

Tidy Villages South Armagh Competition – terms and conditions 2021

Welcome to the Tidy Villages South Armagh Competition for 2021. Please read the following very carefully before you complete your entry form noting the email size limit of 20MB.

Please see the list of awards below. If you encounter any difficulties accessing any of the application forms, please contact the AONB and Geopark team at info@ringofgullion.org.

1. These terms and conditions together with any guidelines set out in the criteria or the application form are the competition rules (“the Rules”). By entering the competition, entrants agree to be bound by the Rules.
2. The Tidy Villages South Armagh Competition (“the Competition”) is organised by the Ring of Gullion Landscape Partnership (“the Partnership”). In the event of any dispute the decision of the Partnership will be final.
3. To enter the Competition, the entrant must be a body entering on behalf of a town, village, or stand-alone area (“village”) and should be working towards being broadly representative of all sectors residing or working in the village.
4. Only one entrant per village is allowed. Where a village has more than one entrant, the Partnership will, at its absolute discretion, select one to participate in the Competition.
5. Competition entries should be made in the manner, and by the closing date, specified. Late entries will not be accepted. Please keep supporting documentation as concise as possible as the Adjudicators have a limited time to review all material, therefore only material relevant to the projects for consideration should be provided.
6. Entries should be submitted electronically to info@ringofgullion.org on or before the closing date, the entry should be contained in one single email and should not exceed 20MB. Entries cannot be submitted via DropBox, Google File share or any other file sharing mode.
7. Backup information should be as concise as possible and should only relate to this year’s entry. Additional information should be clearly referenced to the appropriate criteria in the entry form. Adjudicators welcome the inclusion of links to websites or social media, which can support your activities or give further information. We recommend that you identify all photographs, referencing them all clearly with information on the various project of initiative and the date of when the photograph was taken.
8. An acknowledgement email will issue from the Partnership’s email address to all correspondence received in respect of 2021 entries. If one week after the closing date, your entry is not listed on the Ring of Gullion website; please contact the AONB and Geopark team immediately, failure to do so may result in your entry not being registered for the 2021 competition.
9. Marks are awarded for the quality of your entry form. The form should be concise and should clearly reference all works undertaken since September 2020. With regard to your new or maintenance projects, identification and location details are important. Accordingly please ensure that;
 - The location of each separate project is marked on the map where this is appropriate. This requirement may not apply to some items.
 - Provide a brief description of the project with appropriate details.

- Indicate when the work started and when it finished, or the proposed completion date for ongoing or long-term projects.

10. A good town or village map is essential to your entry. A hand-drawn map is perfectly acceptable if a formal printed map is not available or suitable. The map should be of a manageable size, A4 or A3 depending on the layout of your town or village. On the map please name all streets and roads as necessary and mark the key public buildings and landmarks. You are advised not to use Google mapping as this is often unclear/inaccurate. You may find the DAERA's Natural Environment Map Viewer available at <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/services/natural-environment-map-viewer> useful. A clear legend is an essential part of a map and you are recommended to include a legend on the map sheet itself. Failure to include an adequate map may result in a failed application.

11. Photographs can be of great assistance to your Adjudicator. Before and after photographs are helpful, just a pair of photographs of each new project is recommended. If you are including photographs, you must incorporate them into the form under the relevant category or as an appendix to the form in a WORD or preferably a PDF document, you can easily fit up to 6 photographs on an A4 page. Please remember to title each photograph so the Adjudicator knows what project it refers to.

12. Prize winners will be selected by a panel of Adjudicators appointed by the Partnership. Unless otherwise stated all prizes will be awarded to the entrant.

13. The Adjudicator will examine new or maintenance projects, which have been completed between September 1st 2020, and the 2021 competition closing date. Adjudications commences 2 weeks after the closing date.

14. Prize winners will be announced in Q4 2021 and prizes awarded on dates decided by the Partnership. Failure to claim a prize in the manner specified by the Partnership may result in the prize being withdrawn or selection of an alternate winner. The Partnership reserves the right to substitute/alter prizes at any time.

15. The Partnership cannot accept responsibility for any damage, loss, injury or disappointment suffered by any entrant entering the Competition or as a result of accepting any prize.

16. Information supplied will only be used for the purposes of organising and promoting the Competition and related initiatives. All contact details data will be destroyed in line with GDPR guidelines.

17. Main prizes are the prizes awarded to entrants by virtue of their overall score in the Competition.

18. Prizes unless otherwise stated, consist of a money prize and a certificate.

- 1st prize £500
- 2nd prize £300
- 3rd prize £200

19. The overall title, South Armagh's Tidiest Village is awarded to the entrant with the highest score in the Competition. In addition to a money prize and certificate, the winner receives a plaque.

20. The eligible area for entry is all of Slieve Gullion DEA, and the ward of Fathom in the Newry DEA

21. Other initiatives may arise from time to time and qualifying villages will be contacted by the Partnership as required.