

SuperValu Tidy Towns Entry Form 2023

We strongly recommend that you read the 2023 Tidy Towns Information Booklet available on www.tidytowns.ie before completing this form.

About You!

Name of your Town/Area/Village/Island: **Ballyhaunis**

Name of your Town/Area/Village/Island in Irish: **Béal Átha hAmhnais**

County: **Mayo**

Region: **North West & West** (See list of Regions / counties at Terms & Conditions no. 22.)

Specify your Local Authority: **Mayo County Council**

Last Year of Entry: **2022**

Organisation Name: **Ballyhaunis Tidy Towns**

Contact Name: **Mary Donnelly** Address: **Ballinphuill, Ballyhaunis, Co. Mayo**

Estimated Location

Ballyhaunis is situated in the east of Co. Mayo at the intersection of the N60/N83

Your adjudicator may not have visited your area before so please describe briefly where your town or village is located within your county, e.g. Xkm north/south etc. of the nearest large town, or give the road number along which your town is situated. Absolute clarity is of key importance.

Phone: **087-6982473** Email: **ballyhaunistidytowns@gmail.com** Internet or Social Media address: **Facebook: Ballyhaunis Tidy Towns, Instagram: Ballyhaunis Tidy Towns**

Population Category

Please tick your population category and enter your actual population (based on the latest census). If you are unsure please check with the central statistics office, www.cso.ie or your Local Authority. Your adjudicator may check you have entered the correct category.

Please enter your actual population here e.g. 19,999 **2,366 (2016 census)**

Prize Category Population

Village	<input type="checkbox"/> A (Under 200)	Large Town	<input type="checkbox"/> E (5,001 to 10,000)
	<input type="checkbox"/> B (201 to 1,000)		<input type="checkbox"/> F (10,001 to 15,000)
Small Town	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C (1,001 to 2,500)	Large Urban Centre	<input type="checkbox"/> G (15,001 to 25,000)



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☐ D (2,501 to 5,000)

☐ H (25,001 and over)

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Mary Donnelly

Signed (on behalf of entrant)

Date: 10/5/2023

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Community - Your Planning and Involvement

80 Marks



Marks are awarded for the overall quality of the Entry Form, town/village map and appropriateness of backup material submitted with your entry. Other key issues are the participation of the local community, businesses, schools and youth in general; working partnerships with local civic agencies; works carried out and appropriate projects completed; existence of an achievable updated TidyTown Plan. Consideration will be given to social inclusion, whole of community approach, the role of volunteers and new residents in activities.

Number involved in your Committee: **18**

Number not on committee but who volunteer: **40 - 45**

Please indicate level of voluntary commitment (number of TidyTown meetings, community meetings, general involvement of the community, new residents, etc.):

We hold monthly meetings and report the minutes to the Ballyhaunis Community Council. We are involved with the Abbey Partnership, the organisation responsible for the day-to-day management of the Augustinian Friary grounds.

A positive outcome of these regular interactions and enhanced social media awareness is welcoming new residents to join the Tidy Towns committee who actively contribute to ongoing activities. There is also greater cooperation and collaboration between the Community Garden and Tidy Towns. The biodiversity action plan has been promoted on several occasions and has raised interest within the community and other local groups.

New members joined our fundraising activities by making crosses for St. Brigid's Day and selling them around town. We welcome members of the Ballyhaunis Language Café in our community activities.

Please list all of the agencies, bodies and businesses that have supported your activities through sponsorship, resources, funding, advice, etc.):

Mayo County Council, Abbey Partnership, Super Valu, Local Authority Waters Programme, Healthwest (Duffy's) Pharmacy, Mayo North East LEADER, Local Public Representatives, Ballyhaunis Community Council, Ballyhaunis Community School, Ballyhaunis Parent and Toddler Group, Ballyhaunis Chamber, Annagh Magazine



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Society, Delaney's Hardware Ltd, Mayo Sports Partnership, Ballyhaunis Family Resource Centre.

