

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Quin**

Ref: **257**

County: **Clare**

Mark: **234**

Category: **B**

Date: **09/08/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	34
The Built Environment	40	33	33
Landscaping	40	36	35
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	22	22
Litter Control	40	33	33
Tidiness	20	14	13
Residential Areas	30	24	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	30	29
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	234	231

Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for your submission, good sketch map and details of ongoing projects. Now that you are experiencing a great deal of new housing development it is more desirable than ever to have a 3 - 5 year plan that will chart the way forward for you. This would also act as a helpful discipline for your committee and enable you to seek greater co-operation from the community. You are relying on past achievements to maintain your marks and you now need to develop new environmental projects that will give the village an added boost. Some of the work of previous years is now in need of replenishment to maintain rising standards.

The Built Environment:

Like so many other centres Quin is undergoing a great deal of new development, especially in the area of residential buildings. Of course this means you are now leaving the small village concept behind you and entering a new phase of population expansion. Hence, the necessity to plan accordingly and formulate a phased work programme that provides opportunity for all to play their part. The village was busy on adjudication day and there was quite a movement of commercial activity. Public buildings were well presented again this year. Mulcahy's Bar has gone shabby and would benefit from fresh painting. The old National School needs surface dressing, there is a delightful cottage beside this school with a superb display of flowers. The stables on the approach which were very colourful a few years ago have gone very dull and need painting. This is a focal entry point for Quin and should be presented to a higher standard. Could they be painted and

improved for next year?

Landscaping:

You have maintained your high standard in this category and there was a great welcome display of flowers and shrubs throughout the village on adjudication day. You also have some very colourful wild flowers and the display along the wall opposite the school is excellent - an example for other centres to follow. The floral display at the grotto is superb, and the treatment at the bridge is praiseworthy. Also the picnic area on the Ennis approach provides a good introduction to Quin.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Don't give up on your efforts to promote wildlife in the area. Even if you create an awareness you are making progress. The River offers potential to raise your marks in this category. You should visit Labasheeda and see the signs erected at the centre, it might give you some ideas for progress.

Litter Control:

You have held your marks in this section and the progress recorded last year is being maintained. Litter bins seemed adequate in numbers and were well dispensed throughout the village.

Tidiness:

Because of many new developments you have many pockets of untidiness. Developers should be encouraged to finish well and landscape the sites they are working on. We look forward to the completion of development work beside the Abbey Tavern and at this important village centre site. The open space beside the Credit Union needs development.

Residential Areas:

Cnoc Na Caithe Housing Estate is very attractive and has a good road structure. In general new and old houses are well presented and there are many excellent gardens offering a welcome array of colour. As mentioned last year developers of new states should be mindful of the historical and monastic, ethos of Quin and ultra modern houses with P.V.C. doors are hardly appropriate. The approach road by the National School is very overgrown. The Ennis approach is very well presented and provides a model for other approach roads. Throughout the village there are many small gems that add great colour and character to Quin. These should be maintained and expanded if possible. Manor View Entrance is excellent.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

In general the standard of roads is very good, side and back areas now form an important part of Tidy Towns adjudication, so you need to encourage a high standard in these areas. However, the road surface on the Kilminoy approach is poor and the verges overgrown.

General Impression:

Like so many centres in Co. Clare Quin is growing in popularity. Your challenge is to ensure the character of this historic village is maintained and developed at a rate that will enable it to keep its traditional features and at the same time offer a quality of life comparable to other towns and villages in the county. It was a pleasure to visit Quin again this year. Good luck in 2004.

Second Round Adjudication:

The abundant stone walling in Quin is a fine asset to the village and creates attractive approaches to

the village. There is a good stock of well maintained houses and gardens, which contribute strongly to the village's presentation. The square traditional sign and old milestone were admired. However, in terms of other signage, directional signs , at the Tulla Road junction, appeared quite grubby and one was even broken! The statue at the grotto should be painted before next year's competition. The young trees are coming along nicely along the Ennis Road. This road was well maintained although outbreaks of litter looked somewhat unfortunate.