

All Island Pride of Place Judges visit

North Tipperary

North Tipperary played host recently to the judging panel for the prestigious 'Pride of Place' competition. Pride of Place, which is run by Co-Operation Ireland in conjunction with local authorities, is an all island competition which allows entrants to showcase the excellent work which is carried out by volunteers in making their area a better place to live. Entrants were judged on Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th June.

This year North Tipperary has four entrants which were nominated by North Tipperary County Council to represent the county in the all-Ireland competition.

North Tipperary's nominees for 2011 are:

- Terryglass (village category)
- Ballina (town category)
- Order of Malta – Thurles (community response to health category)
- North Tipperary Civil Defence (community response to safety category)

The judges, Donal Connolly, a former County Manager, and William Beatty, a former local authority Chief Executive in Northern Ireland visited these groups over the two days. During their two and a half hour visit of each group, the judges had an opportunity to talk to many local people and were given a visual presentation by various members of the groups.

The judges were very impressed with the standard of work being carried out by the entrants. They admired the enthusiasm, vibrancy and civic pride of the members of the groups. They also thanked North Tipperary County Council who nominated the groups for the competition.

“Pride of Place recognises the work carried out in communities all over Ireland. North Tipperary has a wonderful record in this competition. Last year Terryglass Arts Festival and Upperchurch-Drombane and District Development Association were both runners up in their categories. The standard of the presentations by the entrants from North Tipperary this year was extremely high and the judges were delighted with their visit to North Tipperary. The entrants have a lot to be proud of!” said Liam Bergin, Pride of Place liaison officer for North Tipperary County Council.

The winners will be announced at the Pride of Place Gala Awards Night in Gorey, County Wexford on November 5th.

Spreagann Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann Thuaidh an pobal le Laghdú, le hAthúsáid agus le hAthchúrsáil an oiread agus is féidir. Oibrímid Uimhir Shaorghlao i gcomhair Bruscair 1800 250 350 le cur ar chumas an phobail aon dumpáil neamhdhleathach nó bhruscar a chur in iúl don Chomhairle Contae. Má bhíonn aon cheisteanna agat maidir leis an gcomhshaol, is féidir leat dul i dteagmháil leis an Rannóg Comhshaoil ag 067 44786 nó ag an seoladh ríomhphoist environment@northtippcoco.ie

ENDS