

TIDY TOWNS PLAN
for the seasons
2019-20
2020-21
2021-22



January 2020

Welcome to our Tidy Towns Plan which sets out our proposed work programme for the next three Tidy Towns seasons.

In putting this plan together we have used a bottom up approach, meaning that we obtained the opinions of our TUS and FAS as well as those of our marvellous Volunteers, the Area Engineer, the Environment Section of Carlow County Council, and the members of our parent board of directors Develop Tullow Association Limited to assist us to draft this plan.

We also listened carefully to suggestions from previous Adjudication Reports and read about successful projects undertaken by other Tidy Towns Committees.

The aim of this plan is to give our proposed work programme a direction and cohesiveness which achieves the objectives of Tullow Tidy Towns.

Tullow Tidy Towns Committee

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Introduction

Tullow (Tulach O’Bhfeidhlim – the hill of the O’Bhfeidhlim territory) is the second largest urban centre in County Carlow located on the River Slaney Valley in the midst of rich, fertile agricultural land. The town provides a wide range of residential, community, retail, commercial, recreational and employment functions.



Tullow is the ancestral home of Frederick York Wolseley who gave his family name to the Wolseley car. It is known locally as the granite town because of its magnificent stone approach roads as well as its splendid granite public buildings such as The Court House, The Bridge, Tullow Museum and St. Columba’s Church and St. Columba’s National School.

A fine Carrara marble statue of Fr. John Murphy of Boolavogue dominates The Market Square. Fr. Murphy was one of the leaders of the 1798 Rebellion who was captured just outside Tullow and was executed on the Market Square on 2nd July 1798.

The establishment of Mount Wolseley Hotel, Spa and Country Club in 1995 gave a massive boost to the tourist potential of Tullow and includes an 18 hole



championship Parkland course designed by the late Christy O’Connor Jnr.

The 2016 Census records that Tullow has a population of 4,673 persons consisting of 2,246 males and 2,427 females.

Tullow Tidy Towns Committee

The latest Annual General Meeting was held in The Tara Arms on 16th January 2019.

The officers for the forthcoming year were elected as follows:

Chairman – Cllr. William Paton

Secretary – Kathy Walsh

Treasurer – Mary Walsh

PRO – Emma Tracey

Committee – Denis Ryan, Susan Tracey, Michael Maher, Eddie Corcoran, Francis McNicholas, Nicola McNicholas, Anna Tracey and Nicola Brennan.

Working Members – Kenneth Roche, Joseph O’Toole and Peg Fleming.

Our Partners

The Committee wishes to recognise and thank our partners in Tidy Towns:

Carlow County Council

D.S.P. Community Employment Scheme – participants and supervisors

T.U.S. Scheme – workers and supervisors

Rural Social Scheme – worker and supervisors

Our Wednesday Volunteers

Our local schools

Carlow Tourism

Tullow Men’s Shed

Tullow Scouts

Objectives

The main objectives of Tullow Tidy Towns Committee are:

- To improve the quality of life for the residents of and visitors to Tullow
- To actively involve all members of the Tullow Community in the development and enhancement of the town
- To foster relationships with state agencies and Carlow County Council
- To maintain and protect the built heritage and unique character of Tullow
- To promote and retain traditions shop fronts
- To promote of the use of Irish on shop fronts
- To participate in and improve our performance in the National Tidy Towns Competition
- To participate in Carlow County Council's Pride of Place Competition and other competitions
- To support local schools in their efforts to win Green Schools Flags
- To educate residents about the consequences of Climate Change and the importance of Sustainability, Waste Minimisation and Biodiversity
- To work with Carlow County Council and property owners to bring about the appropriate treatment of derelict, unoccupied and under-utilised buildings
- To encourage Carlow County Council to switch over from traditional fluorescent public lighting to environmental friendly LED public lighting
- To promote and participate in National Tree Week Activities

