

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Mohill**

Ref: **45**

County: **Leitrim**

Mark: **166**

Category: **C**

Date: **27/06/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	
The Built Environment	40	26	
Landscaping	40	20	
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	
Litter Control	40	20	
Tidiness	20	15	
Residential Areas	30	18	
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20	
General Impression	10	4	
TOTAL MARK	300	166	

Overall Developmental Approach:

Welcome back Mohill to the National Tidy Towns Competition. It has been some years since Mohill last entered and we would hope with a new enthusiastic committee and the full commitment of the residents that this busy market town can achieve a high ranking in the competition as the years go by. If you are to succeed it can only be if you are receiving the whole hearted support of Mohill's residents and Leitrim County Council. Good luck. As you are already know a 3/5 year development Plan should be drawn up (this is a priority) and most important. It should give an overall picture of the town, enable you to draw up a yearly work programme, help you to decide on what should and can be achieved in the short term and so on. This would be a rolling plan no more than five pages with a map. Perhaps the committee might receive some help from the County Council in this regard. Thanks are due to the Secretary for all the information he has enclosed regarding the setting up of the new committee, his report on last years progress and his town map which was most helpful. We look forward to the formulation of the Development Plan in the near future.

The Built Environment:

St. Patrick's Church looked well with its nice shrubbery beds in the vicinity. The forecourt at the front need attention. Canon Donohoe Memorial Hall was nicely painted with lovely floral displays. The schools nearby also looked well. The Graveyard had a nice appearance. The Garda Station is also worthy of comment. Bank of Ireland is very well presented with nice window boxes. The Credit Union Building is nice and the Library and the Health Centre are neatly presented. Vocational School

is also worthy of comment, nice neat appearance. Ash Brooke House on the Dromod Road looked well. Many of the business premises have a nice appearance. Centra building is well presented, as is the County Council Office. The Carolan Monument is as dignified as ever. Super Valu is also worthy of comment. The Church of Ireland is well presented as is the Hunt Memorial Hall. Clarke's Hotel is well presented, as is Cosy Corner and Early's Bar. Modular store has some nice tree planting and looks well. However some dereliction was very noticeable throughout the town.

Landscaping:

Flower boxes, hanging baskets and tree planting were noticed throughout the town. Good effort by all concerned. Many of the housing developments are reasonably well presented in this regard. Under this heading the small River near the Library needs some work as the River itself is full of debris and clutter. Very nice floral displays in the vicinity of the Garage at Glebe Street. Hyde Street stores have a nice stone wall, railing and shrubbery display at their premises. Untidy and neglected open spaces opposite. A field near "Motorworks" was in need of attention and tidying up, there were various bits of automobile parts lying in it. There is a nice little green area on the Mohill approach as you near the town. Coolbawn House on Bridge Street has a wonderful garden and hanging baskets (well done). An example for everyone.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Bird nesting boxes at the local Welfare Home is a good idea, and, the local river for ducks is also a good idea. However, this latter area needs cleaning first.

Litter Control:

Litter is a constant scourge for most Tidy Towns Committees. It was very noticeable on Main Street on adjudication day. Litter bins were noticed on Bridge Street and at various locations throughout the town. It is noted that you will be seeking help from the local authority to provide more litter bins in the future. Good thinking.

Tidiness:

Mohill was reasonably tidy on adjudication day. However as you are well aware a lot of work has still to be done. Your future Development Plan should highlight which areas need the most attention. This should be attacked in a steady manner. 1. Items which can be achieved in the short term with a lot of work from the committee and Leitrim County Council. For example approach roads and the small river which runs through the town. 2. Long term projects which can be completed over time e.g. derelict buildings. Its a big job but well worth doing. The G.A.A. Park for example was very tidy, with its brightly painted wall (well done) and Plantxy McGee with its bright and neatly laid out car park looked well.

Residential Areas:

Many of the residential areas looked extremely well. It will be interesting to see Hyde Council estate when work here is completed. The housing estates on the Ballinamore approach are reasonably well presented, nice gardens, nice boundary walls, and brightly painted houses. The new estates on the Mohill approach are lovely with tree planting and the estate on the left of the Dromod approach is very well presented. There is an estate near the Church on the Mohill approach which is extremely well presented. Nice gardens and brightly painted houses. When all work has been completed in these various estates, they will be an asset to your Tidy Towns effort.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The approach roads in general were reasonably well presented. The Mohill approach was somewhat untidy, verges unkempt and neglected grass areas. Ballinamore approach looked well with verges

trimmed. Carrigallen approach looked well, nice estate on the left and nice stone walls. The gate to the County Council yard here was open and it looked untidy. The Drumlish approach was well presented with the remains of tree planting on the left and the well presented Modular Cold Store on the right. Many of the back areas in Mohill need attention in particular Causey Street. Mohill approach has already been mentioned, however dereliction is a problem on this approach.

General Impression:

The formulation of a new 3/5 year Development Plan will enable the new Mohill Tidy Towns Committee to focus their attention on what has to be done present and future to improve Mohill's standing in the National Tidy Towns Competition. Its nice to have you back in the competition and we look forward to progress in the years ahead.