p>Next Tasks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set up DTT sub-committee Green School Education Programme. Information to populate new website 			




		<p>localise the material through inclusion of local images drawings places and volunteers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity to build specific section of committee/DTT to schools “DTT My school My Town” an off shoot of Greener Schools • Opportunity to develop other areas of awareness Residential areas and Streetscape 				
Home and Community Composting		<p><u>Community Composting:</u> Drogheda Tidy Towns to raise awareness on community composting and encourage groups to make compost for own planting and landscaping activities</p> <p><u>Home Composting:</u> Raising awareness on home composting. DTT to promote and raise awareness of home composting</p>	<p>Raise awareness of_ May 1 – 7, 2022 - International Compost Awareness Week (ICAW)</p> <p>https://www.compostfoundation.org/ICAW/ICAW-Home for downloads and resources.</p> <p><u>Community Composting:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community groups can compost from grass cuttings • Community groups could make leaf mould (Invaluable leaf conditioner) from collecting fallen leaves <p><u>Home Composting:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage locals to compost at home (less carbon footprint than using brown bin) • Awareness campaign on how to compost properly • Awareness campaign on how to use brown bin correctly 	Community: DTT lead by example Home: DTT raise awareness		
‘Incredible Edibles’ Garden Challenge		<p>Awareness campaign and competition prize for ‘Incredible Edibles’ Garden Challenge.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider an ‘Incredible Edibles’ initiative whereby window boxes are planted with edible herbs and locals were encouraged to take and use herbs • Sponsor prize in Louth Looking Good Awards for ‘Incredible Edible Garden’ displays • Encourage communities to plant fruit trees and herbs. • Wild/Alpine strawberries are easy to grow in containers or raised beds and in shady areas. 	<p><u>Role of DTT:</u> Project Lead</p>		

Section 6: Tidiness and Litter Control






6.1 Guidance		
6.1.1 Guidance extracted from Supervalu Tidy Towns Handbook		
<p><i>Tidiness: General lack of clutter, blocked footpaths, redundant poles, unsightly overhead electric cables, absence of graffiti and fly-posting, and evidence of weed control at kerbs. Absence of unsightly or inappropriate advertising, such as that on gables of buildings and mass produced advertising banners on shop fronts. Please note that although general tidiness is evaluated and marked in this category, tidiness is also considered under all categories.</i></p> <p><i>Litter: the Adjudicator will assess the absence of litter and dumping, evidence of litter and dumping, including regular litter patrols, segregation of collected litter during clean-ups and promotion of anti-litter awareness throughout the community.</i></p> <p><i>Note: Tidy Towns groups and volunteers are reminded that their safety and welfare must always take priority. In order to ensure the safety of volunteers, Tidy Towns groups are encouraged to seek the advice of An Garda Síochána prior to undertaking projects on roads, roadsides, and road verges.</i></p>	<p><i>What the Adjudicator Considers under Tidiness:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lack of physical and visual clutter• Presentation of Signage• Absence of inappropriate advertisement hoardings• Redundant and useless poles• Presence of unsightly overhead wires• Prevalence of graffiti and flyposting• Traffic Management and parking arrangements• General weed and plant management• Any outstanding tidiness issues that may not have been picked up in other categories• Treatment of vacant buildings, derelict/underdeveloped sites; management of graveyards• Presentation of curtilage areas viewed from the public realm• Presentation of Street Furniture	<p><i>What the Adjudicator Considers under Litter Control:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Absence of litter and dumping during adjudication• Litter management plans or litter control strategies• Evidence of regular litter patrols and segregation of litter• Participation in initiatives such as National Spring Clean, County Litter Leagues and more.• Partnership and community involvement with litter control.• Prevalence of dog fouling.• Fly-tipping and illegal dumping.• Presentation of bottle banks and litter bins.
6.1.2 Sustainable Development Goals		
<p>‘Tidiness and Litter Control’ Category aligns with the following Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):</p> <p>GOAL 12: Responsible Consumption and Production & GOAL 17: Partnerships for the Goals</p>	 	
6.1.3 Drogheda Tidy Towns Vision		
<p><i>‘Improve the look and finish of our town and its environs’</i></p> <p>With 90 marks to be gained in Tidiness and Litter Control this is an important category to shine. DTT has been consistently scoring around 60% over the last 6 years so there is plenty of scope to improve marks in this category.</p>		

