

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Greenore**

Ref: **412**

County: **Louth**

Mark: **229**

Category: **A**

Date: **23/06/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	41	41
The Built Environment	40	31	31
Landscaping	40	31	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	25
Litter Control	40	30	30
Tidiness	20	14	15
Residential Areas	30	28	28
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	29	30
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	229	240

Overall Developmental Approach:

The Committee is thanked for their entry into this year's Tidy Town Competition. This entry contained a well completed Entry Form and a Map of the village. However there was no three-year Programme of Development. These documents are of great help to the Adjudicator in seeing the work being done and it should also be of benefit to the Committee in monitoring their yearly programme. There was no mention of the type of work done with Louth County Council. It is very important to continue the liaison with the County Council, but a record of what is done by the Committee and Council is important. In next years submission the Adjudicator would look forward to a more completed Entry Form and additional information.

The Built Environment:

This is a very small village with a population of 130. There are eleven Committee members and all are to be congratulated on this impressive number. Basically the village consists of a very small residential area consisting of two short streets of brick terrace housing, with a very visually dominant sea port with large storage facilities and other port facilities enclosed behind a tall wall. Visually most unattractive. There is a very fine golf course. On the approach road leading to the port facilities, there are a series of large industrial buildings, set back some distance from the road but still dominant. Grounds are untidy and all need deep screening of trees.

Landscaping:

The Fr. Keegan Park is fine and well maintained but could do with additional screen planting around the perimeter. The Committee should consider undertaking a tree planting programme to screen the large industrial buildings, the wall enclosing the port facilities and around the Fr. Keegan Park. The tree types should be indigenous to what is already growing successfully around the golf course and should be capable of withstanding salt-laden winds. Perhaps Coillte could advise on the tree species and help in their supply.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

There is some good tree and shrub cover on the approach road into the village and especially within the adjoining golf course. Selected tree additions in the tree planting programme would provide additional habitats for flora and fauna. It is suggested to the Committee that they should contact ENFO to obtain some of the very fine publications they produce on wildlife conservation. Information boards on bird life around this village and shore life could be produced with help from the local school children. There are many examples of these boards available and are always popular. An Taisce could be contacted for information on the Green Flag Award for school children.

Litter Control:

Practically no litter was seen by the Adjudicator on the day of adjudication and the Committee is to be congratulated on this achievement.

Tidiness:

There was a general untidiness in the back areas of the two short residential streets. The Committee should encourage the residents to improve these areas. The entrance areas and, in general, the grounds of these industrial premises were untidy and need additional screening from the adjoining road. Similarly the entrance area around the gates to the port greatly need an improvement in tidiness and painting.

Residential Areas:

There are two short terraces of housing which need general housekeeping in matters of gutters, some re-pointing and the tidying up of areas between the houses and in the rear lane between the houses. One house is vacant is boarded up. It takes from the appearance of one of the terraces. The Committee should approach the owners of this house or why it is vacant. The window boxes add colour to the two streets.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Very pleasant approach from The Bush along the golf course side of this road. Some screening improvements needed on the large industrial buildings on the far side. The other section of this road needing visual improvement is the entrance area to the port. Very untidy.

General Impression:

Greenore is a small village with some large industrial buildings at one end, the approach, and a seaport at the other end with its sheds and cranes enclosed by a tall wall and gates. The housing is a rather small element of this environment. The Committee have a problem balancing its role with industry and creating a seafront that unites with this housing.

