

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Cullyfad**

Ref: **397**

County: **Longford**

Mark: **160**

Category: **A**

Date: **29/06/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	24	24
The Built Environment	40	23	22
Landscaping	40	18	15
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	12
Litter Control	40	30	26
Tidiness	20	12	10
Residential Areas	30	15	13
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	19	17
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	160	145

Overall Developmental Approach:

Cullyfad is a small village in a very rural setting. Is there any way that you could get some sign posting from the main road at Drumlish and also on the other Edgeworthstown road in order to give the village a greater sense of identity. A development plan is required for the village to give the committee a sense of focus and direction over the next few years- well done on work to date. The village looked well on the evening of adjudication.

The Built Environment:

The Church is a fine building and had been presented well. The wall outside the graveyard will require a coat of paint in due course. The wall opposite the graveyard was neat and tidy - do allow, especially in this rural environment, native flora to grow on the wall so that it integrates back into the landscape. The red painted gate beside the church is a fine colour and the community centre was nicely painted. The Emmet Óg could be tidied up a bit and the gate will need replacing soon.

Landscaping:

The colour red used as paint in several places in the village looked well against the green of the rural environment. There were some pleasant baskets hung throughout the village. The pump is a working piece of machinery and is not a suitable place to hang these, though the planting around it

looked well. The pump had also been painted a good colour.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The committee should concentrate on the fine idea of creating a wildflower garden. There are already a myriad of native species in the hedgerows. The creation of the habitats - of which there are several - woodland, bog, meadow and hedgerow in one area or to concentrate on a particular habitat suitable for growing plant types will need thought and decision. Also consider year round interest from spring bulbs through to holly at Christmas. The judges look forward to it as it progresses.

Litter Control:

There was one piece of litter in the village on the day of judging and that was a bottle in the carpark area opposite the church. - well done. Though the village is small it should be ever vigilant about litter.

Tidiness:

The village was very tidy - the road areas had been cut back but not overly so as this is important in such a rural area. The only thing that detracted from this were the derelict sites at the top of the village.

Residential Areas:

The houses, and the judges looked into each front area - were all well kept and showed an obvious pride in the place. The derelict house at the top of the village doesn't help however.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The three roads into the village were well tidied back though not overly so. Tree or shrub planting of similar species and colour should be considered to link the lower (Emmet Óg) and the other road through the village. The use of berry producing trees such as rowans might be considered.

General Impression:

Though a small village, Mullighnaghta is performing better and better each year. There is evidence of great effort and focus should now be on developing a wildlife area in close proximity to the village which will help to encourage wildlife. The judges look forward to a plan - best of luck.