

# Tidy Towns Competition 2003

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Nurney**

Ref: **36**

County: **Carlow**

Mark: **202**

Category: **A**

Date: **22/06/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	33
The Built Environment	40	26	26
Landscaping	40	28	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	14
Litter Control	40	28	27
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	22	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	28
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>199</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Thanks indeed for all the information sent with the entry form and for the map which was most useful on adjudication day. Your plan makes very interesting reading and the fact that you have identified a number of projects to be carried out over a three year period is to be admired. Some centres try to do too much at the same time and if and when they fail the committee becomes frustrated. Yours is the correct approach. It is gratifying to read that you continue to have the support of Carlow County Council, BNS LEADER, your school and, of course, your community for your efforts and all concerned are to be congratulated. You received an in depth report from last years Adjudicator. The following therefore is by way of comment on further progress to date and should be read in conjunction with that report.

### The Built Environment:

As last year your Church and school are being very well maintained. Your name stones augmented by some lovely flowers look extremely well on your approach roads. The pump is a very nice feature. It could do with a coat of paint and possibly more in the way of presentation could be made of it. Your stonewalls, which are a feature of your village, are being well kept. In addition the wooden fencing on the Tinryland Road was admired. The Post Office and the Nurney Inn with its nice landscaping greatly enhances the appearance of the village.

## **Landscaping:**

Comments made under this heading last year still apply. Landscaping throughout the village creates a lovely atmosphere. In particular landscaping in and around the school, at the recycling centre and on approach roads was noted. Where presented containerised flowers, hanging baskets and window boxes also added greatly to the overall appearance of the village. Well done to all concerned.

## **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

Your comments under this heading are noted. Try however to develop a specific wildlife project, possibly in conjunction with your school and with the help of Duchas. An example would be feeding tables and nesting boxes for birds and an illustrated board showing the type of birds and wildlife which can be seen in the locality.

## **Litter Control:**

Nurney was practically litter free on adjudication day. Congratulations to all concerned. This is an important aspect of the competition and need constant monitoring. In this connection your School Litter Squad will be an invaluable help.

## **Tidiness:**

The village was presented in a very neat and tidy manner and reflects greatly the interest of your community in the preservation of their environment. Great credit is due to all concerned.

## **Residential Areas:**

Hillview Estate looked very well as did its landscaping and open spaces. Individual houses throughout the village looked well and many had lovely gardens in full bloom on adjudication day which were a joy to see. Again, well done to all concerned. This is an important aspect of the competition. In a small centre you cannot succeed without it.

## **Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

Approach roads looked very nice. The lime trees on the approach from Leighlin Bridge are very spectacular. Road surfaces are good and paths are being well maintained. Condition of approach roads is very important as they tend to set the tone for the rest of the village. Try therefore to maintain them by strimming during the summer bearing in mind the information in the Tidy Towns Handbook regarding the preservation of wild flowers.

## **General Impression:**

There is a lovely atmosphere in Nurney. The village is being well maintained and great credit is due to your committee and your residents for all of this. The Adjudicator looks forward to returning to Nurney again next year to see further progress. In the meantime keep up the good work.