How do you communicate with your community (newsletter, newspapers, public meetings, email, social media, website, etc.)?

Local newspapers (Western People, Mayo News and Connacht Telegraph), Facebook, Instagram, MidWest Radio, parish newsletter, Ballyhaunis Community Council website; www.ballyhauniscc.ie[1]

We have increased our social media communications around community engagement and raising awareness of recycling, upcycling, the local biodiversity, resources and environment, using resources from pollinators.ie and Biodiversity Ireland, and encouraging community members to participate in easy and engaging monitoring activities such as Birdwatch Ireland and Flower-Insect-Timed counts.

How do you engage with your local schools, youth clubs, etc.? How do you involve youth in your work, do you have a Junior Tidy Towns, is there youth representation on your committee.

We have included the grounds of the national school and community school in the Biodiversity Action Plan, which is at its final drafting stage. Through this new initiative we hope to increase schools' and students' awareness and understanding about climate, biodiversity in the local area, and environmental stewardship.

We liaise with the local Foróige Youth Service (BEY Project) and Transition Year students in organising litter picks etc. Through these initiatives, as well as our citizen science programme, we hope to raise interest in setting up a Junior Tidy Towns committee.

On the 8th of May 2023, Ballyhaunis Tidy Towns, in collaboration with Local Authority Water Programme (LAWPRO), engaged the Ballyhaunis Community School 5th year students and their Agricultural Science teacher in an awareness-raising activity around water and the environment, as well as the factors affecting its health, with a focus on sustainability and conservation of natural resources. We plan to hold this activity yearly and open it to other years if there is interest.

Briefly identify ONE specific project where particular effort was applied since June 1st, 2022. (This can include ongoing maintenance work or new project)

(N) One of Ballyhaunis Tidy Towns' biggest new projects and efforts this year was around water monitoring and awareness-raising, supporting SDGs 13, 14.

Two meetings were held between BTT and LAWPRO in January 2023 to identify possible actions and priorities for the community in line with the BAP, such as:



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- Quarterly water-monitoring/citizen science programme
- Education/Awareness-raising activities (river sampling/litter cleaning/drawing competition, esp. in schools, yearly)
- Education/Awareness-raising materials (social media posts/brochure/short video)

LAWPRO granted BTT funding for equipment and resources, and the [Dalgan river citizen science programme was launched on the 21st of April 2023](#). The engagement officer and catchment scientist demonstrated the simple “traffic light” monitoring system to the newly formed group of volunteers. The sampling will be carried out at specific sites each season to inform water quality trends and related initiatives to improve it. The Dalgan river is a central habitat and attraction in Ballyhaunis, leading to the Corrib catchment, and a keystone of the Friarsground and the future Ballyhaunis Biodiversity Action Plan.

Approximately how many years has your community entered the competition. How has your community benefited from involvement in the competition?

19 years.

Ballyhaunis Tidy Towns enjoys widespread community support with large numbers of volunteers taking part in our National Spring Clean Good Friday clean-up on 7th April. Ballyhaunis Tidy Towns volunteers have supported the tidying of the town ahead of the Summer Festival, the Easter Parade, and the Christmas Lights. Our hanging baskets and floral displays throughout the town are much admired and appreciated. Activities such as these create much environmental awareness in the community and motivate people to become involved. Our Community Biodiversity Plan has great potential for involving more people who have an interest in biodiversity and nature, by supporting SDGs 11, 12, 13, 14, 15.

Streetscape & Public Places

80 Marks



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.

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



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presentation of parking locations, historical trails, walkways and access points to local amenities or facilities and the general use of the Irish language.