6.2 Future Projects 2022-2026 – Tidiness and Litter Control

Project / Time Frame / Map Ref	Photo	Project Description	Tasks	Role DTT/ Project Partners	Project Outcomes Aligned to Tidy Towns Handbook	SDGs
Implement a Litter Management Plan Time Frame: 2022	 <p><i>Tidy Towns Clean Up November 2021: Kevin Callan Chair Drogheda Tidy Towns, Robert Murray Drogheda Chamber President with Mayor James Byrne and Tidy Town Volunteers at Wheaton Hall. Photo ©Jimmy Weldon.</i></p>	<p>Prepare and Implement a Litter Management Plan.</p> <p>Key components of the Litter Management Plan are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Annual Needs Assessment Survey 2. Online Litter Picking Calendar 3. Online Litter Map 4. Increased Support for Day to Day Tidiness 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Needs Assessment Survey:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake 'Needs Assessment Survey' for current projects to help modify current work, inform future work and give live updates to the 5 year plan. 2. <u>Online Litter Picking Calendar</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create specific page on new website • Create calendar of local litter patrols and 'National Clean up Events' including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ National spring Clean https://nationalspringclean.org/ ○ Neat Streets https://neatstreets.org/ ○ Clean Coasts https://cleancoasts.org/ • Make use of online advice and promotional material offered for national campaigns above and including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gum Litter Task Force add websites ○ Dogs Trust 3. <u>Online Litter Map:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake litter survey Identify problem areas and black spots on the map. • Commission Map - identify existing and proposed litter routes/black spots • Volunteer groups can go-online and self-select an area to adopt – the map is an essential tool for the 'Adopt and Area' Campaign. The map will encourage others to take part when they see others committing to it. • Include Litter Map in Tidy Towns Application to evidence to the adjudicator that a litter control strategy is in place. • Continue to work with LCC & MCC to better clarify work and responsibility split • Allocate specific roles for committee members 4. <u>Increased support for Day to Day Tidiness</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased resources to support on-going maintenance and general tidiness. Work with LCC and MCC to Engage with TUS and Probation Service staff to assist with existing volunteers in maintenance general tidiness and litter picking. 	<p><u>Role of DTT:</u> Project Lead</p> <p><u>Project Partners:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Louth County Council (LCC) • Resident Groups • Community Groups • Schools • Businesses • TUS • Probation Service • Meath County Council (MCC) 	<p><i>Participation in initiatives such as National Spring Clean, County Litter Leagues and more.</i></p> <p><i>Litter management plans or litter control strategies</i></p> <p><i>Partnership and community involvement with litter control.</i></p>	<div>12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION</div> <div>17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS</div>