Safety First

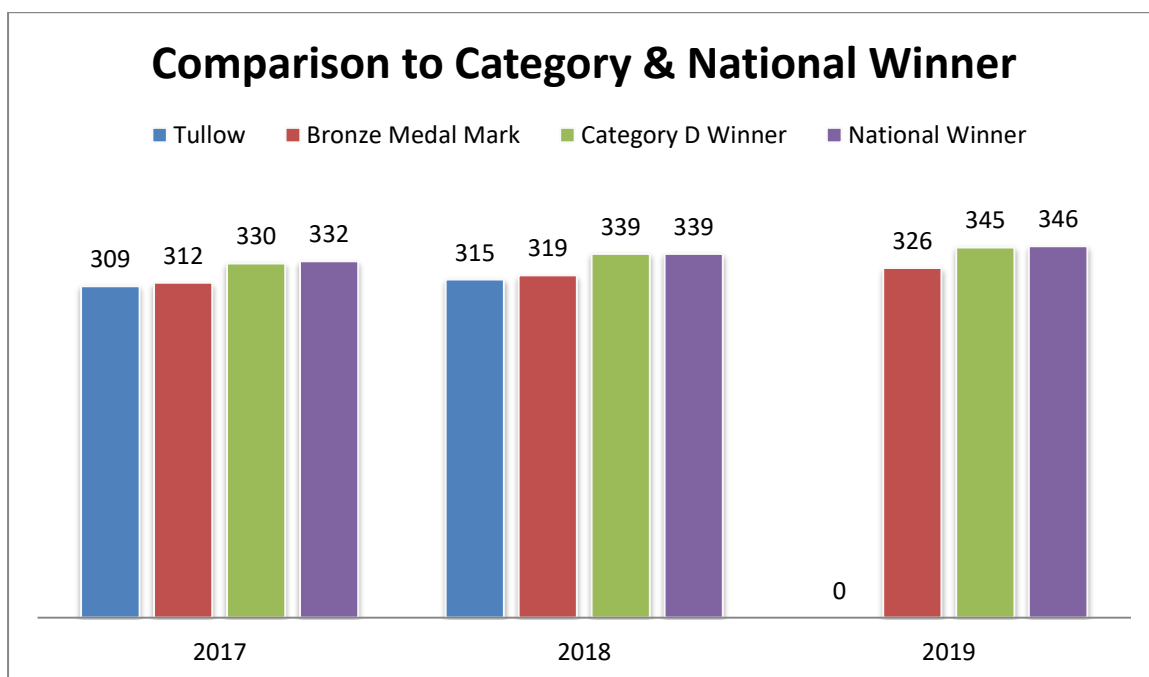
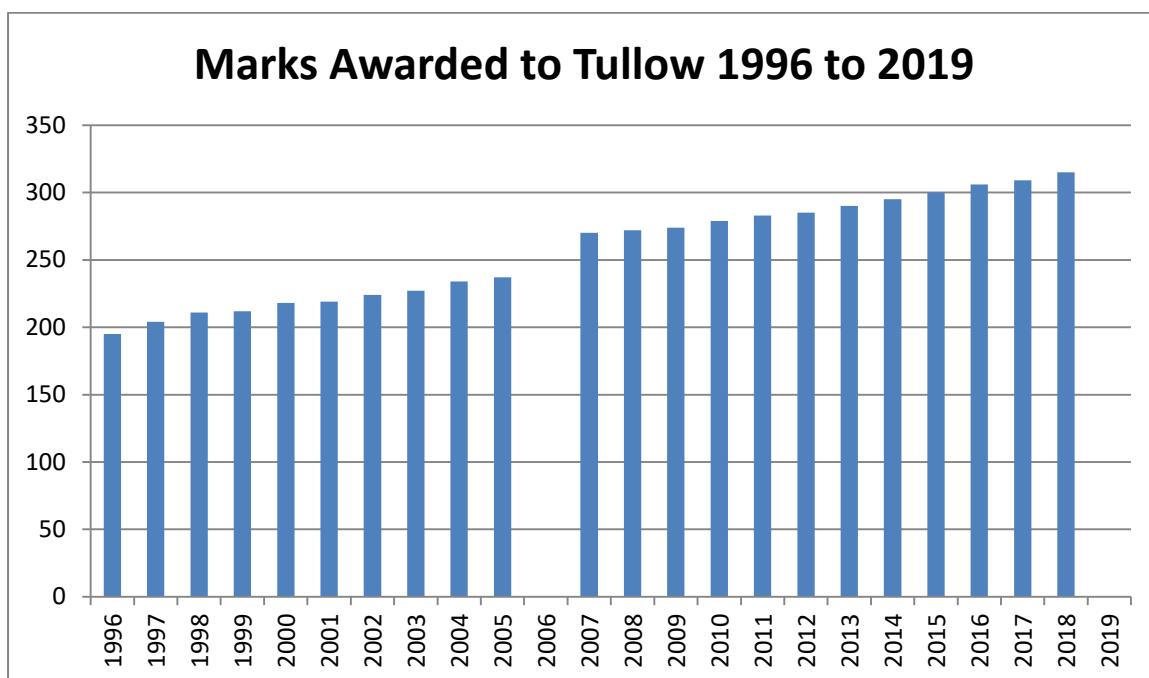
The safety of our Volunteers and other workers is paramount. It is policy that:

- All Volunteers must wear high visibility jackets while working on Tullow Tidy Towns Projects.
- Gloves, steel toe cap boots and eye goggles must be worn at appropriate times.
- Advance warning signs should be used when work is carried out on roadside projects and the DTA van with yellow flashing lights should be parked to face oncoming traffic to give additional warning to motorists that the volunteers are working roadside.
- Volunteers should only use equipment with moving parts after they have received appropriate training.
- Volunteers should not work riverside or in the river without three volunteers being present at all times.



