

# Tidy Towns Competition 2003

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Cloneygowan**

Ref: **757**

County: **Offaly**

Mark: **205**

Category: **A**

Date: **05/07/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	21	22
The Built Environment	40	25	25
Landscaping	40	32	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	14
Litter Control	40	37	36
Tidiness	20	16	15
Residential Areas	30	23	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	31	30
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>201</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Cloneygowan is a lovely village with a lot of potential. Very little evidence has been forwarded regarding your plans for the village. Even the space on the application form has not been utilised making it very difficult for the adjudicator to assess any plans you may have. Try to address this in a small way. You do not need an extensive folder – just put together what your hopes and plans are for the village in the coming year and submit them with next year's application. It is a pity that there is not more participation in the Tidy Towns organisation.

### The Built Environment:

Most buildings are well presented, although as you mentioned in your application, some derelict buildings are unsightly. The hall where the recycling centre is could be painted. The school looks well except for some weeds at the boundary wall. The baskets either side of Murphy's are complimented. The medical centre is well presented but the grass needs to be cut. Dolan's pub looks well and the old pulp planted with flowers was admired.

### Landscaping:

The green area is the main feature of the village. It is well maintained and very well presented. The sign for Cloneygowan on the Geashill side of the village is attractive. The smaller green area on the

Portarlinton side of the village is also well presented. The shrubbery area by the small green is beautifully presented (along the gable end of a house for sale).

### **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

There seems to be an abundance of birds around the green area and in the school. The bird's boxes here no doubt encourage birds. The sound of birdsong during adjudication was a pleasure.

### **Litter Control:**

On the day of adjudication litter control was very good.

### **Tidiness:**

A little effort with weeds and boundary walls would improve the view of the village under this heading.

### **Residential Areas:**

Houses are well presented in most cases. Gardens are also well maintained and presented. The houses around the smaller green are pretty but vigilance with weeds and boundary walls should be undertaken. Some houses have really made a huge effort with hanging baskets and window boxes, etc. Well done to these residents, as it really does add colour to the village.

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

In the village itself, roads, streets and back areas present no problems, except that the road in front of the hall is in need of attention. The area along Murphy's is enhanced with hanging baskets, even down along the whitewashed wall. Well done. The approach roads look well. The approach from Portarlinton at the bridge is not very attractive, but this may not be the Tidy Town's committee responsibility(?). The area along by the medical centre is in need of attention – the phone box, etc. The shrine is admired. The general impression of Cloneygowan is that of a village with much potential.

### **General Impression:**

Do try to create an interest in Tidy Towns and try to forward at least some information with your application next year. The committee is doing a very worthwhile job here so do keep up the good work.