<p>Making Maintenance Matter: the Historic Core</p> <p><u>Time Frame</u> 2024-2026</p>	 <p><i>Harmful vegetation of the cornice of the Thonsel, Drogheda©2021 buidlingsreimagined</i></p> <p><i>Above Ground Remains of Town Wall Defences following removal of harmful vegetation</i></p>	<p>Raise awareness and support maintenance projects of Drogheda's Historic Building Stock in the Historic Core.</p> <p>The majority of buildings in the historic core are of traditional solid wall construction in lime mortar. Many of these buildings vulnerable to decay and irresistible damage due to lack of basic maintenance.</p> <p>Key Actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Raise awareness of Maintenance Week 2. Raise awareness of 'Top Ten' Maintenance Tasks. 3. Raise awareness of extensive problem harm caused by the Buddleia plant. 4. Raise awareness of the history of the Historic Core to foster pride. 5. Promote the untapped development potential of the back lanes and yards (like Kilkenny) 6. Improve presentation of derelict buildings and empty sites – 'Dereliction breeds anti-social behaviour' (Ref: pg. 47 Geiran Report). 7. Consider running competitions for building owners/businesses to address specific issues. <p><i>Note: works to Scheduled Monuments requires Ministerial Consent.</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Maintenance Week:</u> https://www.spab.org.uk/news/maintenance-win-more-sustainable-homes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add 'SPAB Maintenance Week' to online event calendar on new website; normally held 3rd week in November to protect buildings from winter weather. • Schedule events to coincide with Maintenance Week 2. <u>'Top Ten' Maintenance Tasks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote list of Top Ten simple Maintenance Tasks from SPAB website 'which will save money on expensive repairs further down the line and allow us to live more sustainably' on DTT Website. • Undertake Photographic Survey buildings owned and managed by Louth County Council for the 'Top Ten Maintenance Tasks' and issue to LCC. Encourage LCC undertake maintenance tasks and lead by example. • Encourage groups of building owners to share maintenance contractors and access equipment (cherry pickers) for maintenance tasks. 3. <u>Removal of Buddleia and Vegetation from Buildings:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission management strategy for management and removal of vegetation on historic buildings and structures to share with LCC / BID and increase awareness on website • Procure method statement from Conservation Architect for removal of harmful vegetation from historic buildings and structures. • Procure demonstration video of the extensive damage to masonry structures caused by the woody root systems of the Buddleia plant. 	<p><u>Role of DTT:</u> Project champion</p> <p><u>Project Partners:</u> LOVEDROGHEDA BID Louth County Council</p>	<p><i>General weed and plant management</i></p>	<p>12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION</p> <p>17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS</p>
<p>Tidiness and Business</p> <p><u>Time Frame</u> 2022-2023</p>	 <p><i>©Independent.ie</i></p>	<p>Local traders to pick the litter within the building lines of their properties to the centre of the road first thing in the morning</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DTT to lobby LOVEDROGHEDA BID and Drogheda & District Chamber of Commerce (D&DCC) to raise awareness and support the project 2. Highlight the initiative on the website 3. Lobby LCC for increased provision of street cleaning and gum removal 	<p><u>Role of DTT:</u> Project Supporter Raise awareness</p> <p><u>Project Partners</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LOVEDROGHEDA BID • D& DCC 	<p><i>Litter management plans or litter control strategies Partnership and community involvement with litter control.</i></p>	<p>12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION</p> <p>17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS</p>
<p>Historic Core Street Audit</p> <p><u>Time Frame:</u> 2022-2024</p> <p><u>Map Ref:</u> t.b.c.</p>	 <p><i>Saint Laurence's Gate ©2021 buidlingsreimagined</i></p>	<p>Support ongoing work by LOVEDROGHEDA BID assessing existing street furniture etc. to inform additional requirements and general de-cluttering of redundant signage.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BID initiative to be highlighted on new DTT web pages to raise awareness. • Raise volunteers to undertake street audits on behalf of LOVEDROGHEDA BID 	<p><u>Role of DTT:</u> Project Supporter</p> <p><u>Project Leader:</u> LOVEDROGHEDA BID</p>	<p><i>Presentation of Street Furniture Lack of physical and visual clutter Presentation of Signage</i></p>	<p>12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION</p> <p>17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS</p>