A Review of our Past Performance

Tullow entered the National Tidy Towns Competition for the first time in 1995 and has entered the competition every year since except for the year 2006. We have made steady progress rising from 185 marks (1996) to 306 marks (2016).



Tullow has stood on the brink of winning a bronze medal for several years in Category D, however, the Competition standard is rising year on year. The goal post is a moveable feast.

SWOT Analysis of Tullow

A **SWOT** analysis allows for the examination of the main Tidy Towns and environmental issues in Tullow.

- Strengths – need to be highlighted in the annual Application Form
- Weaknesses – need to receive special attention as soon as possible
- Opportunities – represent potential for gaining additional marks
- Threats – need to be recognised and minimised to prevent the loss of marks

| <i>Strengths</i> | <i>Weaknesses</i> |
|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Attractive Town Park ➤ Support from FAS and TUS ➤ Support from Area Engineer ➤ Support from County Council ➤ Good working committee ➤ Strong support from Volunteers ➤ Growing community support | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Lack of involvement of traders ➤ Properties in town centre look dirty ➤ Not all estates have Residents Associations ➤ Approach Roads |
| <i>Opportunities</i> | <i>Threats</i> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Rainwater Harvesting Projects ➤ Co-operation with Schools ➤ Development of Bee Projects ➤ Tackling Invasive Species ➤ Development of new Residents Associations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Fly Tipping along approach roads ➤ Rubbish in the Town Park and Wildlife Park |

Project Principles

Tullow Tidy Towns Committee will undertake a number of projects during the course of the three year plan. All projects should:

- Add to the principles and objectives of the National Tidy Towns Competition
- Do no harm to the environment
- Seek partnerships with individuals or groups in the community
- Obtain expert advice before proceeding with a project
- Obtain the written permission of landowners before proceeding
- Have a teaching point for the public
- Have appropriate funding in place before the project proceeds

Finance

Tullow Tidy Towns Committee will behave responsibly when dealing with finances. The committee will ensure that all projects are properly financed in advance and that proper books of account are kept. Invoices will be required for all purchases and cheques must be signed by two signatories.

The committee acknowledge and thank our sponsors, donors, collection volunteers, our local Elected Members, Carlow County Council's Community Department, the Town and Renewal Scheme and Supervalu, Tullow.

Communication with the Community

Tullow Tidy Towns Committee will communicate effectively with the Community using (i) The Tullow Notes in "*The Carlow Nationalist*"; (ii) local radio KCLR96fm; (iii) The Parish Newsletter; (iv) Social Media and (v) www.tullow.ie

Review of Target Projects for seasons 2016-17 to 2018-19

| Project | Completed | Observations |
|---|--|---|
| Project 1 – Rainwater Harvesting | Yes – two IBC tanks erected at Tullow Parish Community Centre and water butts erected at St. Columba’s Church, Boys’ NS and St. Columba’s NS | IBC tanks at Parish Centre particularly useful during summer months |
| Project 2 – Bee Project | Partial – Irish Wildflowers planted at Tullow Town Park, the entrance to Gortnahowan and at Pairc Mhuire | Wildflower areas will take a few years to establish properly |
| Project 3 – Re-use of Tyres | Yes – painted tyres used at Tullow Town Park 2017 | Tyres hated by Tidy Towns Judge |
| Project 4 – Giving it Wellie | Yes – wellies erected at Inner Relief Road Car Park | Wellies loved by Tidy Town Judge |
| Project 5 – Tree Life | Project carried over to new plan | |
| Project 6 – Composting | Yes – composting unit erected at Tullow Town Park | Unfortunately, unit was vandalised beyond repair a few weeks after erection |
| Project 7 – Waste Assessment at Tullow Civic Centre | Project carried over to new plan | |
| Project 8 – Food Waste Campaign | Project carried over to new plan | |
| Project 9 – White Goods Collection | Project carried over to new plan | |
| Project 10 – Heritage Information Signs | Yes – Ten signs erected at historic building in September 2019 | |

Section 1 - Community Involvement and Planning

(Rannpháirtíocht an Phobail agus Pleanáil)

| Action Title | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|
| Recruit new committee members and put in place succession planning | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Recruit and support new and existing Wednesday Volunteers | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Support the PRO to regularly update the public via Facebook, Parish Newsletter and Local Press | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Continue to engage with and support the County Carlow Tidy Towns Network | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Ensure regular contact with Local Area Engineer and his staff | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Work alongside the local schools on Green Flag Projects | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Assist Develop Tullow Association to organise the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Implement the final Town and Village Renewal Scheme projects | ✓ | | |

