

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Cadamstown**

Ref: **276**

County: **Offaly**

Mark: **225**

Category: **A**

Date: **09/06/2003**

| | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 2003 | Mark Awarded 2002 |
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| Overall Developmental Approach | 50 | 40 | 39 |
| The Built Environment | 40 | 27 | 27 |
| Landscaping | 40 | 32 | 31 |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 30 | 25 | 25 |
| Litter Control | 40 | 36 | 35 |
| Tidiness | 20 | 14 | 14 |
| Residential Areas | 30 | 21 | 20 |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas | 40 | 22 | 22 |
| General Impression | 10 | 8 | 8 |
| TOTAL MARK | 300 | 225 | 221 |

Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for the entry form, excellent sketch map and well presented Cadamstown Development Plan for 2003 - 2005. The Committee's work in involving the whole community in their endeavours which include a "spring clean day" and fund raising activities is commendable. The many agencies and statutory bodies with whom you also have an involvement is an indication of your overall commitment to your task. This partnership approach is the way to reach your goals.

The Built Environment:

The focal building in the village is the public house and work was in progress here during adjudication. Hopefully, the design involved is taking into account the character and heritage aspect of the village. My Little Tea and Craft Shop was well presented as was the post office and church. However, some old farm buildings rather detract from the overall good appearance of the village.

Landscaping:

The riverside park area was looking very well on the day of adjudication as indeed was the wheelchair accessible picnic area. A number of private gardens impinge on the amenity areas in Cadamstown and are to be congratulated for contributing so generously to the overall effort.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The geological nature trail already developed is an extremely worthwhile project and it is good to note that you are now planning a second such nature trail by the Old Ardara Bridge.

Litter Control:

No litter was to be seen around Cadamstown on the day of adjudication.

Tidiness:

For this year, the village did not present an overall neat and tidy appearance due to the building work taking place at the public house which was overflowing into the car park. Also, the work on the wall on the Kinnitty Road meant that this approach was not at its best. The private vegetable garden with cabbages and apple trees on the left of the pathway leading down to the pump feature is a delight. However, as mentioned last year, perhaps this gardener could be persuaded to dispose of the yellow plastic bags left at the end of the garden in a different manner.

Residential Areas:

As mentioned above, private houses and gardens in Cadamstown are exceptionally well presented. On the day of adjudication at least two householders were out working in their gardens, trimming and cutting to make sure that all looked well. Such commitment is indeed praiseworthy.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The approach roads were mostly well maintained. The wall at present being built, mentioned above, will enhance the Kinnitty approach. No doubt when all work is concluded in the village road verges will be tidied up satisfactorily.

General Impression:

A very pleasant and charming village which continues to progress with each passing year. We wish you well in all future endeavours.