6.3 Additional Projects to Aid Annual Update of Plan – Tidiness and Litter Control






Project / Time Frame / Map Ref	Photo	Project Description	Tasks	Role DTT/ Project Partners	Project Outcomes Aligned to Tidy Towns Handbook	SDGs
West Street, Street Cleaning	 <i>Paving on West Street in ready for deep cleanse and gum removal ©2021 buidlingsreimagined</i>	Improved cleansing of West Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lobby Louth County Council for more regular cleansing of the public realm on West Street especially in periods of low rain. Lobby Louth County Council for the introduction of Gum bins. Lobby Louth County Council to continue with the Gum Litter Taskforce Campaign and support by raising awareness on Website. https://www.gumlittertaskforce.ie/who-we-work-with/local-authority-partners 	<p><u>Role of DTT:</u> Project champion</p> <p><u>Project Partners:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Louth County Council (LCC) LOVEDROGHEDA BID Drogheda Chamber of Commerce 	<i>Litter management plans or litter control strategies Partnership and community involvement with litter control.</i>	 
Improved Presentation Roundabouts		Commission a planting and management plan for the roundabouts on key approach routes to the town to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> signage, planting, sponsorship 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DTT to help develop an integrated approach, define site specific tasks which would fit into the current TT remit and be achievable at regular intervals within 5-year plan Learn from existing approach road projects and be flexible to transpose to other approach roads and vice versa Promote TT through sponsoring a roundabout to include BID current Art Trail theme Source additional funding through Louth CC etc Work with LCC and BID to commission a planting and management plan informed by Sense of Arrival Audit and current LCC planting plan 	<p><u>Role of DTT:</u> Project champion</p> <p><u>Project Partners:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Louth County Council (LCC) LOVEDROGHEDA BID Drogheda Chamber of Commerce Meath County Council (MCC) 	<i>Lack of physical and visual clutter Presentation of Signage General weed and plant management</i>	 
Development of Yearly Priority List		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish a priority list of existing maintenance & tidying issues Develop a check list of areas needing attention i.e., Litter removal/ tidiness/ painting/ repairs/cleaning/weeding/planting. Sharing information i.e., Online/ Map based. Illustrated Timeline/ Available to all through DTT website Sub-divided into Buildings & Streetscape 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commission priority list. Lobby to implement strategy DTT web-site highlight on events calendar and share /work with LCC/BID Upload to web site so that volunteer groups can go-online and self-select an area to adopt – the map is an essential tool for the ‘Adopt and Area’ Campaign. Use to identify and coordinate areas for continuity of litter control. The map will encourage others to take part when they see others committing to it. 	<p><u>Role of DTT:</u> Project Lead</p> <p><u>Project Partners:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Louth County Council (LCC) LOVEDROGHEDA BID Drogheda Chamber of Commerce Meath County Council (MCC) 	<i>Treatment of vacant buildings, derelict/underdeveloped sites; management of graveyards Partnership and community involvement with litter control. General weed and plant management</i>	

Section 7: Residential Streets & Housing Areas


7.1 Guidance		
7.1.1 Guidance extracted from Supervalu Tidy Towns Handbook		
<p><i>Private dwellings along approach roads, within residential estates and within the town / village centre will be assessed on the presentation and maintenance of individual buildings including their gable walls, rear façades, roadside boundary walls / fencing, together with their private open space.</i></p> <p><i>Public open spaces within residential estates are also considered and include their range of functions as well as their maintenance and presentation.</i></p>	<p><i>The Tidy Towns group’s liaison with Residents Associations is key to performance in this category of the competition; if there is no Residents Association the committee should consider approaching residents with a view to setting one up. The organisation of Garden and Estate Competitions is very effective as a means of improving the presentation of residential areas and are usually orchestrated by the Residents Associations. Also important is a good working relationship with the Local Authority especially through the Community Development Officer, Local Area Engineer and Heritage Officer.</i></p>	<p><i>What the Adjudicator Considers:</i> <i>The Presentation and appearance of:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Private dwellings including their roadside boundary walls, fences and private open spaces.</i>• <i>Communal open spaces – their maintenance presentation, function and universal accessibility</i>• <i>Landscaping</i>• <i>Estate signage and entrances.</i>• <i>Links to town centre and facilities</i>• <i>Contribution to Sustainable Development Goals</i>
7.1.2 Sustainable Development Goals		
<p>‘Residential Streets and Housing’ Category aligns with the following Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):</p> <p>GOAL 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities & GOAL 17: Partnerships for the Goals</p>	<div><div>11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES</div><div>17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS</div></div>	
7.1.3 Drogheda Tidy Towns Vision		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Engage our resident and community groups to drive local and area improvements</i> <p><i>Establish “Adopt An Area” night to support ongoing initiative.</i></p> <p><i>Expand involvement from local Residents Associations and Community Groups.</i></p>		

