

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Coill Dubh**

Ref: **235**

County: **Kildare**

Mark: **172**

Category: **B**

Date: **02/07/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	21	21
The Built Environment	40	26	26
Landscaping	40	29	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	13
Litter Control	40	21	21
Tidiness	20	15	13
Residential Areas	30	25	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	16	16
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	172	170

Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for your submission. The submission should have included a brief long-term plan and a schedule of work completed. The plan will help you identify what can be done to improve the village over the next five years and what resources are required. The schedule will allow you to monitor your progress and achievements on a regular basis. A map of the full town would be appreciated.

The Coill Dubh Residents Association is strong and active and has worked in cooperation with the community and with the local authority.

The Built Environment:

Coill Dubh was initially laid out by Bord Na Mona and is unusual in that it is one of the few new villages built in Ireland during the twentieth century. The fabric of the village consists of clusters of houses arranged around a central green area. The whole layout is very satisfactory and attractive.

Landscaping:

The central green is a delightful feature with grassed lawns, trees and planting - all well maintained.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The surrounding landscape offers the potential for some form of nature or wildlife project. Perhaps the Association could consider initiating such a project with the help of the children.

Litter Control:

Litter control has been maintained around the village, however small instances were noted.

Tidiness:

The village generally looked neat and tidy. The community centre has recently been improved and painted and looks well. As previously highlighted, the retail units could benefit from tidying up. The water pump and the area immediately surrounding it could be upgraded and would make an attractive landscape feature.

Residential Areas:

An unusual feature of the housing layout is the way the houses and the gardens are spatially linked to the open space. Both the houses and the gardens were for the most part neat and well presented.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The approach roads to the village are attractive with views of the open countryside, trimmed verges in parts, and neat hedges. Weeds were noticed and these could be tidied up.

General Impression:

Coill Dubh is most unusual in terms of layout and design. Clearly the Association and the community appreciate this and have been working successfully to present it to its best advantage.