Section 2 - Built Environment and Streetscape

(An Timpeallacht Thógtha agus Sráid-dreacha)

| Action Title | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|
| Continue to promote awareness of the Paint Grants to Tullow Business | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Encourage businesses to erect Hanging Baskets and Flower Boxes | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Ensure good presentation of the wall at the Holy Well, Ballymurphy | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Check Tourist Information in displays for accuracy and clean | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Pursue Carlow County Council to continue the changeover to LED public lighting | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Inspect street/traffic signage and clean same | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Lobby the Council to repair broken footpaths | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Clean and paint walls at the Fair Green /Dublin Road as needed | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Monitor Protected Structures in Tullow (see Appendix 1) | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

Section 3 - Landscaping and Open Spaces

(Tírdhreachú agus Spásanna Oscailte)

| Action Title | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|
| Plant for all year around effect | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Use perennials instead of annuals where possible | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Continue to use mulcher when grass cutting | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Avoid the use of pesticides | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Carry out an annual inspection of shrubberies | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Develop manageable areas suitable for biodiversity projects | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Leave 2-3 metres edges at river banks for wildlife when grass cutting | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Engage Residents Association to leave un-cut grass areas sown with native Irish wildflower seeds | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Check lifebuoys in park along river banks | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

Section 4 – Wildlife, Habitats and Natural Amenities

(Fiadhúlra, Gnáthóga agus Taitneamhachtaí Nádúrtha)

| Action Title | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|
| Carry out Spring clean-up of stream at Wildlife Park | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Carry out an annual clean-up of River Slaney | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Implement Pollinator/Bee Friendly Projects and awareness of the importance of pollinators | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Take intelligent action against the spread of the Himalayan Balsam | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Develop an educational nature trail in Tullow Town park | | | ✓ |
| Monitor the spread of Cherry Laurel on the river islands | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Remove inappropriate bird boxes at Tullow Town Park | ✓ | | |
| Erect tree information in Tullow Town Park | | | ✓ |

Section 5 - Sustainable Waste and Resource Management

(Bainistiú Acmhainní agus Dramhaíola Inbhuanaithe)

| Action Title | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|
| Expand rainwater harvesting plans at several locations | | | ✓ |
| Re-survey households regarding their re-cycling habits | | | ✓ |
| Demonstrate the “re-use” principle a wellies project | | | ✓ |
| Investigate the possibility of a Civic Composting unit | | ✓ | |
| Carry out a Waste Assessment at Tullow Civic Centre | | ✓ | |
| Host a “Food Left Overs” Cookery Demonstration | | ✓ | |
| Organise a bi-annual white goods collection in Tullow | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Assist schools with their Green Flags Programmes | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

Section 6 - Tidiness and Litter Control

(Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair)

| Action Title | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|
| Continue daily litter picks in Tullow town centre | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Participate in National Spring Clean Week activities | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Identify litter blackspots and engage with Litter Warden to monitor same | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Promote the use of the free re-cycling facilities at Tullowbeg | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Encourage traders to sweep outside their premises each day | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Encourage businesses to avail of the Council's Paint Scheme | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Remove any graffiti as soon as it appears | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Paint the side and rear of the Murphy Memorial Hall | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Remove weeds from footpaths | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Lobby the Council to erect anti-dog fouling signs and dog fouling bins | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

Section 7 - Residential Streets and Housing Areas

(Sráideanna Cónaithe agus Ceantair Tithíochta)

| Action Title | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|
| Ensure that all residential estates are signposted | ✓ | | |
| Encourage home owners to keep properties in good order | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Support the development and growth of residents associations | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Advertise the existence of Carlow County Council's "Amenity Grants" to residents associations | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Assist residents associations to apply for grants | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Consider the establishment of an estate "Litter League" | | ✓ | ✓ |

Section 8 - Approach Roads, Streets and Lanes

(Bóithre Isteach, Sráideanna agus Lánaí)

| Action Title | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|
| Lobby the Council to repair the main thoroughfare through Tullow | ✓ | | |
| Ensure that road markings are up to standard | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Power Hose the Bridge clean every second year | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Monitor back lanes to discourage dumping or the build-up of litter or debris | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Lobby Respond! to cut the hedge at the Convent Field | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Encourage the Council to expand its road sweeping programme into estates | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Consider the establishment of a town painting colour scheme | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

Projects

PROJECT 1 – MINI NATIVE OAK FOREST at PAIRC MHUIRE

Objective – Once widespread throughout Ireland, native Irish Oaks can be hard to find due to centuries of harvesting. The Sessile Oak was designated as Ireland’s national tree in 1990. Tullow Tidy Towns to plant native Irish trees to increase biodiversity and contribute to climate change actions.

Description – The plantation of 40 native Irish species of Oak trees (Sessile and Pedunculate) at Pairc Mhuire, Tullow.

Partners – Pairc Mhuire Residents, St. Columba’s National School, Scoil Mhuire Lourdes, Scoil Padraig Naofa and Tullow Men’s Shed.

Teaching Point – trees provide shelter, food and homes for many birds and animals. They take in carbon and give off oxygen that we need to breathe.

