

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Jamestown**

Ref: **262**

County: **Leitrim**

Mark: **160**

Category: **A**

Date: **24/06/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27	
The Built Environment	40	19	
Landscaping	40	22	
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	
Litter Control	40	22	
Tidiness	20	10	
Residential Areas	30	21	
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	19	
General Impression	10	5	
TOTAL MARK	300	160	

Overall Developmental Approach:

Jamestown which did not enter the competition last year have reentered this year so welcome back to this lovely Shannon village. You have a most ambitious development plan which is fairly concise in terms of what needs to be done and which will require a strenuous effort from the residents and the local authority. As the population is only 50 people, with the help of Leitrim County Council and other state agencies a more pro active programme of work, which is achievable, should be drawn up on a year round basis. This not only will encourage the present Tidy Towns Committee and the County Council to carry out small projects which can be done immediately and which hopefully will demonstrate to all the residents what can be done. For example the Graveyard was extremely well presented on adjudications day. We hope to see this work continued next year. Lead by example, and Leitrim County Council should be encouraging Jamestown to do this. We look forward to next year with confidence.

The Built Environment:

The Catholic Church was well presented and it is a pity that the Community Centre is hidden by the Church building itself. The Archway Bar and W. Kearey's are bright and colourful with their nice floral displays. The "Al Mezza" Lebanese restaurant looked well on the Carrick approach. The water pump also looked nice with its flower tubs. Salmon Leap has a nice stone wall. As already mentioned in the 2001 report the Workhouse is a lovely building, however, the corrugated windows still remain (however the plaque looks nice). The footpath on the left of the Main Street looks well

with some nice period houses behind the walls. The Harbour looked nice and tidy.

Landscaping:

The houses and gardens in the village and some on the approach roads are extremely well presented. Nice floral displays and brightly painted houses. The houses at Jamestown Arch are to be congratulated on their flower tubs and hanging baskets. There are some nice floral displays on the Drumsna approach beside the new information boards, marred somewhat by the rubble dumped in the vicinity. The Harbour area was extremely clean and tidy with some nice tree planting. There is still a most untidy green area in the vicinity of the Jamestown Arch which spoils the view of the nice seating. There is an overgrown site with a caravan on it opposite the Archway Bar. The Graveyard as already mentioned looks lovely.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

With Jamestown's proximity to the River Shannon it is an ideal area for a wildlife sanctuary. The suggestions in the 2001 report should be followed up.

Litter Control:

Main Street was virtually free of litter on adjudication day. However, litter and dumping was very visible on the Carrick-on-Shannon approach. Some residual litter was noted in the vicinity of the telephone kiosk and near the information sign on the Drumsna approach.

Tidiness:

Jamestown is relatively tidy, particularly the Main Street. Rusty farm gates are to be seen throughout the village and on the approaches. Some very untidy open green areas. Some stone walls still to be fixed.

Residential Areas:

Most of the private houses on the approaches and in the village are well presented. Nicely painted houses, colourful lawns, nice hanging baskets and well maintained boundary walls are the order of the day. Well Done. Business premises in the centre of the village are also extremely well presented as are the houses near Jamestown Arch. The excellent stone wall at "Salmon Leap" B&B now appears to be needing some attention.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The Main Street with its new footpath is well presented. However, there is dumping and rusty farm gates visible at the Drumsna end of the village. An empty derelict house is also to be seen in the vicinity. Some indiscriminate dumping on the Carrick-on-Shannon approach on the right hand side, and the grass growing on the wall on the left hand side of the approach leaves a lot to be desired. The wire fence at the top of the wall is also disheartening.

General Impression:

We trust that the Committee will take note of this report. Your Development Plan is excellent, however before you get started on it there are things that can be done without any great expenditure of money. Get your Council to expend some small funding to correct small things, big things will follow and Jamestown should increase its marking in the near future. Well done.

