

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **CLANE**  
County : **KILDARE**  
Category : **C**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 25-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19
Landscaping	40	30
The Built Environment	40	23
Litter Control	40	29
Tidiness	20	13
Residential Areas	30	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24
General Impression	10	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>200</b>

## Adjudicator's Comments

### OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Welcome to the 1996 Tidy Towns Competition and to its new format. Thank you for your completed questionnaire and detailed map. The adjudicators enjoyed their visit to Clane and look forward to further visits. The adjudicators also look forward to the submission of your detailed five year work programme which should set out realistic and practical projects that involve all the community. You have a very well maintained town with good litter control. The Main Street was relatively well presented. New projects are needed similar to the work being carried out at Riverside Park - this is a good example of what should be considered. Good luck for 1997.

### WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Clane is fortunate in having both the stream and the river nearby. These provide very important habitats for wildlife. It is good to see continued tree planting taking place; try to encourage as much of this as possible. There is potential for greater nature conservation; a good starting point would be to identify wildlife habitats in your catchment area and see what type of birds, animals and fish etc. these attract. You could invite local environmental experts and groups to advise you and provide you with specialist information you require. Try to get the local children involved in this also.

### LANDSCAPING

Very good presentations were noted in the central areas of Clane this year, well done. Commendation goes to the presentation of the schools, e.g. Scoil Mhuire, all of which had excellent presentations. A very good presentation was noted by the adjudicators of the landscaped areas by the stream with a very positive impression is created here. The adjudicators eyes were drawn to this amenity area on entering the village from Sallins. Very nice shrubbery was noted by the Tyre Centre, unfortunately, the signage of the Tyre Centre takes from the overall appearance. Try perhaps to consider putting in more tubs and also consider planting more trees, e.g. along the Main Street - this would greatly improve the appearance in years to come.

### THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Again, there was a mixed presentation here with good examples noted, as well as premises which could be improved. Congratulations on the effort on the presentation of the three schools. The hospital grounds were also relatively well maintained. The Corner House sign needs to be improved. Conneff GAA Park entrance is very well maintained as were the grounds - you should try to remove the rust bars behind the wall of the entrance. The Church grounds were very well presented, as was Maries Antiques and St. Brigids National School. The Woods is an excellent presentation - a nice new addition to this junction with good planting noted and a nice colour scheme - congratulations here. Libra was freshly painted. The park at the back of the Corner House could be improved. There is somewhat an overuse of signs in a number of places, for example, at the Bergins Garden Centre; stickers in the windows at Londis, etc. Another premises that could be improved is Amerigo. In general, more use could be made of flowers in the presentation of premises, although good examples were noted, e.g. the Post Office and the Betting Office. The grounds of the Laurels B&B was well presented, well done. At Clane Hire and Sales, try to replace the brown corrugated gate; the flower tubs could also perhaps be replaced for next year.

### LITTER CONTROL

The adjudicators were impressed with the number of areas, for example, on the approach road from Prosperous and generally on the Main Street. However, sprinklings of litter were noted in several areas, including outside the Foodstore; at the AIB Bank and also at the Bus Stop on the Celbridge Road. For a place so high in the competition, you are going to have to tackle this and ensure that litter control management is not a problem next year.

## TIDINESS

The car park of the village in was very well maintained, well done. There was a relatively neat and tidy appearance throughout Clane. Unfortunately, the presentation of buildings do take from the overall appearance - some shutters were regrettable. Perhaps try to paint the finger post signs at the junction by Wood Petrol Station. It was nice to see the stone work in the cemetery cleaned up, well done. Proper surfacing of the footpath is needed in part of the Main Street and some of the approach roads would benefit also.

## RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Generally, residential areas were relatively well maintained - there is room for improvement in a number of parks but overall evidence of co-ordinated effort is noted in many areas. Tree planting was noted at Butterstream. At Conneff Park, the entrance and open spaces were well maintained, well done. Magnificent roses were noted at the houses adjacent to the Garden Centre. On the first park on the right hand side on the approach road from Celbridge it was very untidy on the right hand side of the entrance with Ragwort evident; however the left hand side was well presented. In another park on this approach, more effort was also needed as grass was overgrown - try perhaps to get more of the children involved in the maintenance of residential areas. Hillview, the next park and Hillview Heights were also relatively well maintained. Logbollard was very well presented. Tree planting was noted at the new development at Oakfield Park. Unfortunately, Otomy Drive could have made a better effort in the presentation of the entrance. Finally, Riverview was also well presented. Overall, generally a good presentation apart from the one or two areas mentioned above.

## ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

On the approach road from Prosperous, a very good impression was left with the adjudicators, with a very neat and tidy appearance and totally litter free. The approach was set off very well by well maintained premises. The hedges were also very neatly trimmed on the slip road. Coming in along here a nice stone wall was also noted. Overall, a good presentation on this approach. Approaching Clane from Celbridge, a very neat and tidy appearance initially was noted, but the tidy appearance is lessened by gravel along by kerb sides. Nice tree planting was noted on the right hand side. The woods also create a very positive appearance on this approach, well done. The approach road from Kilcock was somewhat disappointing, the left hand side needs a lot more attention - try to remove the cut grass as soon as possible, for example on the green area near Logbollard. Generally, litter control is quite good on these roads and streets. On the road to Oakfield Park, extensive landscaping is needed and resurfacing by the 30 MPH sign would also improve the tidy appearance. On the road leading out past Park View, verges were also quite bad and nearly out of control. The broken seats were noted and road surfacing is also needed here. On the approach road to Clane from Sallins, it was generally okay - again, try to remove the gravel. The stream also is a nice feature and helps to improve the appearance along this approach road. Closer in, a very good impression was noted leading in to the park by the stream helping to create a more positive impression. Overall, there is room for improvement in this section.

## GENERAL IMPRESSION

The adjudicators would like the committee to note its appreciation of the large population expansion in the vicinity of Clane. Try not to be disheartened by that and look at it in a positive sense. There seems to be a mixed presentation throughout Clane, for example, in terms of the approach roads and the presentation of buildings. Clane has achieved a high mark in this competition to date and in order to progress you must come up with a more uniform presentation. Try to address these points in the presentation of your five year work programme.