Possible Funding – Community Environment Action Fund



PROJECT 2 – BEE PROJECT

Objective – To create new and sustainable habitats for our 20 bumble bee and 77 solitary bee species as well as a new pollen source for our honeybees.

Description – The creation of new Irish wildflower (native species) gardens in Tullow Town Park, at the entrance to Gortnahowan, the Inner Relief Road and at Pairc Mhuire which is both attractive to bees and can be used as an important teaching point.

The erection of bee boxes (made by Tullow Men’s Shed) in the vicinity of the wildflower gardens.

The erection of signage in local supermarkets which informs the public about the importance of bees to the growth of fruit and vegetables.



Reading – The All Ireland Pollinator Plan 2015-2020

Partners – Carlow County Council, Tullow Men's' Shed and local Supermarkets

Teaching Point – the importance of pollinators to our food sources.

Possible Funding – Community Environment Action Fund

PROJECT 3 – RIVER SLANEY FLOATING BARRIER

Objective – To create a boom across the River Slaney to capture debris in the river during the months of April and May.

Description – To use materials destined for landfill and re-use them to make a floating boom to catch debris and litter in the River Slaney. The boom will float on the top of the water and have very little impact on the life below the water surface.

The litter will be removed from the river and it will be sorted and quantified and then disposed of using a method which does not harm the environment.



Partners – Tullow Youth Cafe

Teaching Point – that discarded waste pollutes the environment and is harmful for aquatic life.

PROJECT 4 – GIVING IT WELLIE

Objective – To create imaginative and colourful floral displays using old Wellington boots.

Description – The re-use old Wellington boots of different colours and sizes along the railings at the under-utilised Tesco site.



The boots will be drilled to allow the drainage of water, partially filled with stones and then compost. The boots will then be planted with trailing flowers.

Teaching Point – that seemingly useless boots can be re-used for a new purpose.

PROJECT 5 – TREE LIFE

Objective – To name and erect signage at the trees and shrubs in Tullow Town Park.

Description – To invite a tree expert / horticulturalist to Tullow Town Park to correctly identify and name the tree and shrub species within the confines of the park.

The erection of appropriate signage using the Latin name and common name of each species.

Teaching Point – To allow members of the public using the town park to become familiar with the names of the trees and shrubs and in particular to encourage teachers from the local schools to bring school children to the Town Park as part of their nature studies.



PROJECT 6 – COMPOSTING

Objective – To create a Civic Composting Unit at Tullow Re-cycling Bank

Description – The erection of a three bay composting unit at the Re-cycling Bank utilising the knowledge gained by our Committee members who undertook a Master Composting course in 2015.

The unit is to be constructed using old pallets, stakes and cable ties.



The use of the composting bay at Tullow Re-cycling Bank will allow households with small amounts of organic waste to dispose of the waste in an environmentally friendly way.

Teaching Point – To show the ease of composting, to show the types of waste than can be composted and to divert waste away from landfill.

PROJECT 7 – WASTE ASSESSMENT at TULLOW CIVIC CENTRE

Objective – To determine the amount of waste generated at Tullow Civic Centre and to develop strategies to reduce the amount of waste generated.

Description – Following consultation with the Town Manager /Director of Services in charge of Tullow Civic Centre an Assessment Co-ordinator(s) will be appointed to conduct an assessment of Tullow Civic Centres waste management systems and to identify opportunities for improvement in waste management strategies.



Samples will be collected for the month of February 2020 and waste assessment sheets compiled. A waste reduction plan will be compiled and implemented. The test will be repeated in April 2020 and result before and after compared.

Partners – Carlow County Council

Teaching Point – Creation of greater awareness among staff working in Tullow Civic Centre about reducing, reusing and recycling.

PROJECT 8 – FOOD WASTE CAMPAIGN

Objective – To highlight the amount of food waste in the average Irish household and highlight means to reduce food waste in Tullow homes.



Description - Create an A4 brochure to be delivered to all households in Tullow which provides simple and sensible tips on how to reduce food waste.

Teaching Point – To change householders buying patterns.

PROJECT 9 – WHITE GOODS COLLECTION DAYS

Objective – To prevent the fly tipping of white goods (washing machine, fridges, televisions, electrical appliances etc.) in the roadways around Tullow

Description – Arrange to have cages placed in Tullow Civic Re-cycling Centre for the collection of white goods in March and September each year.



Partners – Carlow County Council Environment Section

Teaching Point – fly tipping white goods in roadways around Tullow is not acceptable.

PROJECT 10 – SUSTAINABLE HOUSEHOLD TIPS on TULLOW.IE

Objective – To assist householders in Tullow to be more aware and informed about sustainability in the home.



Description – To create a page on www.tullow.ie with energy saving, water conservation and waste minimisation tips.

Partners – Carlow County Council Environment Section

Teaching Point – that small changes in the home can contribute to a more sustainable future.

