

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Connolly**

Ref: **682**

County: **Clare**

Mark: **191**

Category: **A**

Date: **03/07/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	25
The Built Environment	40	26	25
Landscaping	40	26	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	18
Litter Control	40	31	30
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	17	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	28
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	191	187

Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for submission and help with the sketch map. You made a good start last year by entering the competition and you now need to think seriously about formulating a 3-5year plan for village enhancement. This need not be too daunting and can be phased over a period. Even in the short-term you should list about ten requirements and you should set about tackling them. You are on a busy location and through traffic is not adding to the peace and quiet of former years.

The Built Environment:

The school is well presented but the site opposite needs a clean up by spraying. O'Boyle's shop is well presented, together with the Post Office. You should still consider a landscaping plan for the church - it would enhance this important focal point. You have some farm gates that would stand out if painted a strong colour.

Landscaping:

You have great scope here for improvement. Tree planting is a wonderful investment and you should draw up a tree planting plan that would suit the village. Plant similar species as they look better when mature. Your approach roads are poor and need grass cutting and some colour. You also need a Failte sign at each entrance. These would give greater identity to the village.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Plant for food is a good slogan dealing with wildlife and if you plant shrubs pick a variety that will give food in the autumn. We suggest a small group take on the task of collecting the names of the local wildlife and publish a simple leaflet with details - it would stimulate interest.

Litter Control:

Litter control was good and you do not appear to have any major problem in this respect.

Tidiness:

No progress on the now derelict house beside the church. You have a number of neglected open spaces in and around the village - some of these open spaces have potential for colourful landscaping. The Inagh approach is particularly untidy despite a very well kept house and garden on this approach. These problems will only be overcome with time and attention. A good plan would act as a discipline in getting things moving.

Residential Areas:

On an individual basis people keep their houses well and many have well developed colourful gardens. What is lacking is a co-ordination of effort. The estate was well presented, but could be improved if the residents got together and turned out once a week during April-June even for collective clean ups.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

As mentioned last year you need to define the village limits and then concentrate between the demarcation lines. For instance the Failte signs could be erected at each entry point.

General Impression:

The village has potential for much improvement and you can achieve this by getting the community to back you in your endeavours. We wish you well for 2004.