7.2 Future Projects 2022-2026 – Residential Streets & Housing Areas


Project / Time Frame / Map Ref	Photo	Project Description	Tasks	Role DTT/ Project Partners	Project Outcomes Aligned to Tidy Towns Handbook	SDGs
Engage Resident & Community Groups to Drive Improvements Time Frame 2022-2026		Engage our resident and community groups to drive local and area improvements through DTT Website.	Set up 'Residential Streets and Housing Areas' page on new DTT Website to encourage private dwellings and resident groups to undertake improvements: Private dwellings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advice notes that where painting of a number of buildings is proposed as a scheme funding may be available from the LCC or LEADER programme. Residents should be encouraged to take responsibility for roadside boundary walls and areas. Private Open Space – consider running a Best Kept Garden Competition. Raise awareness of benefit of bird, bat and owl boxes + local wildlife surveys http://www.wlgf.org/garden_surveys.html Communal open spaces <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage estates to do a needs assessment for enhancement or development of open spaces. Open spaces should provide play space for children but also consider community gardens, planting for pollinators. Landscaping <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage estates to do a survey of existing landscaping to assess condition and re-appraise purpose of planning, soil condition. Estate signage and entrances. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage improvements to estates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bi-lingual estate signage. Locator maps in larger estates. Litter bins and public seating at beneficial locations 	Role of DTT: Project Lead Project Partners: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Louth County Council (LCC) Residents Associations Community Groups Individual volunteers Meath County Council (MCC) 	<i>Communal open spaces – their maintenance presentation, function and universal accessibility Resident groups</i>	 
Adopt an Area Time Frame 2022	 <i>Sample poster from Broomsgrove District Council in the UK. Drogheda Tidy Towns to develop own branding.</i>	Formalise 'Adopt an Area' and expand involvement from local Residents Associations and Community Groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunity for joint working through Local Initiatives Opportunity to join national initiatives if not already for example Safer Communities Support available in terms of training and survey material for a variety of initiatives; opportunities to localise the material through inclusion of local images drawings places and volunteers Opportunity to build specific section of committee/DTT to schools "DTT My school My Town" Opportunity to develop other areas of awareness Residential areas and Streetscape holistic approach, pollinators, hives, walking initiative such as Walking Bus Information to populate new website 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formalise process by which the Adopt an Area is facilitated. Establish "Adopt an Area" night to support ongoing initiative. Develop branding for public awareness campaigns and include links to web-site. Use online litter map to support so that volunteer groups can go-online and self-select an area to adopt. Continue facilitating ongoing support from LCC and MCC in relation to provision of litter picking equipment and collection of rubbish. Commission the following to support Adopt an Area: 1. <u>Adopt an Area Map: Historic Core:</u> Use Map 1 - Historic Core as base map (see Mapping Section 1.2 Flagship Projects Community). This map will pick up important landmarks in the historic core.	Role of DTT: Project Lead Project Partners: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Louth County Council (LCC) Residents Associations Community Groups Individual volunteers Meath County Council (MCC) 	<i>Communal open spaces – their maintenance presentation, function and universal accessibility Resident groups</i>	 

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Include Meath County Council areas to the south and west boundaries on the Adopt An Area Map to drive improvements. 	<p>2. <u>Adopt an Area Map: Tidy Towns Boundary:</u> Use Map 2 – Tidy Towns Boundary Map as base map (see Mapping Section 1.2 Flagship Projects Community). This map will pick up areas adopted by Residents Associations and Approach Roads.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Map Notation to be Indicate with letters/words or symbols other than numbers. Maps to Illustrate landmarks with photos around perimeter of map with line and arrow to pinpoint location. Seek photo contributions from youth groups to improve community engagement. Up-load maps, along with Litter Picking Calendar, to the Website. 			
Louth in Bloom <u>Time Frame</u> 2022 -annually		<p>The aim of the garden competition, run by Louth County Council, is to acknowledge, recognise and reward the work being carried community/business sectors and volunteers. Competition entrants are invited to submit images of the great work that they have undertaken in their community.</p> <p>The current categories in this competition include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Best gardens Best housing estates Best biodiversity project & Best hospitality and business premises. <p>Prizes are awarded for each of the three District areas of Ardee, Drogheda & Dundalk.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raise awareness of completion and encourage participation in the competition on the DTT website. DTT consider Prize sponsorship new prizes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junior Gardner Incredibles Edibles DTT to enter its best biodiversity projects in the best biodiversity project category. 	<p><u>Role of DTT:</u> Project Partner Raise awareness</p> <p><u>Project Partners:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Louth County Council (LCC) Residents Associations Meath County Council (MCC) 	<i>Communal open spaces</i>	
Raise Awareness of DTT <u>Time Frame</u> 2022-annually		<p>Expand knowledge of DTT work to promote increased involvement and supports</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add to DTT Website Highlight the Gold medals display at the Tholsel Develop stakeholder/partnership working list and action plan – business, community, council, schools, voluntary organisations, Men's Shed, etc. Opportunity to have overall project plan on-line linked to Outlook etc Available to Stakeholders/Volunteers/Committee Opportunities for future funding applications Sponsorship of prizes in Drogheda Looking Good Awards 	<p><u>Role of DTT:</u> Project Lead</p> <p><u>Project Partners:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Louth County Council (LCC) 	<i>Communal open spaces – their maintenance presentation, function and universal accessibility Resident groups</i>	
Expansion of Window Box Scheme <u>Time Frame</u> 2023-2025		<p>The committee is currently partnering with the residents of Fair St. with a view to enhancing this historic area of the town and in 2021 funded the provision of window boxes.</p>	<p><u>Tasks:</u> Raise awareness of Fair Street project to encourage other residents' groups to participate. Link to Adopt and Area</p>	<p><u>Role of DTT:</u> Grant Aid</p> <p><u>Project Partners:</u> Residents Group</p>	<i>Communal open spaces Resident groups Private dwellings including their roadside boundary walls, fences and private open spaces.</i>	 





