**Carlow’s Pride of Place**

**Towns & Villages Entry Form 2025**

**Please note that 10% of the available marks are allocated for the quality of the completed application form.**

Please return fully completed, typed application by email to **community@carlowcoco.ie**

Accompanying Hi Resolution photos must be sent via Whats App to; **087 1025640**

**For more information please contact, Community Section, Carlow County Council**

**Contact Details 059/9170475 or** **community@carlowcoco.ie**

**Closing Date: Wednesday 23rd April, 2025**

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| **SECTION 1 GROUP INFORMATION** |
| **NAME OF TOWN/VILLAGE**  |   |
| **POPULATION CATEGORY** Tick with solid fill**PLEASE TICK BOX** | **Up to 250          250 to 750          750 plus**  |
| **MUNICIPAL DISTRICT** Tick with solid fill **PLEASE TICK BOX** | **Carlow               Tullow               Muinebheag**  |
| **GROUP CONTACT NAME**  |   |
| **CONTACT PHONE/MOBILE**  |   |
| **CONTACT ADDRESS**  |   |
| **NUMBER ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN GROUP** |  |
| **GRANTS RECEIVED INCLUDE AMOUNT****Please list all grants received in last 2 years.** **Outline how funding was utilised.** **For example:** **2025, €200 Environmental Grant, Planting** |  |

This marking scheme is designed to reflect the importance of wider community involvement and efforts made to encourage younger members of the community to participate in Pride of Place. It also places greater emphasis on efforts to protect and enhance wildlife and green space.  This is balanced with our desire to make our communities attractive and colourful for residents and visitors throughout the year. It also acknowledges the great achievements made by community leaders over many decades that has brought about a significant reduction in litter and more responsible dog walking.

**Carlows Pride of Place 2025 Awards Ceremony** takes place in **The Woodford Dolmen Hotel, Carlow** on **Thursday 4th December 2025**. Please ensure that those nominated for special awards are present at the awards ceremony. Tickets will be limited please give accurate group info above to help with ticket allocations.