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1. (N) Several premises are in new ownership and being renovated for residential use to help alleviate the shortage of housing in the town and the increasing demand for same. Examples: former Dillon Travel in the Square, former Bank of Ireland, James Lyons' pub and the adjoining premises (formerly Cribbin's) on Main St., former Nicholson's bar on Bridge St., former Chinese restaurant on Clare St., a few premises on Knox St. Two of these premises were power-washed and had new windows installed on the 8th of May 2023. (N) €100,000 funding was awarded to the Ballyhaunis Chamber by the Town & Village 2022 Street Enhancement Scheme for upgrade of shop fronts. 20 properties on the Main Streets of Ballyhaunis were successful in their application to share in this fund. These businesses have been contacted by Mayo County Council who are working closely with them at present. SDGs 11, 17.
2. (N) A widening of the footpath in front of St. Patrick's Church was carried for pedestrian safety. SDGs 3, 11.
3. (N) A new footpath extension was built between Scoil Íosa and the cemetery as part of works to facilitate car parking at the cemetery. SDGs 3, 11.
4. (N) A new Aldi store is being built on Upper Main St. and nearing completion (due to open in June or July).
5. (N) New planted bed at the refurbished Community Hall in Main St.
6. (M) The old Convent National School on Abbey St. Mayo Co. Co. has carried out extensive improvements to the grounds, which were all cleared, and plans to carry out external refurbishment to the buildings as a short-term measure pending complete renovation under Urban Regeneration – Ballyhaunis Community Vision. SDGs 3, 11.
7. (M) Floral displays e.g. hanging baskets throughout the town and planters in the Square provided by Tidy Towns. SDGs 11, 15.
8. (M) The Friary Church and grounds are very well maintained and popular with visitors and locals alike. SDGs 3, 11, 15.
9. (M) St. Patrick's Church and grounds are well maintained with neat grass areas and colourful planting. SDGs 11, 15.



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Green Spaces and Landscaping

80 Marks



Communities should demonstrate the following: The planning, design and management of green spaces. The selection and appropriate siting of trees and their ongoing maintenance, including formative pruning, watering and attention to the stakes and ties. Presentation of landscaping of all entrances to your town/village/locality in consultation with your local authority, where appropriate. The use of suitable plants for hedges and shrubs for year round effect is important as is the siting of seasonal bedding schemes where you wish to highlight important areas. The use of plant containers can provide impact where it is not possible to plant directly into the ground. To reduce maintenance tasks limit the use of containers. To demonstrate the year round impact of the landscape works in your community, you are encouraged to provide dated photographs of, for example, daffodil schemes which are not evident in summertime.

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1. **(N)** A large-scale project called Ballyhaunis Art Mural was launched in April and open to all volunteers in town. Members of Tidy Towns participated in the mural, in collaboration with Ballyhaunis Community School students. The 32 panels, displaying the unique Irish biodiversity and Ballyhaunis's cultural diversity, will hoard the old Scout Den near the railbridge entrance of the Friary Park. SDGs 11, 13, 15, 17.
2. **(M)** Clearance of overgrown shrubbery and self-seeded trees in front of old National School in Abbey St. and new plans for ongoing maintenance of grounds under Rural Social Scheme. SDGs 11, 17.
3. **(M)** The Community Garden group has grown as new plot holders have expressed their interest in joining, including Tidy Towns members. The group has taken over the maintenance of the garden, modified the plots and compost system. In the polytunnel, some posts and bullwire have been added to optimise use of planting space. The community strives to share resources, good practice and grow the garden's reach and potential. SDGs 11, 12, 13.
4. **(M)** The Friary grounds and its much-used riverside walk is a valued asset in the town. All the wooden benches have been restored by the Rural Social Scheme workers



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and reinstalled in the park. Outdoor lighting has been installed in the MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) to increase the usage outside of daylight hours. The grass is not mown in a large area of the grounds to encourage biodiversity and cater for pollinators. SDGs 11, 13, 15.

5. (M) Delaney's Hardware store and Brookvale Manor Nursing Home continue to maintain the tidiness, colour and interest of the bypass road verge with heathers, low growing shrubs, and all-year-round planting.

Nature and Biodiversity in your locality

55 Marks



Show your understanding and awareness of nature and biodiversity in your locality. This may include protected areas and/or areas important for conservation e.g. waterways, field boundaries, coastal features etc.

