

## Cork County Council Anti-Litter Challenge 2018

The Anti-Litter Challenge raises awareness of litter pollution and motivates communities to reduce litter by introducing an element of friendly competition. This year the competition will run from 14<sup>th</sup> May to 20<sup>th</sup> June. For villages in the county final there will be additional judging from 9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> July.

- Closing date for entries 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018.
- Updates and results will be posted at [www.corkcoco.ie/environment](http://www.corkcoco.ie/environment).
- Awards ceremonies will be held later in the year, dates to be confirmed.
- Queries should be directed to [litterchallenge@corkcoco.ie](mailto:litterchallenge@corkcoco.ie)

### Judging Periods

First Period:	14 <sup>th</sup> May – 23 <sup>rd</sup> May
Second Period:	28 <sup>th</sup> May – 6 <sup>th</sup> June
Third Period:	11 <sup>th</sup> June – 20 <sup>th</sup> June
Villages County Final:	9 <sup>th</sup> July – 13 <sup>th</sup> July

### Judging

All Towns and villages will be judged under as similar circumstances as possible. This means that:

- Judges will try to avoid visits on any day on which there is a special event, e.g. mart day or casual trading day. The council should be notified in advance of these events.
- Judging will take place between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday.
- Judging will not take place on Saturdays, Sundays or Bank Holidays.
- All public areas between the 50km speed limit signs can be judged.
- Marks are deducted for litter only, as defined in the Litter Pollution Act, 1997.
- Marks will not be deducted for abandoned cars, illegal signs, unfinished housing estates, kerbside weeds, derelict buildings.
- No marks will be awarded for well-kept open spaces, or well presented buildings. Only litter is judged.
- An extra period of judging, or some other mechanism, may be used to separate towns or villages in a tie-break situation.
- Judges decisions are final.

### Marking Scheme – Villages

- Villages start each judging period with 100 points – maximum points available: 300
- Points from each judging period will be added together to give the final total
- 1 point is deducted for each piece of litter

- 0.1 point is deducted for each cigarette butt, i.e. 10 cigarette butts = 1 point deducted
- Judges will walk through the streets and drive through the housing estates
- Maximum 2 Housing estates will be judged per visit
- Streets will constitute 90% of the points, housing estates 10%, i.e. 5% for each estate
- If a village has only 1 housing estate then that estate will constitute 10% of the points
- If a village has no housing estates then streets will constitute 100% of the points

### Marking Scheme – Towns

- Towns start each judging period with 1,000 points – maximum points available: 3,000
- Points from each judging period will be added together to give the final total
- 1 point is deducted for each piece of litter
- 0.1 point is deducted for each cigarette butt, i.e. 10 cigarette butts = 1 point deducted
- 10 x 50 metre stretches of road/footpath will be judged in each town as follows:
  - 10 x 50 metre stretches in the town centre
  - 2 x 50 metre stretches in a housing estate/residential area
  - 1 x 50 metre stretch in a service area/school area
  - 1 x 50 metre stretch adjacent to a green area
- Towns may nominate 1 estate for judging in each period if they wish

### Competition Structure – Villages

- Villages will compete in one of three divisions: North, South, or West
- Each division will have two groups, A and B
- Prizes will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> places in each group – amounts to be confirmed
- Prizes will be awarded to the best improver in each group
- The winners of group A from each division will progress to the County Final
- Non-prize winners with a final score of 210 points or higher will receive a participation grant of €150
- Villages placing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>, and best improvers are not eligible for the participation prize
- 1<sup>st</sup> place from group A in each division will progress to the county final
- 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Group B will be promoted to Group A
- The bottom 2 in Group A will be relegated to Group B

### Competition Structure – Towns

- Towns will compete in one of three categories: A, B1, or B2
- Prizes will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> places in each category – amounts to be confirmed
- There will be one best improver prize
- Non-prize winners with a final score of 2,100 or higher will receive a participation grant of €300
- 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Category B1 will be promoted to Category A
- 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Category B2 will be promoted to Category B1
- The bottom 2 in Category A will be relegated to Category B1
- The bottom 2 in Category B1 will be relegated to Category B2