

## **What the Town will be judged on?**

On Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> July, an International Jury panel will spend the day in Tullamore on a guided tour of the best of what Tullamore has to offer in the following categories;

1. Planned/development approach- what is the green dimensions of development plans for Tullamore and what Action Plans have voluntary bodies such as Tidy Towns
2. Environment, both natural and built. For the natural environment Tullamore will be judged on its actions for waste minimisation, composting and green waste recovery, rain water collection, water quality and policies and actions taken for sustainable energy use. Regarding the built environment- the quality and maintenance of buildings both public and private will be very important.
3. Landscape will include the respect for natural habitats and the management of surrounding 'contextual landscape'
4. Open green spaces will factor in parks, private gardens, sports and playgrounds, cemeteries and areas surrounding water features
5. Permanent and seasonal Planting – trees, shrubs, perennials, container planting and flower beds, quality of the planting is key in these areas
6. Environmental education – in Schools and the Community through the Tidy Towns groups
7. Effort and involvement - are all the groups working together, co-operation, evidence of residents taking ownership of their environment
8. Tourism and leisure – attractiveness, infrastructure,
9. Presentation – how we present the best of Tullamore on the day, quality documents, information and public awareness