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| **SECTION 2 GROUP INFORMATION** |
| **GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF TOWN/VILLAGE, INCLUDE POPULATION (MAX 100 WORDS)** |
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| **WHAT SPACES AND BUILDINGS ARE CARED FOR BY THIS GROUP? (MAX 100 WORDS)** |
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| **OUTLINE ANY PROJECTS INITIATED BY THE GROUP IN RECENT YEARS? (MAX 100 WORDS)** |
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| **OUTLINE ANY FUTURE PLANS TO IMPROVE THE LOCAL AREA? (MAX 100 WORDS)** |
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| **OUTLINE WHAT THE GROUP/COMMUNITY ARE MOST PROUD OF? (MAX 100 WORDS)** |
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| **SECTION 3 BIODIVERSITY MEASURES** |
| **USE THE SPACE BELOW TO ADD INFORMATION** Measures to promote biodiversity and mitigate climate change – Please tick box for actions that this group have undertaken  |
| **ACTION** | Tick with solid fill | **ACTION** | Tick with solid fill |
| WILDFLOWER MEADOWS |  | REDUCED MOWING REGIME |  |
| USE OF MULCHES & LANDSCAPE FABRICS |  | GREENING GREY WALLS WITH PLANTS THAT SUPPORT WILDLIFE |  |
| USE OF POLLINATOR FRIENDLY PLANTS |  | NON-TOXIC, ORGANIC SOLUTIONS TO WEED CONTROL |  |
| RAINWATER HARVESTING |  | COMPOSTING |  |
| ELIMINATED/REDUCED SPRAYING REGIME |  | ENERGY CONSERVATION |  |
| RECYCLING  |  | EFFORT MADE TO ATTRACT AND SUPPORT WILDLIFE E.G BIRD BOXES OR BAT BOXES |  |
| REMEDIAL ACTION TAKEN AGAINST NON-INVASIVE SPECIES E.G. HIMALAYAN BALSAM OR JAPANESE KNOTWEED |  | OTHER PLEASE SPECIFY |  |
| **SECTION 4 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT** |
| **OUTLINE HOW THE GROUP COMMUNICATES WITH THE WIDER COMMUNITY (MAX 50 WORDS)**  |
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| **WHAT EFFORTS ARE MADE TO RECRUIT NEW VOLUNTEERS (MAX 50 WORDS)**  |
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| **OUTLINE EFFORTS MADE TOWARDS INTERGENERATIONAL INVOLVEMENT (MAX 100 WORDS)**  |
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| **SECTION 5 SPECIAL AWARDS** |
| **SPECIAL AWARDS ARE OPTIONAL AND SHOULD BE USED TO HIGHLIGHT SPECIAL EFFORTS.****NOMINEES MUST AGREE TO THE NOMINATION ENTRY. PLEASE COMMUNICATE WITH THOSE INVOLVED PRIOR TO MAKING ENTRY. WHERE REQUIRED, PARENTAL CONSENT MUST BE SECURED (NOMINATION U18YRS/YOUNG PRIDE OF PLACE).** **JUDGES WILL ASSESS FRONT GARDENS AND BUSINESS PREMISES FROM THE PUBLIC PATH, AS SEEN BY PASSING PEDESTRIANS AND VEHICLES.** **NOMINATION RATIONALE WILL BE USED AS PART OF THE JUDGING PROCESS AND FOR THE CITATION AT THE AWARDS CEREMONY.** **PLEASE INCLUDE A PHOTO OF ALL SPECIAL AWARD NOMINEES TO BE USED FOR THE AWARDS** |
|  **YOUNG PRIDE OF PLACE NOMINEE** Nominate a young person (0 - 24yrs) who has made a significant positive contribution to the community. Please note re-entry of nominees is permissible however only **one name** per entry will be permitted. |
| **NAME** **AGE****OUTLINE RATIONALE FOR NOMINATION:** PLEASE NOTE THIS WILL BE USED FOR THE AWARDS CEREMONY (Max 200 Words)       |
| **BEST FRONT GARDEN NOMINEE** Nominate a member of the community who has made a special effort with their front garden. Please note re-entry of nominees is permissible however only **one name** per entry will be permitted. |
| **NAME** **ADDRESS INCLUDING EIRCODE****OUTLINE RATIONALE FOR NOMINATION:** PLEASE NOTE THIS WILL BE USED FOR THE AWARDS CEREMONY (Max 200 Words)          |
| **Best Commercial Premises/Business Front** Nominate a business who has made a special effort in presenting and maintaining their shop front. Please note re-entry of nominees is permissible however only **one name** per entry will be permitted. |
| **BUSINESS NAME** **ADDRESS INCLUDING EIRCODE****OUTLINE RATIONALE FOR NOMINATION:** PLEASE NOTE THIS WILL BE USED FOR THE AWARDS CEREMONY (Max 200 Words)        |
| **INDIVIDUAL AWARD**Nominate a community member who has made a significant contribution to their group/community.Please note re-entry of nominees is permissible however only **one name** per entry will be permitted. |
| **NAME** **ROLE WITHIN THE COMMUNITY****LENGTH OF TIME INVOLVED****OUTLINE RATIONALE FOR NOMINATION:** PLEASE NOTE THIS WILL BE USED FOR THE AWARDS CEREMONY (Max 300 Words) |

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| **SECTION 6 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** |
| **PHOTOGRAPHS REQUIRED**Each application is required to submit photographic evidence of the work carried out in the area.  |
| **Criteria*** Photos must be hi-resolution and suitable for use in videos/presentations for awards ceremony.
* Photos must capture both the ongoing work and the community group involved.
* Photos must be included of those nominated for special awards.
* A maximum of 10 photos **including group name** must be sent by **Whats App to 087 1025640**
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| **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS** The actions undertaken in communities fall under the UN Sustainable Development Goals listed below which has a huge benefit in combating climate change.  |
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| **GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS** The community department is committed to protecting and respecting your privacy under GDPR. Personal data means any information about an individual from which that person can be identified. We may collect and process any type of personal data which you provide to us in the course of your interaction with us. We will store your personal data only for as long as necessary for the purpose for which it was obtained.   |
| **I hereby consent under General Data Protection Regulations** Tick with solid fill **TICK & SIGN BELOW**

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| **BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS**   |
| **HAVE THE GROUP PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED PAYMENT FROM CARLOW COUNTY COUNCIL?** |
| Tick with solid fill **PLEASE TICK**  | **YES** |  | **NO** |  |
| **Group Name** |
| **Bank Account Name** |
| **Bank Name and Address** |
| **BIC** |
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| PRINT NAME |