**TREE PROJECT AWARD
Supervalu Tidy Towns Competition 2021
*The right tree in the right place!***

**The Tidy Towns Tree Project Award is a special competition sponsored by the
€ Tree Council of Ireland to the value of** €**1,000.**

This award is for the Tidy Towns Committee which has demonstrated the highest tree placement and maintenance standards.

Properly positioned trees can have a major impact in a city, town or village enhancing the visual aspect of the area. For instance, planting a series of fast-growing trees for instant effect could have long term negative implications for footpath or street management. Therefore, it is essential that careful thought is put not only into the planting but also the management of the trees over their lifespan. This award highlights this importance.

In addition, this award seeks, where appropriate, to raise awareness and promote initiatives to enhance the protection of old and established trees; trees that are of natural, historical, cultural, botanical or landscape significance within a community.

The following criteria will be considered for the award:

* Trees must be in a public place; e.g. a street, an open space, a school, church grounds
* The trees may be existing or newly planted. If new trees, they must be appropriate to the site in species, cultivar suitability, shape, size, colour
* Trees must be located appropriately within the site
* Trees must be well maintained with regard to watering, weed control, staking, tree ties, tree guards (if necessary) and appropriate surgery carried out where necessary
* A clear plan for renewal of older trees should be in place
* The project should contain an element of raising awareness of trees within the community.

**To enter the Tree Project Award, complete the Entry Form below.
All entries should be forwarded by email only to:**

**tidytowns@drcd.gov.ie**

*Tidy Towns Competition Terms and Conditions apply as appropriate.*

**Closing Date:**

Given the circumstances surrounding Covid-19 and its restrictions, please check the
TidyTowns website (www.tidytowns.ie) for updates.

**ENTRY FORM**

Please include **at least 3 photographs** of the area to be considered which illustrate the context of the project.

**Nominated Area: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Project Leader: (person/group/local authority, etc.):

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**Nominating Group/Person:**

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**Please give details of the tree project and explaining why it will benefit the local community including:**

* Site description
* Details of tree species, sizes, numbers, suitability and works undertaken etc.
* Contribution of the tree project to the community and to the physical landscape of the town or village
* Activities to raise community awareness of the tree project

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