7.3 Additional Projects to Aid Annual Update of Five Year Plan – Streetscape and Public Spaces


Project / Time Frame / Map Ref	Photo	Project Description	Tasks	Role DTT/ Project Partners	Project Outcomes Aligned to Tidy Towns Handbook	SDGs
Enhancements – Murals, Gardens, etc.	 ©Shaffery Landscaping	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drogheda 800 stone,• Barrack Lane mural,• Cairnes Crest at St. Peter’s School,• Dominic’s Park – Perennial plants at Joe Stanley park,• Resident window boxes,• St. Peter’s Church tree plantings,• St Augustinians garden.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opportunities to develop a holistic approach , define site specific tasks which would fit into the current TT remit and be achievable at regular intervals within 5-year plan• Opportunities to promote TT• Opportunities to source additional funding through Louth CC etc	<p><u>Role of DTT:</u> Project Supporter</p> <p><u>Project Partners:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Louth County Council (LCC)• LOVEDROGHEDA BID• Drogheda Chamber of Commerce	<i>Communal open spaces – their maintenance presentation, function and universal accessibility</i>	

Section 8: Approach Roads Streets and Lanes

8.1 Guidance		
8.1.1 Guidance extracted from Supervalu Tidy Towns Handbook		
<p><i>This Category considers all aspects of approach roads, streets and lanes in a Tidy Towns centre. The road networks in our cities, towns and villages facilitate the movement of cars, public transport vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians. As a result, the appearance, functionality and the convenience that roads, streets and lanes offer motorists, cyclists and pedestrians are primary considerations under this category and they should be considered with Tidy Towns groups and their project partners in Local Authorities, Government Departments and National Agencies (such as the Transport Infrastructure Ireland) are devising projects to maintain or improve.</i></p>		<p><i>What the Adjudicator considers:</i> <i>The Presentation and appearance of:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approach roads, including roadside verges and boundary treatments• Town/Village streets and connecting roads• Roundabouts within the 60 kmph zone• Laneways, back areas and bridges• Cycle Lanes• Pedestrian connections and inclusive access• Contribution to Sustainable Development Goals
8.1.2 Sustainable Development Goals		
<p>‘Tidiness and Litter Control’ Category aligns with the following Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):</p> <p>GOAL 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities GOAL 15: Life on Land & GOAL 17: Partnerships for the Goals</p>		
8.1.3. Drogheda Tidy Towns Vision		
<p>DTT to take responsibility for the appearance of the town’s approach roads and residential areas.</p> <p>“Adopt an Area” campaign in Partnership working with</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Local schools,• Residents Associations,• Community groups.		

