

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Tinryland**

Ref: **244**

County: **Carlow**

Mark: **178**

Category: **B**

Date: **22/06/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	29	28
The Built Environment	40	24	23
Landscaping	40	25	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	19	18
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	20	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	25
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	178	174

Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you indeed for all the information sent with the entry form which was most useful on adjudication day. Perhaps for the future you might also include a map of the village showing where work has either taken place that year or is in the process. This will make it easier for the adjudicator to have specific sight of the projects. It is gratifying to read that you continue to have the support of your County Council, your School and, of course your community. All concerned are to be commended for their efforts. Your plan makes very interesting reading and is a good basis for your work. Try to do a certain amount each year within your physical and financial resources. In this way you can measure progress being made. If you try to do it all together and fail, it can lead to frustration. You received an in-depth report last year from the 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:

While comments made under this heading last year are still applicable, your Church, School and Hall are being well maintained. The Handball Alley is tidy. The pump is a very nice feature but perhaps more could be made of it in terms of presentation. Stone walls and their flower presentations throughout the village are being very well maintained and add greatly to its overall appearance. There has obviously been very good work done on your car parks which now have wonderful surfaces. Street bollards also looked well and are being well maintained.

Landscaping:

Again, comments made by last year's adjudicator on the possibility of further landscaping should be noted. What has been done to date is very nice. Trees and shrubs planted in the past are now maturing and create a lovely atmosphere in the village. Part of your future planning could be the identification of other places which would benefit from the planting of trees and shrubs. In the event select those which will give you some colour on an all year round basis. Carlow County Council should be able to advise you on this.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The wildlife board was seen and is a very nice addition to the village. Try however to develop a wildlife project for next year which will not alone enhance the village further but will gain you additional marks. The provision of feeding tables and nesting boxes for birds could give you an initial start. Perhaps this is something which you could do in conjunction with your schools. Consult also with Duchas who are very pleased to give advice.

Litter Control:

Unlike last year, Tinryland was practically litter free on adjudication day. Well done to all concerned. There was only very minor traces of litter in one of the housing estates. This is an important part of the competition and needs constant monitoring.

Tidiness:

The village was presented in a very neat and tidy manner. The recycling bins were very prominently displayed and the areas around them are being very well monitored. This whole presentation reflects greatly on your residents and their interests in the preservation of their living environment. Again – well done to all concerned. The area surrounding Tinryland Tennis Club looks very run down and needs attention.

Residential Areas:

The two housing estates are being well maintained. The grass in the open space at St. Martin's Estate needed cutting. Houses in the village looked well and many had nice gardens in full bloom which added greatly to the appearance of the village. Window boxes and hanging baskets are a lovely addition.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Bear in mind the comment of last year's adjudicator regarding the presentation of approach roads. On adjudication day they looked very well. Road surfaces and pathways are being well maintained and reflect great credit on Carlow County Council.

General Impression:

Tinryland is a very nice village and has the capability of doing very well in the Competition. Further success will be achieved through planning and attention to detail and of course, maintaining to a high level, the work which you have already done. The adjudicator looks forward to returning to Tinryland again next year to see further progress made. In the meantime keep up the good work.

