

Cork County Council Anti-Litter Challenge 2019

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 13th May to 19th June. For villages in the county final there will be additional judging from 8th to 12th July.

- Closing date for entries 26th April 2019.
- Updates and results will be posted at 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

Judging Periods

First Period:	13 th May – 22 nd May
Second Period:	27 th May – 5 th June
Third Period:	10 th June – 19 th June
Villages County Final:	8 th July – 12 th 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 areas between the 50km speed limit signs to which the public have access may 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 suitable 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 in the competition: 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 in the competition: 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:
 - 6 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 1st, 2nd & 3rd places in each group
- 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 prize
- Villages placing 1st, 2nd or 3rd, and best improvers are not eligible for the participation prize
- 1st place from group A in each division will progress to the county final
- 1st & 2nd 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 1st, 2nd & 3rd places in each category
- There will be one best improver prize
- Non-prize winners with a final score of 2,100 or higher will receive a participation grant prize
- 1st & 2nd place in Category B1 will be promoted to Category A
- 1st & 2nd 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