<http://ennistidytowns.com/project/residential/>

PROJECT 11 – COVER EMPTY SHOP WINDOW

Objective – To enhance the street scape on The Market Square



Description – Working with the owner of the empty shop to create a window display to cover the fact that the shop is empty.

Partners – Property Owner

Teaching Point – that there is more than one way to enhance the street scape

PROJECT 12 – THE MARKET SQUARE STREETSCAPE RENEWAL

Objective – To enhance the street scape on The Market Square



Description – Lobby Carlow County Council to update and renew the Market Square streetscape.

Partners – Carlow County Council, local Elected Members, Tullow Traders, Develop Tullow Association CLG

Teaching Point – that renewal and change is important

Flagpoles

PROJECT 13 – RENEW THE TEMPLEOWEN SHRUBBERY

Objective – To enhance the street scape at Templeowen



Description – Removal of overgrown shrubs, reduction in open space for weed growth and planting of road side tolerant shrubs

Partners – Carlow County Council and land owner

Teaching Point –

Funding – Pobail 2020 Grant

PROJECT 14 – PLASTIC BOTTLE TOP PUBLIC ART



Objective – To enhance the street scape at Tullow Town Park

Description – Paint the grey hoarding at the rear of Tesco and erect a piece(s) plastic bottle top art on the hoarding.

Partners – Tesco, Carlow County Council, School Children and a Local Artist

Teaching Point – that apparently useless objects can be diverted from landfill and up-cycled to enhance the public street scape.

Funding – Creative Ireland Programme (2020-2021)

PROJECT 15 – HOUSEHOLD RE-CYCLING SURVEY

Objective – To conduct a Household Re-Cycling Survey in Tullow to understand householders reasoning for under re-cycling and assist improve re-cycling rates.



Description – Re-survey 100 households in Tullow, first surveyed in 2015, concerning their re-cycling habits with a view to finding out if their re-cycling habits have changed over the interceding four years.

Partners – Surveyors and 100 Householders in Tullow.

Teaching Point – to assist householders improve their knowledge and understanding of re-cycling.

PROJECT 16 – WETLAND HABITAT



Objective – To preserve a wetland habitat in the field next to Tullow Town Park.

Description – Fence off and preserve an area next to Tullow Town Park which is a low lying wetland as a wetland habitat. To carry out a Flora and Fauna study on the wetland area.

Partners – The Landowner

Teaching Point – to assist householders improve their knowledge and understanding of re-cycling.

PROJECT 17 – WATER FOUNTAINS



Objective – To reduce the usage of single use plastic bottles.

Description – The procurement and erection of three water fountains in public areas in Tullow.

Partners – Carlow County Council

Teaching Point – to prevent plastic waste through reducing the amount of single use plastic bottles.

PROJECT 18 – CONSCIOUS CUPS

Objective – To reduce the usage of single use paper cups.



Description – Committee members will approach local traders and ask them to sign up to the Conscious Cups campaign.

Partners – Carlow County Council

Teaching Point – to prevent plastic waste through reducing the amount of single use plastic bottles.

PROJECT 19 – HISTORIC TULLOW

Objective – To remind people of the history of Tullow.

Description – Painting a black and white mural on the wall of Tom Fox’s shop featuring a bygone era from Tullow’s past.

Partners – Tom Fox, Tullow Museum, Carlow County Council

Teaching Point – That the past has formulated the present

Funding – Arts Act Grants 2021



PROJECT 20 – RIVER SLANEY GOD

Objective – To remind people of the beauty and bounty flowing from the River Slaney.

Description – Erecting a public monument to the River Slaney in Tullow Town Park consisting of a central post with the face of the River Slaney god from Gandon’s Custom House, with water flowing down into a two stage base. The top part will have blue coloured trailing flowers cascading down into the lower base which will be planted up with native Irish shrubs and flower and some wheat representing the bounty which comes from the river.

Partners – Carlow County Council and a local engineering company.

Teaching Point – The important of the River Slaney to Tullow’s economy, ecology and environment.



oysters, scallops, whelks,
clams and crab
ears of corn and other vegetation

PROJECT 21– BEE HIVES

Objective – To increase the amount of bee pollination around Tullow as the town is in the centre of an important agricultural production area.

Description – The erection of two bee hives on the flat roof area of Tullow Civic Centre.

Partners – Pat Harrington Carlow County Council and Carlow Beekeepers Association.

Teaching Point – That bees are some of the most important crop pollinators.



