

North Tipperary County Council

Environmental Awards 21st November 5.30 pm, Civic Offices

Press Release

Ballina scoops overall prize in the Tiobraid Alainn section of North Tipperary County Council's Environmental Awards.

Monday 21st November, 2011

Ballina Tidy Towns was awarded the overall prize in the Tiobraid Alainn section of North Tipperary County Council's Environmental Awards 2011. This year's Environmental Awards Ceremony held in the Civic Offices in Nenagh included Primary and Secondary schools, Tidy Towns and Villages groups, National Pride of Place nominees, Burial Ground committees and businesses.

A prize fund of almost €10,000 was awarded on the night and North Tipperary County Council hopes the awards will encourage more communities who are making improvements year on year to improve their local environment.

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

According to Deirdre Cox, the North Tipperary County Council's Environmental Awareness Officer, the competition is a great opportunity for the local community. "We encourage all communities who are working hard all year at improving their local environment to enter the competition and get some recognition for their

efforts” she said. “This is a great opportunity to reward local communities for their hard work throughout the year. We can only improve our environment if we all work in partnership with each other.”

The following awards were presented in the North Tipperary Environmental Awards 2011. Awards are given by electoral area in most categories.

1. Tidy Schools Winners 2011

Nenagh Electoral Area

2nd place - Killeen National School

1st place - St. Mary’s Junior Boys National School

Newport Electoral Area

2nd place - Burgess National School

1st place – Birdhill National School

Templemore Electoral Area

2nd place – Cistercian College, (Roscrea) (to be accepted on behalf of Cistercian College, Roscrea by Councillor Denis Ryan)

1st place – St. Colmcille’s Primary School, Templemore

Thurles Electoral Area

2nd place – Inch National School

1st place – Scoil Mochaomhog Naofa

Overall Winner – Scoil Lua Naofa, Lorrha

2. Best Presented Shop Front 2011

2nd Place – Flannagan’s on the Green (to be accepted on behalf of Flanagan’s by Dr. Phyll Bugler)

1st place – Cooper’s Bar, Birdhill

3. National Pride of Place-

Terryglass Improvements Association

Ballina Tidy Towns
Order of Malta, Thurles
North Tipperary Civil Defence

4. Best Burial Grounds

Newport Electoral Area

3rd place – Glenkeen Burial Ground Committee
2nd place – Ballinaclough Burial Ground Committee
1st place – Youghallara Burial Ground Committee

Nenagh Electoral Area

3rd place – Lisbonney old Burial Ground Committee
2nd place – Monsea Burial Ground Committee
1st place – Dromineer Burial Ground Committee

Templemore Electoral Area

3rd place – Loughmore Burial Ground Committee
2nd place – St. Cronan's Burial Ground Committee
1st place – St. James (Killea) Burial Ground Committee

Thurles Electoral Area:

3rd place – Upperchurch (old) Burial Ground Committee
2nd place – Kilvalure Burial Ground Committee
1st place – Inch Old Burial Ground Committee

5. Tiobraid Alainn

Nenagh

3rd place – Cloughjordan Tidy Towns Committee
2nd place – Lorrha Development Association
1st place – Terryglass Improvements Association

Newport

3rd place – Rearcross Tidy Towns
2nd place – Killoscully Development Association
1st place – Birdhill Tidy Village

Templemore Electoral Area

3rd place – Clonakenny Tidy Village
2nd place – Clonmore Development Group
1st place – Roscrea Tidy Towns

Thurles Electoral Area

3rd place – Upperchurch Tidy Village

2nd place – Inch, Bouladuff and The Ragg Tidy Village Committee

1st place – Holycross Development Association

Overall Winner – Ballina Tidy Towns