

PRESS RELEASE

Fingal's Cleaner Communities Awards 2011

On Thursday 20th October 2011 the 36th community based anti-litter competition, Fingal Cleaner Communities Awards, were held in County Hall. This important competition has over the years enhanced the local authority's relationship with residents and businesses of the county. It is primarily 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, and is open to residents, businesses and community groups within the county.

In attendance on the night was, Mayor of Fingal Cllr. Gerry McGuire and John Daly, Senior Engineer Fingal County Council. 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". Mr Daly 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 years event. This year there were over 100 entrants across all categories, which range from Best Front Garden to the Green Business Award. A total of 29 prizes were awarded on the night with the overall prize being awarded to the Portmarnock Community Association for their excellent work on improving the quality of the physical environment of Portmarnock village, beach and dune area.

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