Appendices

Appendix 1 – Record of Protected Structures in Tullow

| RPS NO. | DESCRIPTION | TOWNLAND |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| CW80 | Gate Lodge at St. Austin's Abbey | Tullowbeg |
| CW81 | The Cottage, Dublin Road | Tullowphelim |
| CW82 | Slaney River Bridge | Tullowbeg |
| CW83 | The Coach House | Tullowphelim |
| CW84 | Water Bailiff's Hut | Tullowphelim |
| CW85 | Tullow Museum | Tullowphelim |
| CW399 | Gate Lodge, Mount Wolseley | Mount Wolseley |
| CW400 | Mount Wolseley House | Mount Wolseley |
| CW513 | St. Austin's Abbey House | Tullowbeg |
| CW514 | The Bridge House | Tullowbeg |
| CW515 | Former Stable Block | Tullowbeg |
| CW516 | Shed at St. Austin's Abbey House | Tullowbeg |
| CW519 | No. 79 Market Square (Kassys) | Tullowphelim |
| CW520 | B & D Solicitors, Barrack Street | Tullowphelim |
| CW521 | Sexton's House, The Course (Window) | Tullowphelim |
| CW522 | Church of the Most Holy Rosary | Tullowphelim |
| CW523 | The Grill, Mill Street | Tullowphelim |
| CW524 | FDC Accountants, Mill Street | Tullowphelim |
| CW525 | D & A Laundry, Mill Street (Arch) | Tullowphelim |
| CW526 | The Gift Gallery | Tullowphelim |
| CW527 | Discount Store, Bridge Street | Tullowphelim |
| CW528 | McDermotts, Bridge Street | Tullowphelim |
| CW529 | Fitzpatricks, Bridge Street | Tullowphelim |
| CW530 | The Court House | Tullowphelim |
| CW531 | Tullow Monastery School | Tullowphelim |
| CW532 | Slaney House, Barrack Street | Tullowphelim |
| CW533 | St. Columba's National School | Tullowphelim |
| CW534 | St. Columba's Church | Tullowphelim |
| CW535 | Letter Box, Church Street | Tullowphelim |
| CW536 | Holy Well, Ballymurphy | Tullowphelim |
| CW537 | The Diner, Market Square | Tullowphelim |
| CW538 | Ripleys, Market Square | Tullowphelim |
| CW539 | Letter Box, New Chapel Lane | Tullowphelim |
| CW540 | P.J. Duffy, Mill Street | Tullowphelim |

Source – Tullow Draft Local Area Plan 2016-2022

Appendix 2 – Invasive Species in Tullow

In August 2015, Ronan Corrigan (MSc. Environmental Science, UCD) and Hazel Doyle (MSc. Biodiversity and Conservation, TCD) under the supervision of Dr. Daniel L. Kelly, Department of Botany, University of Dublin and Dr. Tamara Hochstrasser, School of Biology & Environmental Science, University College Dublin, undertook a “Habitat Survey and Biodiversity Report” of Tullow.

The researchers found three invasive species in Tullow:

- Japanese Knotweed (*Fallopia japonica*) at Tullow Museum
- Himalayan Balsam (*Impatiens glandulifera*) on the banks of the River Slaney and
- Cherry Laurel (*Prunus laurocerasus*) on the two islands in the River Slaney.

In June 2106 the Area Engineer, Mr. Pat Harrington commissioned Invas Biosecurity to carry out a report on Japanese Knotweed and Himalayan Balsam growing the Tullow town area.

Invas recommended the foliar application of an appropriate herbicide (glyphosate in Roundup Gold) to the Japanese Knotweed in September as the most suitable control option at Tullow Museum. The site will be monitored for up to four years and retreated as required.

Invas further recommended that the Himalayan Balsam be controlled by hand pulling in May and June before its seeds are set. The report noted that the failure to treat the plant upstream of the town would render the area susceptible to re-infestation.

Appendix 3 – Grass Cutting Areas

The following areas of public grass are cut by Tullow Tidy Towns:

| STREET | DESCRIPTION |
|---------------------|---|
| Pairc Mhuire | Large parkland area from Nos. 60 to 81 Pairc Mhuire |
| Thomas Traynor Road | Thomas Traynor Park |
| Dublin Road | Grass in front of Nos. 38 to 42 Pairc Mhuire |
| Bishop's Cross | Grass area at "Welcome to Tullow" |
| Bunclody Road | The Fair Green |
| Ballymurphy Road | Strip at the Holy Well |
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Appendix 4 – Shrubberies

| STREET | DESCRIPTION |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| Dublin Road | Entrance to Pairc Mhuire |
| Dublin Road | Bishop's Cross |
| Dublin Road | Welcome to Tullow |
| Dublin Road | Pairc Mhuire x 2 (The Prairie) |
| Shillelagh Road | The Fire Station |
| Tullow Hill Road | Rear entrance to Cemetery |
| Ardattin Road | Opposite Tullow Community School |
| Inner Relief Road | Tullow Civic Offices |
| Slip Road | Parallel Shrubbery |
| Thomas Traynor Road | Tullowbeg Roundabout |
| Thomas Traynor Road | Riparian Garden |
| Hawkin's Lane | Adjacent to LIDL |
| Bunclody Road | Entrance to Industrial Estate |
| Bridge Street | Outside The Bridge House |
| Thomas Traynor Road | Bed at Kirwan's entrance |
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Appendix 5 – Floral Displays requiring Watering