Show an appreciation of how your local species and habitats should be best managed and protected. Evidence of co-operation with expert groups and relevant authorities, especially in carrying out work in sensitive areas is desirable.

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1. (M) Biodiversity Action Plan for Ballyhaunis, SDGs 13, 14, 15.
[Started early 2022, final version due June 2023]. Ecologist Dr. Mary Tubridy is in the final stages of drafting our biodiversity action plan (BAP), acting on the following biodiversity assets in Ballyhaunis Friary Park, particularly adjacent watercourses, land on the other side of the river at Friary Park and the two schools in town to engage students. The areas were selected to engage and impact the local community the most. Enhancing and maintaining biodiversity in town will include managing and planting grasslands, waterways, including recurring assessment and training on water quality, hedgerows/shrubbery, woodlands, signage, walkways and lighting. Initiatives have already started around grasslands (don't mow, let it grow signage and regime, as encouraged by the All Ireland Pollinators Plan), woodlands (planting pockets of native



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- shrubberies and woodlands, as encouraged by the All Ireland Pollinators Plan) and water quality monitoring (see below).
2. **(N)** Water quality awareness-raising activities and citizen science programme, SDGs 13, 14.
 - a. A guided nature walk around the Dalgan took place during National Heritage Week 2022 in collaboration with the Ballyhaunis Community Council and LAWPRO.
 - a. Dr. Julian Reynolds from Trinity College Dublin visited Ballyhaunis on the 10th of September 2022 to demonstrate water sampling techniques and assess water quality with volunteers from Tidy Towns and the community.
 - b. The Dalgan citizen science/river monitoring initiative was launched on the 21st of April 2023 in collaboration with LAWPRO, who demonstrated the simple “traffic light” monitoring system to the newly formed group of volunteers. The sampling will be carried out at specific sites each season to inform water quality trends and initiatives to improve it.
 - c. On the 8th of May 2023, Ballyhaunis Tidy Towns and LAWPRO engaged the local Community School 5th year students and their Agricultural Science teacher in an awareness-raising activity around water and the environment, with a focus on sustainability and conservation of natural resources.
 3. **(N)** Flower-Insect-Timed Counts, SDGs 13, 15.
 - a. In April 2023, Ballyhaunis Tidy Towns started recording FIT counts in the action supporting the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan. The initiative will continue being carried out by Tidy Towns members during the season (April-September) and promoted for locals to join this year and in future years.
 4. **(M)** Community Gardening Course, SDGs 11, 12, 17.
 - d. For the second year, the Community Garden is hosting an ongoing Grow Your Own Vegetable gardening course. 4 workshops were held in 2022 and a further 4 are happening throughout 2023. Course participants are encouraged to use a plot in the Community Garden to put their learning into practice and share the works.

Sustainability - Doing more with less

55 Marks



Describe how your activities help to make your centre more sustainable and reduce your environmental impact. For example, consider how you use your resources (e.g. methods or materials you use), in your project work under one or more of the following key themes: sustainability, water, transport, waste, energy, and climate action. Describe awareness raising activities carried out across your community and detail any involvement with other Community Groups in this category.



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1. **(M)** The Community Garden remains a model for recycling and sustainability. Rainwater is collected and used. Plot holders share resources and materials, optimise the composting and recycle cardboard. SDGs 11, 12.
2. **(M)** The EV chargepoint in the library car park is well used. Ballyhaunis is the first major town in East Mayo on the N60 towards the West and serves as a key stop for owners of electric vehicles. A new Easygo EV charging station is sited in the recycling banks car park and more are planned when the new Aldi store is built. SDGs 7, 9, 11, 12, 13.
3. **(M)** Bicycle maintenance workshop. The Community Council has obtained funding from MSLETB to carry on last year's successful initiative of bicycle maintenance workshops. Sewing skills for beginners is another area for workshops funded by MSLETB. Participants from Tidy Towns and children also attended to learn about repairing/mending clothes. SDGs 7, 11, 12.
4. **(M)** Upcycling old materials from Community Hall renovations. The Community Council strived to keep as much construction waste out of landfills. Old flooring, cabinetry, and furniture has been distributed and reused by the community. SDGs 11, 12.
5. **(M)** The local Mayo Roscommon Hospice Shop is a well visited store with many residents donating clothing and goods for second-hand purchase rather than going to the dump. SDGs 11, 12, 17.
6. **(M)** The recycling bank in the carpark is well used by the community. SDGs 11, 12.



