

PRESS RELEASE

FINGAL CLEANER COMMUNITIES AWARDS

The 35th community based anti-litter competition, The Fingal Cleaner Communities Awards, organised by Fingal County Council's Environment Department were held in County Hall on Thursday, 21st October. It has been an important competition over the years in enhancing the Local Authorities relationship with residents and businesses of the county. Primarily the Cleaner Communities Awards are a litter awareness competition to enhance the appearance of residential and business areas around the county similar to but separate from National Tidy Towns Competition. The Competition is open to residents, businesses and community groups within the county.

In attendance on the night were, Mayor of Fingal Cllr. Ken Farrell and PJ Howell, Director of Services, Fingal County Council, together with some Councillors and TDs and all the prize winners. The Mayor commented that "the Cleaner Communities awards fosters great community spirit, householders who may not know each other have turned out to take part in clean-ups in their local areas having been encouraged or coerced by their local tidy towns communities. We owe a great deal of gratitude to those people who encourage the rest of us to take pride in our surroundings". PJ Howell also remarked that "the standard this year is higher than ever before and is a continuing testament to the concern and pride Fingal residents and businesses have for the environment in which we work and live".

Many community groups from throughout Fingal participated in this year's event and there were a total of 172 entrants across all categories, which range from Best Front Garden to the Green business award. A total of 28 prizes were awarded on the night with the overall prize being awarded to Hazel Lawn, Ramor Park and Rushbrook Residents Association in Blanchardstown, Dublin 15.

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