

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Edenderry**

Ref: **33**

County: **Offaly**

Mark: **192**

Category: **E**

Date: **06/07/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	36
The Built Environment	40	28	27
Landscaping	40	27	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	15
Litter Control	40	17	18
Tidiness	20	9	7
Residential Areas	30	23	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	30	29
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	192	185

Overall Developmental Approach:

Eadon Daoire is a busy and spread out town and you have a very difficult job. You need to develop your five-year plan a little further and provide further information. The sketch map submitted was very helpful. With just four people on your committee it must be difficult to look after a town this size. Is there any possibility of getting more active assistance? Well done on adapting the Irish name for your town.

The Built Environment:

Eadon Daoire has many fine buildings. The council offices on the main street are a fine building. Some baskets or tubs would add colour to it. The credit union is beautifully maintained and presented, as are most of the premises in this square. Hopefully the Square Hardware and DIY premises will be purchased and redeveloped. While the garda station itself is well presented the boundary wall is in need of cleaning or painting. The church looks very well. The school adjacent to the church could do with some attention. Boundary walls along here are also in need of cleaning or painting. The sign for "Edenderry Business Park" is very visible and needs repairing. The premises next to Kidz Kornor need immediate attention. The entrance to the swimming pool and the community centre could be better cared for and could be very attractive. The AIB on the main street is well presented, as is the next-door off-licence.

Landscaping:

Your plans for landscaping are commendable, no doubt the trees will add greatly to the town. The town park is very well presented and maintained and is a great amenity for the town. On the day of adjudication many people were sitting in the park enjoying the sun. Do try to concentrate your efforts on the basics of litter and tidiness before branching out into other areas.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The canal is no doubt a haven for wildlife. Do you have any plans under this heading? Would the schools perhaps get involved in a survey of the area?

Litter Control:

Eadon Daoire is a very busy town and litter is a problem. Your anti-litter signs at the entrance to the town are complimented, as they are different and eye-catching. It is important to get as many people as possible involved in litter control. The county council, the town council, Offaly Tourism, the chamber of commerce, the gardai, the local publicans and the residents should all have an interest in litter control. Efforts should be made by all to try to overcome the problems of litter. Fast food outlets and schools should be approached to help also. There are lots of bins so it is important to get people to use them. Litter is a community problem and requires a community solution.

Tidiness:

The town falls down under this heading and it is only through co-operation with all premises and organisations that progress can be made. Improved maintenance of the roads and kerbs would help. More vigilant efforts with weeds and grass need to be undertaken. Premises and boundary walls need attention in many areas.

Residential Areas:

There are much fine residence in Eadon Daoire and some lovely residential areas. Many frontages and boundary walls are in need of attention. Many premises do however make a very good effort and are complimented for same.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Some road surfaces are in need of attention; perhaps you are already in talks with Offaly County Council regarding these? Approach roads are well maintained and at the entrance from the Dublin Road the welcome signs and screening efforts are complimented.

General Impression:

Eadon Daoire is a very busy town with many fine features including the town park and the Grand Canal. The town has a lot of potential but does not present itself as having any pride in itself. This is very difficult to create or initiate but would help in so many ways. A lot of good work has been done and the adjudicator has no doubt that much more will be done. Try to enlist more help from residents and organisations and keep up the good work.