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Tidiness and Litter Control

90 Marks



Tidiness: General lack of clutter, blocked footpaths, redundant poles, unsightly overhead electric cables, absence of graffiti and fly-posting and evidence of control of weed growth at kerbs. Absence of unsightly and or inappropriate advertising, such as that on gables of buildings and mass produced advertising banners in shop fronts. Please note that although general tidiness is evaluated and marked in this category, tidiness is also considered under other categories including the Streetscape & Public Places, Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes.

Litter: The adjudicator will assess the absence of litter and dumping, evidence of litter control strategy, including regular litter patrols, segregation of collected litter during clean-ups and promotion of anti-litter awareness throughout community.

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1. (N) Due to demand, a second Big Bin was installed in SuperValu's car park to discourage fly-tipping or illegal dumping. These pay-as-you-go bins for household waste and recyclables aim to relieve community litter problems. SDGs 12.
2. (M) Our annual Good Friday clean-up happened on the 7th of April as part of the National Spring Clean Campaign and had a good community response. SDGs 12, 17.
3. (M) Regular litter picks in local areas by residents, bags, pickers etc. supplied by Tidy Towns and disposal of litter by Mayo Co. Co. SDGs 12, 17.
4. (M) A WEEE electrical recycling collection was held on the 4th of March 2023. SDGs 12.
5. (M) Extra solar street litter bins were installed by Mayo County Council on several streets in Ballyhaunis. SDGs 12.

Residential Streets & Housing Areas

55 Marks



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Residential streets that include Town Houses are integral parts of towns and villages and should be treated in a similar fashion to public and private housing developments. Consideration is given to proper presentation and maintenance of all properties with due cognisance given to maintenance of frontages, boundary and gable end walls. Gardens, where applicable, should be presented to a good standard. In housing developments green areas should be cut regularly. Children's play areas to be considered with equipment maintained to best standards. Where possible individual estates should have suitable name signs - stones, plaques, sign posts, etc. preferably bilingual. Unfinished estates will not reflect badly on the efforts of any community but examples of how the community is addressing this issue should be highlighted.

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1. **(M)** Council and Private estates are generally well maintained, such as Station Rise, Aisling Drive, as yet unnamed estate in Abbeyquarter. Clare Court Residents Gardens: The grounds and lawns are maintained by staff and residents maintain their garden. Seasonal plants are sown. Clare Court also has a community garden with a greenhouse for residents to grow vegetables or flowers. SDGs 11, 17.
2. **(M)** Residents' Associations have been set up in 9 local housing estates. Many private estates avail of funding under GMA (General Municipal Allocation) to maintain green areas and play areas. SDGs 11, 17.
3. **(M)** The majority of shop fronts and private residences in the town are well maintained. A number of derelict/vacant buildings have been purchased and upgraded. SDGs 11.



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Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes

55 Marks



Appropriate presentation of approach roads, including the roadside verges and their boundary treatment. The appearance of town and village streets, connecting roads, laneways, bridges and cycle lanes. Provision for inclusive access and pedestrian connections.

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1. **(N)** A new footpath extension was built between Scoil Íosa and the cemetery as part of works to facilitate car parking at the cemetery. SDGs 11.
2. **(M)** The grass verges on approach roads maintained under Rural Social Scheme. They mow just a narrow strip close to the road and allow the rest to grow. Planted beds dot town entrance signs. SDGs 11, 15, 17.
3. **(M)** There is ongoing lobbying for completion of phase 2 of Doctor's Road footpath to the Rugby Club. SDGs 11.



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Mapping your town or village

Please draw or attach a sketched or printed map of your town/village/area with street and place names and prominent landmarks. The locations of your new work for this year's competition should also be marked. Ensure each project is clearly listed in the legend.