| Location | Container | Species |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Inner Relief Road | Re-cycled Plastic Boxes | Cordyline and Begonias |
| Bridge Street (Credit Union) | Wooden Boxes | Cordyline and Begonias |
| The Bridge | Containers and Hanging Baskets | Various |
| The Market Square | Wooden Boxes | Cordyline and Begonias |
| Bishop's Cross | Bed | Marigolds |
| Thomas Traynor | Wooden Barrel | Candytuff |
| St. Columba's Church | Stainless Steel Trough | Various |
| Fire Station | Wooden Barrel and Hanging Baskets | Various |
| Pairc Mhuire Wall | Containers | Various |
| Church Car Park | Containers | Various |
| Tommy Flynn's House | Wooden Box | Cordyline and Begonias |



**Appendix 6 – Issues raised in Consultation with C.E. and TUS Workers on
Tuesday 8th November 2016**

| NO. | LOCATION | DESCRIPTION |
|------------|------------------------|---|
| 1 | Tullow Bridge | Power hose the bridge clean |
| 2 | Tullow Bridge | Create terrace at river bank |
| 3 | Park Gate | Cut back overgrown shrubs |
| 4 | Park Gate | Enclose trees and plant flowers |
| 5 | St. Patrick's Cemetery | Power hose the cemetery wall clean |
| 6 | Convent Field | Lower bank at the back of the wall |
| 7 | Tullow Community | Litter problem at lunch time |
| 8 | Mill Street | Clean up and paint The Slip Inn |
| 9 | Ballymurphy Road | New road surface required |
| 10 | '98 Memorial | Power hose stones and cut back shrubs |
| 11 | Wildlife Park | Clean-up and cut back briars |
| 12 | Castle Lane | General clean-up |
| 13 | Thomas Traynor Park | Paint fence |
| 14 | Murphy Memorial Hall | Paint Hall wall to remove graffiti |
| 15 | Murphy Memorial Hall | Erect gate at rear |
| 16 | Bishops Cross | Remove broken concrete pillar and post railings |
| 17 | Phelim Wood | Footpath to link back into town |
| 18 | Approach Roads | Need some TLC |
| 19 | National Schools | Wormery boxes from re-cycled pallets |
| 20 | National Schools | Raised beds for planting |
| 21 | Hawthorne Drive | Repair fence |
| 22 | Mullaun Graveyard | General clean-up |
| 23 | Town Park | Re-vamp the insect hotels |
| 24 | Old Chapel Lane | New road surface required |
| 25 | New Chapel Lane | New road surface required |
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Appendix 7 – List of Residential Estates in Tullow

| NO. | NAME | Taken in Charge | Not Taken in Charge |
|-----|-------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 1 | Abbey Close | | ✓ |
| 2 | Ashbrook | ✓ | |
| 3 | Ardphelim | ✓ | |
| 4 | Ard na Greine | | |
| 5 | An Caislain | | |
| 6 | Barnfield | ✓ | |
| 7 | Bellwood | ✓ | |
| 8 | Bramble Court | | ✓ |
| 9 | Court View | ✓ | |
| 10 | Court Lawns | ✓ | |
| 11 | Cuanahowan | | ✓ |
| 12 | Fr. John Murphy Terrace | ✓ | |
| 13 | Gortnahowan | ✓ | |
| 14 | Graigueowan | | ✓ |
| 15 | Hawthorne Drive | ✓ | |
| 16 | Hillbrook | ✓ | |
| 17 | Monastery Court | | ✓ |
| 18 | Mount Aaron Wood | | ✓ |
| 19 | Mullaun Crescent | | ✓ |
| 20 | Oakley Wood | ✓ | |
| 21 | Park Gate | | ✓ |
| 22 | Phelim Wood | | ✓ |
| 23 | Rathsillan | | ✓ |
| 24 | Pairc Mhuire | ✓ | |
| 25 | Rathfelim | ✓ | |
| 26 | St. Austin's Terrace | ✓ | |
| 27 | St. Patrick's Park | ✓ | |
| 28 | St. Oliver's Villas | ✓ | |
| 29 | Shroughaun Close | ✓ | |
| 30 | Steepleview Crescent | ✓ | |
| 31 | Slaney View Drive | ✓ | |
| 32 | Shillelagh Grove | ✓ | |
| 33 | Station Manor | | ✓ |
| 34 | Templeowen | ✓ | |
| 35 | Tintean Pdraig | ✓ | |
| 36 | The Links | ✓ | |
| 37 | The Rise | ✓ | |
| 38 | Willow Close | ✓ | |
| 39 | Wolseley Court | ✓ | |
| 38 | Wolseley Village | | ✓ |

