

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Keshcarrigan**

Ref: **61**

County: **Leitrim**

Mark: **177**

Category: **A**

Date: **27/06/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	27
The Built Environment	40	24	22
Landscaping	40	25	23
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	16
Litter Control	40	22	20
Tidiness	20	14	12
Residential Areas	30	17	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	20
General Impression	10	8	6
TOTAL MARK	300	177	162

Overall Developmental Approach:

On a most pleasant sunny afternoon Keshcarrigan was looking splendid in all its colour and tidiness. Your success in last years competition has obviously been a major influence in raising standards again this year.

You have the full co-operation of the local community who have pride in Keshcarrigan and this was clear to see on adjudication day.

Continue to build on your partnerships with state agencies who are giving you full support and look forward to continued progress.

Thank you for the completed entry form and support documentation - much appreciated.

The Built Environment:

All buildings were presented well and the increasing number of floral displays throughout the village contributed greatly to an attractive and welcoming streetscape.

The shopping complex and housing estate on the Drumshanbo approach is nearing completion and will look well when finished. The stone boundary wall is professionally presented and a nice introduction to the village.

The cottages have retained their traditional character and you are commended for this.

Landscaping:

You have performed exceptionally well under this heading. Your programme of tree and shrub planting is extensive and the many colourful flower beds in the village are outstanding in presentation. The Fair Green Garden is a treat with many interesting features and the newly landscaped area adjacent the Old Technical School is maturing nicely. Your efforts under this heading have shown respect for the great natural beauty of Keshcarrigan and this should encourage visitors to stay longer and admire a tidy and colourful environment. An increase in marks is well deserved. Well done.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Whilst some progress has been achieved it is important that you identify and signpost wildlife habitats and nature trails - a project such as this would add greatly to the tourism potential of the village.

Litter Control:

The village was litter free on adjudication day. Your local news letter is a key factor in this regard. Well done.

Tidiness:

You have responded very positively to the criticism contained in last years report. The village was tidily presented and in pristine condition. The adjudicator's only concern would be the many advertising signs at the entrance to Canal Harbour.

Residential Areas:

Well cared for residential properties were very noticeable. The old national school, which is for sale, is a real gem with window boxes, hanging baskets and maturing shrubs. The new housing estates are progressing nicely and Edgewater with well cared for lawns, a variety of shrubs and maturing young trees also caught the adjudicators eye.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

All approach roads looked well on adjudication day. Well presented hedges, tidily presented verges and neatly trimmed green areas were all noted. The Fair Green is outstanding with water fountain and farm implements special attractions. The new shopping complex and housing estate on the Carrick Road will, when finished enhance the overall presentation of this approach - the traditional stone boundary wall being the main feature.

General Impression:

You have performed very well again this year. Attention to detail is now required to achieve further progress. The community have pride in Keshcarrigan and this is of great benefit to the Tidy Towns Committee. Partnerships are serving you well - this adjudicator will be watching your progress with great interest.