Tidy Towns 2002

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **NARRAGHMORE**
County : **KILDARE**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 07-08-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	34
The Built Environment	40	28	28
Landscaping	40	31	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	18
Litter Control	40	33	34
Tidiness	20	17	17
Residential Areas	30	23	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	36	36
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	**300**	**227**	**227**

Narraghmore, County Kildare

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Welcome to the Tidy Towns Competition 2002 and thank you for your application. This is this adjudicator's first time to Narraghmore and the visit was a pleasure. Even though you cannot yet complete a 3-5 year plan a summary of activities and plans would have been helpful.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Many buildings are presented to a high standard in the village centre. Kelly's shop looks very well as does Kelly's pub and the Post Office. It is appreciated that much building is taking place.

LANDSCAPING

Approach roads and designated areas were noted and complimented. The tubs in front of the building for auction in the village centre are admired for the year round possibility. Plans to make the area around the pump a green area are commended.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

In your application you refer to your "designated area" but as this is not indicated on your map the adjudicator is unaware of its location. Your map was excellent and very helpful except for this one thing. No doubt the abundance of mature trees around the boundary of the village is a haven for bird and wild life.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control was very good on the day of adjudication except for some at the road verge outside Kelly's. Details of your activities under this heading would be helpful and could earn you extra marks.

TIDINESS

The village is to be complimented under this heading. Despite the building works the village presents a clean, tidy and cared for environment.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Residences were presented to a very high standard in all areas and the new residential areas – especially Lipstown Manor, will enjoy very lovely views.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Approach roads are presented to an excellent standard. Decorative lighting is much admired. Name signs coming into the village are beautiful as is the plaque by the pump.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The general impression of Narraghmore is extremely favourable and the village was a pleasure to adjudicate. Congratulations on this year's presentation and keep up the good work.

Second Adjudication (07/08/2002)

Narraghmore is clearly under pressure and is in real danger of loosing its intrinsic beauty - the wide grass verges, hedging and mature trees which we have enjoyed over the years. New developments must be designed with this in mind rather than standard suburban models with meaningless, fancy entrance walls, etc. Hopefully the two fine properties for sale will not be substantially altered, externally at least. Grass mowing was in progress during adjudication but regrettably was uncovering litter. Please do keep a watchful eye so that the village does not become lost!