

# Tidy Towns Competition 2003

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Attanagh**

Ref: **43**

County: **Laois**

Mark: **182**

Category: **A**

Date: **10/07/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	23	23
The Built Environment	40	23	23
Landscaping	40	26	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	14
Litter Control	40	32	32
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	20	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	25
General Impression	10	5	5
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>181</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for your Tidy Town Entry 2003. Attanagh is an intriguing place but much needs to be done to develop the potential of its natural surroundings and its physical assets, the church, the old Mill and the old railway bridge. An outline plan expressed over a 3 to 5 year period is recommended.

### The Built Environment:

The walls around the bridge area are in good order although there some weed growth. To the left hand side opposite the church is a house which has been boarded up. The old church is in a bad state with broken windows and grass growing from gutters. Urgent restoration work is required. The 'old' world style house with its array of planters caught the eye. The adjacent house is falling into disrepair. The centre of the village has some mature trees to the right and a run of colourful flowers in front of a modern house. Some restoration work is being done to the roof. The post office is attractively presented with a clean car park dressed with planters.

### Landscaping:

Both hedges and verges have been trimmed on both sides and the water pump feature with its tub of flowers is colourful. The picnic amenity area with its planter of shrubs is very attractive. At the

apex of the turn for Abbeyleix is a colourful garden of mature trees and flowers and at the bottom of the boundary wall a display of colourful plants.

### **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

The Irish Game Fishing and Shooting Museum is presented very well both the museum and its attached house are nicely dressed with colourful window boxes. To the left of the road at the overgrown ruin of the old mill is a wild life area. Approach roads show some very fine old natural hedging and trees, a natural wildlife habitat. Along with the river, Attanagh has an idyllic landscape in which wildlife thrives.

### **Litter Control:**

There was very little evidence of litter.

### **Tidiness:**

The timber fencing along frontages of some houses looks neat and tidy. Quite an amount of new building has taken place and there are some well presented gardens. Closer to the village on the right is an old outhouse which is in disrepair. Part of the green verge area has been damaged by traffic movements.

### **Residential Areas:**

Almost all the houses surrounding the village have well presented lawns and in many cases their road frontages are well cared for. At the far end of the village some new housing has or is taking place with resulting broken frontages. The extension to the house opposite the museum has not yet been completed. A house further out has a nice display of flowers

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

The approach to Attanagh from the Durrow side looks very well. Hedges on both sides have been nicely trimmed and hedges have been left to accommodate wildlife. At the 30 mph sign there is a fine trimmed hedge on the left side and on the right a line of nice young trees. Verges are cut along Abbeyleix road. The remains of the old railway bridge form a fine entrance to the village with cut green areas on both sides and planted trees.

### **General Impression:**

Attanagh is a small village where some new residential housing has been built over the past number of years. The centre of the village is old and requires redevelopment work particularly around the old church.