Please refer to the 2023 SuperValu TidyTowns Information Booklet available on www.tidytowns.ie

Please note the following advice;

- A hand-drawn map is perfectly acceptable if a formal printed map is not available or suitable.
- Map should be a manageable size, A4 or A3 depending on the layout of your town or village.
- Please name priority streets/roads as necessary and mark the key public buildings/landmarks.
- You are advised not to use Google mapping.
- You may find Ordnance Survey Ireland Urban (or Rural as applicable) 'Place' Maps most useful.
- Examples of effective maps can be found at www.tidytowns.ie in addition to A4 and A3 map graph templates.
- A clear legend is essential; please ensure that a unique numbering sequence is applied.

TidyTowns Entry Form Checklist

- ☐ Ensure you have signed and dated the entry form in the "About You" section and that you have completed all categories.
- ☐ Please ensure it is sent to tidytowns@drd.gov.ie. It should be all contained in **one email and must not exceed 20MB**. We will acknowledge receipt of all email entries but please allow 10 days after the closing date for this acknowledgment.
- ☐ When emailing photographs, it would be advisable to copy them into a WORD document which will reduce the size of your email entry, you can easily fit up to 4 or 6 photographs per page.
- ☐ Sometimes less is more, be mindful of the volume of material you submit, the Adjudicator has limited time to review your work during their adjudication so it should be presented in a clear and concise manner.
- ☐ Please ensure you have included a map of your area and your TidyTowns 3/5 year plan with your entry.
- ☐ Don't forget to enter our Special Awards, information can be found on www.tidytowns.ie

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Community



Water monitoring training with LAWPRO and launch of the Science Citizen Program on April 21st, 2023.



Community Flower Planting

Streetscape and Public Spaces



Flower beds planted for Easter weekend at The 1916 Memorial at the Friary grounds.



Replanting flowers
for Christmas 2022



Old pump to get a facelift.



New widened footpath in
front of St. Patrick's Church.



Flower beds outside of Community Hall



Old Convent NS before and after clearing.



Store fronts that have been power washed and windows replaced.

Green Spaces and Landscaping



Refurbished benches at the Friary grounds.



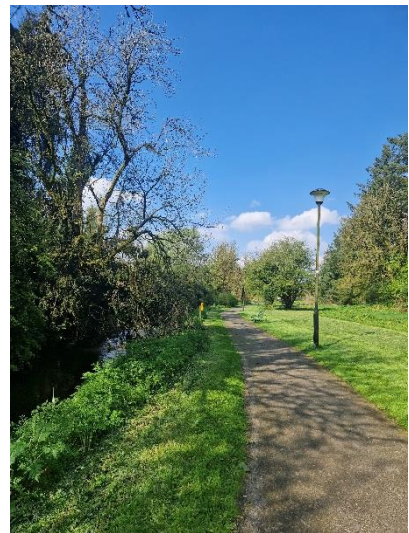
Community Garden



Ballyhaunis Art Mural Project - April 2023 (to be placed at the Friary grounds on the fence around former Scout's Den)



Tree planting on March 25th, 2023.



Friary grounds maintenance.

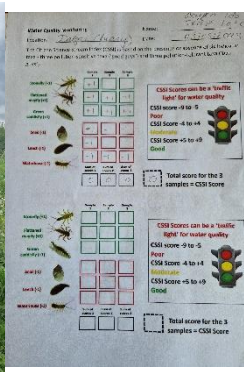
Nature and Biodiversity



Water Assessment on Sept. 10th, 2022.



Water monitoring training with LAWPRO and launch of the Science Citizen Program on April 21st, 2023.



School water monitoring with LAWPRO on May 8th, 2023.



Flower-Insect-Timed Counts in the action supporting the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan.



Garden Workshop at the Community Garden on March 25th, 2023.

Sustainability



Improvements made to the polytunnel in the Community Garden April 2023.



