

# Tidy Towns Competition 2003

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Clane**

Ref: **250**

County: **Kildare**

Mark: **217**

Category: **D**

Date: **28/06/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	30
The Built Environment	40	29	29
Landscaping	40	36	34
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	19
Litter Control	40	32	30
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	25	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	26
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>213</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for your submission that included maps of the town. Your submission should have included a brief long-term plan and a schedule of works completed during the year. The plan will help you identify what can be done to improve the village over the next few years and the resources you will require. In addition, the works completed schedule will allow you to monitor your achievements on a regular basis.

The Clane Tidy Towns Sub-Committee is strong and has been working in cooperation with the local community and with the local authority.

### The Built Environment:

The layout of Clane conforms to a strong axial plan with an attractive wide linear Main Street closed at either end by a complex street intersection. The fabric of the Main Street is made up of a range of attractive and interesting 18th, 19th and 20th century buildings. Most of these are in retail use, with some good traditional shop fronts. The church and school looked particularly attractive.

## **Landscaping:**

The committee have been busy on a number of fronts. New flower boxes and hanging baskets have been placed along Main Street and landscape work has been completed on the Triangle. The Triangular open space and the landscaped area adjacent to the restored church is a delightful part of the town. Here the open green, the trees, planting and the little river are a welcome addition to the otherwise busy street.

## **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

The little river offers great potential for a nature or wildlife project. The Group might consider this – perhaps as a schools project.

## **Litter Control:**

Litter control in the town is very good for such a busy place, and only a small amount of litter was noted. Litter control along the approach roads was denser, but even this was low taking into account the amount of passing traffic.

## **Tidiness:**

The Main Street looked extremely busy, due to heavy traffic and the dense on-street parking. Despite this the town centre looked attractive and inviting. On the day of the visit, there seemed to be a considerable amount of dust on the street surface and the buildings – presumably from the passing traffic. The impression of the town centre is, however, marred by the number of derelict buildings. The particularly large derelict site on the Main Street is unsightly and detracts considerably from the environment and impression of the town.

## **Residential Areas:**

There are a number of residential areas around the town. As previously noted, these were generally well presented with well-managed houses and neat and attractive gardens. In addition, most areas had attractive open spaces, with good tree and flower planting.

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

The approach roads to the town offer a mixed presentation to the visitor. Most areas have lengths of stone walling, grass verges, trimmed hedges, and attractive trees. Weed management, however, is a problem and various patches of extensive weeds were noted along the approaches, although improvements by the tidy towns group were noted. The amount of building work along the approaches, and the subsequent damage to the verges has not helped in the situation. However these works will eventually be completed. In the meantime, all the Tidy Towns group can do is try to persuade the builders to keep disruption to a minimum.

## **General Impression:**

As previously noted, Clane is a busy and rapidly developing town. Notwithstanding this, the visit and the overall impression were enjoyable.