

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Narraghmore**

Ref: **346**

County: **Kildare**

Mark: **229**

Category: **B**

Date: **04/07/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	34
The Built Environment	40	28	28
Landscaping	40	31	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	18
Litter Control	40	35	33
Tidiness	20	17	17
Residential Areas	30	23	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	36	36
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	229	227

Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for your submission that included a map of the village and your long-term plan. This is excellent.

The Narraghmore Tidy Towns Committee is small in number. Nevertheless the Committee are extremely active and aware of the changing environment of the village. The Committee, however as of yet, seems to have had little interaction with the local community.

The Built Environment:

The village consists of a cluster of small vernacular buildings arranged around a busy crossroads. Around this hub, a number of new housing developments have been laid out. This has resulted in major disruption of the village. The derelict house at the base of the triangle is an important morphological feature of the village. The Committee should ensure that whatever development is proposed the original structure remains in its key position.

Landscaping:

The village landscape has been badly affected by the water laying operations. This is now complete and it can be expected that the original triangular green will be reinstated and landscaped. In the

meantime the pump, the existing planting, shrubs, trees, and tubs are a very pleasant feature. The location of the service lines underground has improved the overall appearance of the village street-scape.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The village and its surroundings offer considerable scope for the development of a nature project. The proposal to establish a wildlife area on Castlefarm Road sounds like a worthwhile project.

Litter Control:

Litter control in the village is very good considering the high level of building activity. Very little litter was noticed along the approach roads and around the central area. This is very impressive considering the current activity around the village.

Tidiness:

The village is neat and tidy, despite the hectic building activity that has been going all around.

Residential Areas:

The new residential areas are in various stages of completion. The areas that are completed look well with well managed houses and gardens and attractive landscaped open spaces.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The approach roads to the village are very attractive and inviting, with good signage, trim verges, hedges, and trees. Unfortunately, the edges of the verges have suffered badly from neglect and particularly from passing lorries. The roadworks in the centre of the village seem to have been completed and all that is now required is the reinstatement of the triangular Green.

General Impression:

Narraghmore is an attractive and intimate village which should return to its original form and atmosphere when the frantic pace of building reduces. The Committee must remain watchful to ensure that the village green and its landscape is reinstated.