

Feedback Sheet 2022

Clonegal	Possible marks	Marks received
Quality of written response, clarity, accuracy, before/after photos, etc.	10	10
Evidence of inter generational community participation. Where applicable use photos or descriptions of play/learn space, grow space, child-friendly signage, family/children involvement.	10	9
Absence of litter including cigarette butts, dog fouling, graffiti and appropriate use of signage.	20	19
First Impressions - entrance(s) signage cleanliness, legibility, visibility, appropriate use of colourful planting, plant choices.	10	10
Hard Landscape e.g., buildings and buildings of heritage value, cleanliness and maintenance of roads, foot paths, kerbs, walls, fences, signage, containers. Kerbs should be weed-free.	10	9
Soft Landscape: Maintenance of greens, flower beds, trees (correct staking and care), shrub borders and containers/hanging baskets. Floral displays including planting for year-round interest and appropriate use of colour/seasonal planting.	10	10
Measures to promote bio-diversity and mitigate climate change; including care for the natural environment and wildlife, use of wildflower meadows, reduced mowing regimes, greening grey walls with plants that support wildlife e.g. ivy, use of mulches and landscape fabrics, reduced spraying regimes, non-toxic, organic solutions to weed control, use of pollinator-friendly plants, recycling, composting, rainwater harvesting, etc. Where a non-native invasive species such as Himalayan Balsam or Japanese Knotweed is identified on a space that is accessible to the public, this sighting should be reported to the Council. Where a community group is undertaking remedial action to address the spread of invasive species, they must follow best practice guidelines in accordance with a recently commissioned expert report on biodiversity and invasives. In this event we still ask that the incidence be reported to Council.	20	17
Bonus marks for overall impression, new projects, high impact planting, superior aesthetic appeal and horticultural excellence.	10	9
Total:	100	93

Additional Comments

Clonegal continues to be an exemplar amongst towns and villages in Carlow and nationwide. The consistent efforts made over many years can be enjoyed by both locals and visitors. The many great initiatives and educational measures support residents and business owners to make a significant contribution towards supporting biodiversity, maintaining heritage architecture, and enhancing the visitor experience. Well done on your great information leaflets and the number of green amenity spaces with excellent signage

Opportunities: A small issue that was noted previously - the difficulty in maintaining painted finishes, particularly on wall capping and old railings. This is most notable close to the bridge where red paint is visible through flaking green paint. Perhaps an alternative, less labour- intensive approach would work better.