Bicycle Maintenance Workshop on April 15th, 2023.



Tidiness and Litter Control



Good Friday cleanup



Residential Streets and Housing areas



Clare Court Residences



Approached Streets and Lanes



Dr's Road update footpath and lighting.

BALLYHAUNIS TIDY TOWNS - 3-YEAR PLAN

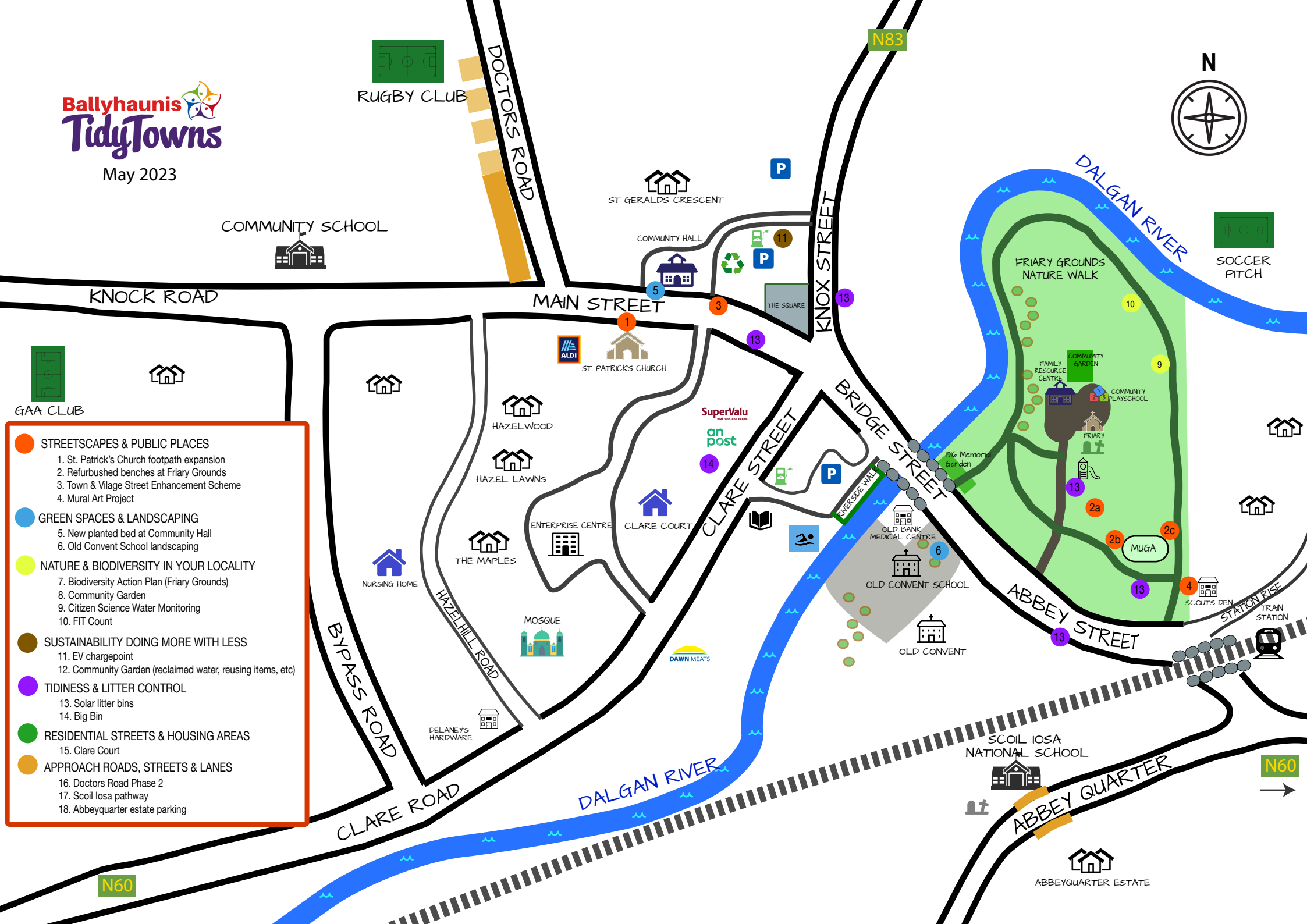
2022 - 2024

Objectives	Tactics	Responsible	Date
1. Finalise a Community Biodiversity Action Plan for Ballyhaunis with the help of ecologist Dr. Mary Tubridy and relevant partners/interested parties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage the interest and co-operation of other stakeholders, e.g. Mayo County Council, Abbey Trust, Abbey Partnership, local schools to work with Dr. Tubridy in the preparation of the Plan Set a timeline to start implementing some of the actions listed, primarily regarding grasslands (mowing regimes), shrubbery/hedgerows management, waterways (habitat edges and water quality), signs, and school grounds (engaging with youth) with other outputs planned for the longer term 	Tidy Towns Ballyhaunis Community Council	Jun 2023
2. Make Ballyhaunis and the surrounding area more attractive and inviting for locals and visitors alike	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to enhance the town with floral displays and attractive planting, and to extend them where possible Continue to enhance the approach roads with year-round colour in the planted beds using pollinator friendly planting Continue to lobby for the extension of a new footpath and lighting on Doctor's Road as far as the Rugby pitch 	Ballyhaunis Chamber of Commerce Local businesses Residents Associations Schools Sports clubs Ballyhaunis Beekeepers' Annagh Magazine Society	Ongoing

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote anti-litter awareness and organise regular community clean-ups • Participate in environmental initiatives and funding schemes with Mayo County Council, National Spring Clean and other bodies • Identify local heritage/conservation projects we could undertake similar to 1916 Remembrance Garden and Town Well Restoration Project 		