8.4 Flagship Projects – Approach Roads Streets and Lanes 2022-2026

Project / Time Frame / Map Ref	Photo	Project Description	Tasks	Role DTT/ Project Partners	Project Outcomes Aligned to Tidy Towns Handbook	SDGs
'Salmon of Knowledge' Sculpture on Approach Roundabout Time Frame 2026		Salmon of Knowledge Sculpture on approach road roundabout chosen to highlight the location of Drogheda on the River Boyne.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish a sub-committee to procure Sculpture. Identify skill sets and recruit volunteers for sub-committee. Write Brief for Sculpture Competition –seek support from list of potential partners opposite. Run competition for sculpture or invite artist. Seek funding/sponsor 	<u>Role of DTT:</u> Organiser/supporter <u>Potential Partners:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Per Cent for Art Scheme The Arts Council Culture Ireland Artists and Independent commissioners Independent commissioners and collectives Public Private Partnerships Private Benefactors Louth County Council (LCC) Meath County Council (MCC) 	<i>The Presentation and appearance of: Approach roads, including roadside verges and boundary treatments Roundabouts within the 60 kmph zone</i>	
Sponsor a Roundabout Time Frame 2022		Progress plan for the roundabouts on key approach routes to the town including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> signage, planting, sponsorship County Louth and County Meath <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to develop a comprehensive approach, define site specific tasks which would fit into the current TT remit and be achievable at regular intervals within 5-year plan Learn from existing approach road projects and be flexible to transpose to other approach roads and vice versa Opportunities to promote Tidy Towns Opportunities to source additional funding through Louth County Council and Meath County Council. Opportunities to engage with schools and youth and local nearby communities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DTT Consider sponsoring LCC to plant a wildflower planting of roundabout . Roundabout on north side of Dundalk was planted in wildflower 2021 and flowered from March to October. Simple signage of sponsorship to promote awareness. Encourage other groups to do the same i.e., the motor dealers located near roundabouts. 	<u>Role of DTT:</u> Sponsor and facilitator <u>Project Partners:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Louth County Council (LCC) Meath County Council (MCC) 	<i>The Presentation and appearance of: Approach roads, including roadside verges and boundary treatments</i>	  
Tree Planting Scheme – Approach Roads		Tree Planting Scheme – Approach Roads <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plant tree avenues on approach roads. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make use of Tree Survey (Recommended for Section 3 Section 3: Greenspaces and Landscaping to identify projects. 	<u>Role of DTT:</u> Project Partner <u>Project Partners:</u>	<i>The Presentation and appearance of: Approach roads, including roadside</i>	

Time Frame 2024-2026			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planting to be undertaken in consultation with the highways department of Louth County Council to ensure vehicular sightlines maintained. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Louth County Council (LCC) Meath County Council (MCC) 	<i>verges and boundary treatments own/Village streets and connecting roads Roundabouts within the 60 kmph zone Contribution to Sustainable Development Goals</i>	
Maintenance of Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes Time Frame 2022-2023		Work in partnership with other voluntary groups and Louth County Council and Meath County Council authority to improve the appearance of the town's approach roads and residential areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand the "Adopt an Area" campaign Coordinate work with Louth County Council and Meath County Council Street Sweeping Schedule It is recommended that a litter map is used to ensure success of the 'Adopt and Area' Campaign. – See section 8.3 of Scope Section 6 - Tidiness and Litter Control Support/provide voluntary assistance to LOVE DROGHEDA BID 'Street Audit' and Sense of Arrival Audit' 	Role of DTT: Project Partner Project Partners: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Louth County Council (LCC) Local schools Residents Associations Community groups. Meath County Council (MCC) 	<i>The Presentation and appearance of: Approach roads, including roadside verges and boundary treatments Town streets and connecting roads Laneways, back areas and bridges Pedestrian connections and inclusive access</i>	
Survey of defects and improvement works Time Frame 2023-2024		Identify defects that need to be addressed and improvements in order to aid the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Survey Defects Notify National and Local Authorities Work with National and Local Authorities to address the issues and deliver improvements on phased basis. 	Role of DTT: Raise Awareness Project Partners: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Louth County Council (LCC) Meath County Council (MCC) 	<i>The Presentation and appearance of: Approach roads, including roadside verges and boundary treatments Town/Village streets and connecting roads Roundabouts within the 60 kmph zone Laneways, back areas and bridges Cycle Lanes Pedestrian connections and inclusive access</i>	