



ANALYSIS OF MARKS BY COUNTY - ANAILÍS AR MHCARCANNA DE RÉIR CONTAE

LAOIS - LAOISE

Contae - Contae	Mark - Marc	Award - Duais
Category A		
Ballacolla - Baile Cholla	342	County Second
Emo - Ioma	328	
Clough - An Clogh	320	
Culchill - An Chulchoil	318	
Spink - Spinc	273	
Pike of Rushall - An Paidhc	253	
Killeen - An Cillín	217	
Category B		
Durrow - Darú	340	County Third
Castletown - Baile an Chaisleáin	339	
Clonaslee - Cluain Na Síl	325	
Borris-in-Ossory - Buiríos Mór Osaí	308	
Ballinakill - Baile na Coille	239	
Ballybrittas - Baile Briotáis	239	
Category C		
Abbeyleix - Mainistir Laoise	362	County First & Gold Medal
Stradbally - An Sráidbhalle	323	
Mountrath - Maighean Reatha	304	
Category D		
Mountmellick - Móinteach Míic	296	
Category F		
Portarlinton - Cúil an tSudaire	297	Endeavour Award
Category G		
Portlaoise - Port Laoise	337	Silver Medal

Laois Tidy Towns wins at national and local levels

Competitions: Abbeyleix doesn't reach the heights of 2021 but still wins Gold as Portlaoise wins Silver

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The national Tidy Towns awards in Dublin has seen Laois win medals and put in strong performances though hopes for a big win did not materialise.

Abbeyleix was Ireland's Tidiest Small Town in 2021 at the national awards event and came within a whisker of winning the overall prize. Hopes were high that they'd go one better in 2022 but that was not to be.

Abbeyleix won a Gold medal and was Laois County winner.

Portlaoise won Silver medal, also retaining its status.

Durrow won a County Commended award.

Ballacolla won a Highly Commended award.

Portarlinton won a

Special Endeavour award which was given for having the biggest score improvement in Laois.

Tidy Towns team members from Abbeyleix, Durrow and Portlaoise travelled to the RDS for the announcement.

Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys announced Trim, Co. Meath as Ireland's Tidiest Town for 2022.

Meanwhile, back home in Portlaoise, ten Tidy Towns groups were honoured at the Laois Federation of Tidy Towns Awards which was incorporated into the the Community & Voluntary Awards Ceremony in the Midlands Park Hotel on the 28th October.

This was the first Laois Federation of Tidy Towns Awards held since 2017.

The Laois awards were adjudicated by Laois Federation of Tidy Towns Committee members.

The were as follows:

- Best Streetscape - Stradbally Tidy Towns.
- Best Landscaping - Mountrath Tidy Towns
- Best Floral Display - Abbeyleix Tidy Towns
- Best Heritage Feature - Killasmeestia Tidy Towns
- Best Biodiversity Project - Clough Tidy Towns
- Best Community Involvement Project - Joint Winners - Ballacolla Tidy Towns & Ballinakill Tidy Towns
- Best Litter Control - Portlaoise Tidy Towns
- Overall Impression Village - Clonaslee Tidy Towns
- Overall Impression Town - Durrow Tidy Town

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NOTICE OF DRAFT MAP PREPARED UNDER SECTION 653C OF THE TAXES CONSOLIDATION ACT 1997 FOR THE PURPOSES OF IDENTIFYING LAND THAT SATISFIES THE RELEVANT CRITERIA AND IS TO BE SUBJECT TO THE RESIDENTIAL ZONED LAND TAX

A draft map, prepared under Section 653C of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997, has been published on the website maintained by Laois County Council and is available for inspection at <http://www.consult.laois.ie> or can be viewed in hard copy during normal opening hours (excluding public holidays) at the Offices of Laois County Council, County Hall, JFL Avenue, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.

The draft map has been prepared for the purposes of identifying land that satisfies the relevant criteria and is to be subject to the residential zoned land tax.

