

# Tidy Towns Competition 2003

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Annagassan**

Ref: **326**

County: **Louth**

Mark: **201**

Category: **A**

Date: **22/06/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	31
The Built Environment	40	28	27
Landscaping	40	28	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	16
Litter Control	40	30	29
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	23	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	27
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>199</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

The Committee is thanked for their entry into this year's Tidy Towns Competition, which contained a well completed Entry Form, a Map of the Town and two photographs of the partially completed sea wall. There was no three-year Development Programme and this will be one of the items that will be looked for in next year's submission. There seems to be no liaison with Louth County Council or other statutory bodies (as seen in the Entry Form), but there is support from the local community. It is very important that meetings take place between the Committee and various statutory bodies as they can give invaluable help and advice to the Committee. There are twenty members on the Committee out of a population of 200. Well done.

### The Built Environment:

Annagassan is a small seaside village with a population of 200. There is a very interesting old bridge crossing to Glyde as it enters the sea. The Adjudicator is concerned that the many weeds that cover the sides of the bridge will eventually undermine some of the pointing. These weeds should be removed by a weed killer, rather than their removal physically as mortar joints may be disturbed. The large building at the entrance to the harbour is an abandoned and sealed-up grain store. The Committee should investigate what are the intentions of the owners for this building. To leave it in its present condition will eventually create a partial ruin and be an eyesore. The new sea wall is partially completed, work on capping and plastering of the wall needs to be done now and the adjoining road cleared of weeds.

## **Landscaping:**

The boat feature, with a wonderful display of flowers, is very pleasant and gives a splendid splash of colour to this end of the village. The village needs more trees and it is suggested that the Committee should undertake a tree planting programme with trees that are growing in the near locality and that can stand up to salt-laden winds.

## **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

There was no information on wildlife in the Entry Form. It is suggested that the Committee should contact ENFO to obtain some of the very fine publications they produce on wildlife conservation. However, the Committee could consider, in the meantime, the construction of illustrated boards on seaside flora and fauna and have them erected. It is a pity that the litter bins for the beach area had to be sited at the edge of the village since they were being used for household refuse. Possibly they can be moved back there in the near future. Perhaps the Committee can discuss this problem with the particular residents.

## **Litter Control:**

There was some litter on the day of adjudication, not much however. Nevertheless, the Committee will have to give talks to the children in the school that pertains to litter control

## **Tidiness:**

There were some serious areas of untidiness, one was the line of poles behind the new sea wall. These are very untidy, lying at different angles and very intrusive when looking seawards. The Committee should investigate if these poles and cables can be sited behind the shops and houses on the far side of the road. The second untidy item is the large abandoned grain store that will slowly become a big item of untidiness if not attended to. A third item is the removal of the weeds from the bridge. The Committee should seek advice from the County Council on this matter.

## **Residential Areas:**

There is a very pleasant area of housing - an Rían - a terrace of semi-detached housing. The houses themselves are very fine and their gardens most pleasant. There are also new houses in Dillonstown Road. All give a very fine feeling of welcome to people coming into the village. Well done.

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

The bridge over the sea inlet is a very striking structure, discussions with Louth County Council must be sought before this is cleaned, but it should be cleared of weeds. The bus shelter and amenity works around it are well done and again give a sign of welcome on entering the village. The verges on the roads into the town need consideration in the coming year's entry.

## **General Impression:**

Annagassan is a pleasant seaside village, rather long drawn out and for that reason need additional trees and shrub planting which can substitute for any other form of wildlife habitat.