

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Bartlemy**

Ref: **659**

County: **Cork North**

Mark: **198**

Category: **A**

Date: **23/06/2003**

| | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 2003 | Mark Awarded 2002 |
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| Overall Developmental Approach | 50 | 23 | 21 |
| The Built Environment | 40 | 21 | 20 |
| Landscaping | 40 | 31 | 30 |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 30 | 15 | 10 |
| Litter Control | 40 | 35 | 35 |
| Tidiness | 20 | 14 | 14 |
| Residential Areas | 30 | 23 | 22 |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas | 40 | 29 | 29 |
| General Impression | 10 | 7 | 7 |
| TOTAL MARK | 300 | 198 | 188 |

Overall Developmental Approach:

We are very pleased that you continue to work hard and enter the competition even though you are disappointed with the marks you receive. There has been a tremendous amount of work achieved in the village of Bartlemy and great efforts have been made, especially in the landscaping section. So many areas have been developed and there appears to be a great community spirit. A committee membership of 10 out of the population of 60 is very significant. There are a number of difficulties with building conditions in particular in the village and this will be resolved by your active committee in time with persistence and determination.

The Built Environment:

There are a number of attractively painted premises and houses. This is helping to give a better appearance to the village. The stonewalls are an exceptionally nice feature of the village and all work in keeping these looking well and in restoring or revealing overgrown covered wall helps. The church is a fine building, although the railings would benefit from attention to painting. There are a few derelict buildings. These are very noticeable as they stand out in village the size of Bartlemy. Some are also in serious need of painting and cleaning. A comprehensive plan is now needed for the village and surrounds to map out exactly the range of work to be done, when and by whom.

Landscaping:

The several pieces of landscaping in the village look very well. The areas to the front of CastleView houses, at the cross roads, and at the junction for the grotto and the holy well are well treated. Many gardens of houses also contribute well in this regard and these efforts are very helpful in presenting a pleasant picture of the village. Container plantings – hanging baskets and window boxes - look well and add good colour where used. The church grounds are well maintained and look well.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

In the work of cleaning walls and roadside verges it is very good that so much natural flowers and vegetation have been left. The vegetation is important as it forms part of the local wildlife – the pennywort and the foxgloves look lovely. The well is interesting also and, besides being a very pleasant and peaceful place by the stream, this is also a source of wildlife. Maybe some projects that would help to gather local knowledge about the wildlife of the area – what to look for, where and when - could be initiated. Local school children should be involved, where possible, which will give them a greater appreciation of where they live and keep such knowledge alive for future generations.

Litter Control:

There is a good clean look in the village. The initiatives that you are using to keep the litter collected are working well and this is very good. Some small amounts of litter were noted along the roadside.

Tidiness:

With the very nice landscaped areas around the village the tidiness aspect is improving gradually. However, the need for addressing the derelict buildings, referred to above, is important.

Residential Areas:

The Churchview Estate looks very well. The houses along the village roads are well cared for in general and great credit is due to those who take such care as it contributes to the overall appearance of the village

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The roadside approaches are well trimmed, showing a good element of care with the nicely cut grass verges and retention of wild plants. The revelation of stone is also attractive. A footpath is needed from the school to the village; there appears to be a gap in the footpaths at this point.

General Impression:

Bartlemy is a tidy village which has progressed well. With the determination and persistence of the committee to and the people of the village the marking will continue to improve.