3. Attract new members to the Tidy Towns Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social media posts targeting interest groups for a specific activity or project, e.g. Biodiversity Action Plan • Invite social media followers to take part in our activities or attend meetings • Personal approach by existing Tidy Towns members • Increase our efforts to involve young people in our activities, e.g. Foróige Ballyhaunis Youth Service, TY students 	Ballyhaunis Language Café Community Garden Group	Ongoing
4. Promote environmental awareness in the community by enhancing sustainability and reducing waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organise regular and targeted campaigns on topics such as recycling/upcycling, repurposing items that would otherwise go to landfill • Work more closely with groups like Men's shed to involve people with skills to repair/restore items such as appliances, furniture etc. • Involve Age Action or Over 55 club to share activities they did as children to save/reduce with school children 	Tidy Towns Abbey Trust/Partnership Community Garden Group	Ongoing

<p>5.Improve the position of Ballyhaunis in the Tidy Towns Competition</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify one or two categories where we could increase our marks from year to year • Utilise the skills of new and existing committee members in their area of expertise 		<p>May 2023</p>
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May 2023



- **STREETSCAPES & PUBLIC PLACES**
 - 1. St. Patrick's Church footpath expansion
 - 2. Refurbished benches at Friary Grounds
 - 3. Town & Village Street Enhancement Scheme
 - 4. Mural Art Project
- **GREEN SPACES & LANDSCAPING**
 - 5. New planted bed at Community Hall
 - 6. Old Convent School landscaping
- **NATURE & BIODIVERSITY IN YOUR LOCALITY**
 - 7. Biodiversity Action Plan (Friary Grounds)
 - 8. Community Garden
 - 9. Citizen Science Water Monitoring
 - 10. FIT Count
- **SUSTAINABILITY DOING MORE WITH LESS**
 - 11. EV chargepoint
 - 12. Community Garden (reclaimed water, reusing items, etc)
- **TIDINESS & LITTER CONTROL**
 - 13. Solar litter bins
 - 14. Big Bin
- **RESIDENTIAL STREETS & HOUSING AREAS**
 - 15. Clare Court
- **APPROACH ROADS, STREETS & LANES**
 - 16. Doctors Road Phase 2
 - 17. Scoil Iosa pathway
 - 18. Abbeyquarter estate parking