

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **NEWPORT-TIPPERARY NTH**
County : **TIPPERARY NORTH**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 24-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	37	36
The Built Environment	40	28	27
Landscaping	40	27	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	24	24
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	20	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	26
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	196	193

Newport, Tipperary N. R.

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Your concise map and excellent submission were of great assistance to the Adjudicator on the day. The six members of the Newport Tidy Towns Committee are obviously hard working and committed to the task of improving their home place. In regard to long term development, you mention in your submission that you are very conscious of the tremendous asset of the Mulcair River running through the town. However, this is not obvious in any major way to a visitor to Newport and your plans to develop this feature and turn the face of Newport towards the river in the future are very commendable. We noted that pipe-laying and road surfacing are due to take place in Newport this year and thereby hindering your efforts somewhat. However, in the long term, no doubt these activities will be beneficial to the town. The report by the Architectural Students and staff of Bolton St. College on Newport which is due in October should also give you guidelines for future planning.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Most of the buildings in Newport are well presented including the shops, schools and other buildings such as Newport Community Centre, the Bridewell and the VEC on the Ballinahinch road. The Boys National School and Newport Motors entrance on the Killoscully approach were well presented. At the Newport Enterprise Centre a gate pier was broken and a gate off its hinges. The grass at the DEMA building here also needed to be cut. On the Murroe road the Ladies and Gents toilets needed painting. The surround wall of the School on the Murroe approach road also needed painting. On the day of adjudication painting of the railings was taking place at the Roman Catholic Church.

LANDSCAPING

Your plans in this category in regard to the river were noted - certainly there is scope for development at the back of the Bridewell which leads down to a lovely flat stone area of the river surrounded by trees and also at the Bridge area as mentioned. We took the Committee's invitation to visit the river development at the rear of the VEC School and were impressed by the amount of work undertaken here in providing pathways and picnic sites. However, unfortunately, these were rather overgrown. The developed pathway beside the Community Centre on the Killoscully Rd., also appeared to be overgrown. Tubs, flower beds and grassed areas throughout the town and on the approach roads are commendable. Seating was being painted in the main street on the day of adjudication. On the Thurles

road, the planted entrance to Pairc Cuimneacain Padraig Ui Riain were noted as was the pump feature on the Murroe approach. Many business premises are assisting with your efforts but we would re-iterate that plastic flowers should not be used.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The lectures that you are planning with the Slieve Felim Wildlife Conservation group sound interesting. In Newport and surrounds you have a broad canvas to work upon in this category.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter was not hugely obvious in Newport on the day of adjudication and in a town with so many Schools and students this is commendable. However, this is not to say that all was well and your Litter Awareness Project and co-operation with An Taisce should be helpful in this regard.

TIDINESS

The town was mostly neat, tidy and weed free throughout. However, the tattered bunting should have been taken down when whatever event it was used for was over. Also there was grass on the roof of the Hair Studio on the Ballinahinch road. The area around the Newport Enterprise Centre needed to be tidied up also.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Most residential houses in the town and surrounds are contributing to the tidy towns effort.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Signage was rather overgrown on the Limerick approach and the Newport sign needed cleaning on the Ballinahinch approach. Speed signs also needed cleaning on the Murroe approach.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

A town which has the potential to progress in this Competition. With a partnership approach between all bodies responsible for the development of the town and the Tidy Towns Committee we look forward to viewing future achievements.