Residential properties, notwithstanding that they may be included on the draft map, shall not be chargeable to the residential zoned land tax.

Land which satisfies the relevant criteria is a reference to land that—

(a) is included in a development plan, in accordance with section 10(2) (a) of the Act of 2000, or local area plan, in accordance with section 19(2)(a) of the Act of 2000, zoned—

- solely or primarily for residential use, or
- for a mixture of uses, including residential use,

(b) it is reasonable to consider may have access, or be connected, to public infrastructure and facilities, including roads and footpaths, public lighting, foul sewer drainage, surface water drainage and water supply, necessary for dwellings to be developed and with sufficient service capacity available for such development, and

(c) it is reasonable to consider is not affected, in terms of its physical condition, by matters to a sufficient extent to preclude the provision of dwellings, including contamination or the presence of known archaeological or historic remains, but which is not land—

(i) that is referred to in paragraph (a)(i) and, having regard only to development (within the meaning of the Act of 2000) which is not unauthorised development (within the meaning of the Act of 2000), is in use as premises, in which a trade or profession is being carried on, that is liable to commercial rates, that it is reasonable to consider is being used to provide services to residents of adjacent residential areas,

(ii) that is referred to in paragraph (a)(ii), unless it is reasonable to consider that the land is vacant or idle,

(iii) that it is reasonable to consider is required for, or is integral to, occupation by—

- (I) social, community or governmental infrastructure and facilities, including infrastructure and facilities used for the purposes of public administration or the provision of education or healthcare,
- (II) transport facilities and infrastructure,
- (III) energy infrastructure and facilities,
- (IV) telecommunications infrastructure and facilities,
- (V) water and wastewater infrastructure and facilities,
- (VI) waste management and disposal infrastructure, or
- (VII) recreational infrastructure, including sports facilities and playgrounds,
- (VIII) that is subject to a statutory designation that may preclude development, or
- (IX) on which the derelict sites levy is payable in accordance with the Derelict Sites Act 1990.

Submissions on the draft map may be made in writing to Laois County Council not later than 1 January 2023, regarding—

- (i) either the inclusion in or exclusion from the final map of specific sites, or
- (ii) the date on which a site first satisfied the relevant criteria.

Submissions on the draft map may be made in one of the following ways:

- Write to Senior Planner, 'Clearly marked' - Residential Zoned Land Tax, Planning Department, Laois County Council, JFL Avenue, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.
- Online: Via the online consultation portal at <http://www.consult.laois.ie>

or

- Via email to planning@laoiscoco.ie

Submissions should include a name and address, reasons for inclusion or exclusion of lands, along with a map of scale 1:1,000 (urban area) or 1:2,500 (rural area) where the submission is made by a landowner, clearly identifying the area of land subject of the submission. Any such written submissions received by 1 January 2023 other than such elements of a submission which may constitute personal data, shall be published on the website maintained by Laois County Council concerned not later than 11 January 2023.

Where land identified on the draft map is included in a development plan or local area plan in accordance with section 10(2)(a) or 19(2)(a) of the Act of 2000 zoned—

- (i) solely or primarily for residential use, or
- (ii) for a mixture of uses, including residential use,

Where land is identified on the draft map as being subject to the residential zoned land tax, a person may, in respect of land that such a person owns, make a submission to the local authority requesting a variation of the zoning of that land. Any such submission should include evidence of ownership, detailed reasons for any rezoning request, along with a map to a scale of 1:1,000 (urban) or 1:2,500 (rural) clearly identifying the relevant plot of land.

All rezoning requests made will be considered by the Laois County Council having regard to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area."

The Councils Data Protection Policy, is available at:

<https://laois.ie/wp-content/uploads/Agreed-Laois-County-Council-revised-Data-Protection-policy-1.pdf>

YOU ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO MAKE YOUR SUBMISSION AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. LATEST TIME FOR RECEIPT OF SUBMISSIONS (POST/ ONLINE/EMAIL) IS 1st January 2023.

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