

# Tidy Towns Competition 2003

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Horseleap**

Ref: **118**

County: **Offaly**

Mark: **179**

Category: **A**

Date: **08/07/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	26
The Built Environment	40	34	23
Landscaping	40	28	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	10	9
Litter Control	40	26	22
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	16	15
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	22
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>161</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Horseleap is an attractive and colourful village situated on a very busy thoroughfare. The committee is to be congratulated on the large increase of points gained in last year's competition. Thank you for your application and comments this year. As mentioned last year, it would be useful for the adjudicator if a brief outline of your plans for the next few years were forwarded along with your application.

### The Built Environment:

As mentioned in your application, there are some problems with derelict buildings under this heading. It is appreciated that you are doing whatever you can to improve the area or make representation to the owners. The Statoil Garage is clean and tidy as are majority of houses and premises along the village. The school looks well with the tubs and creepers outside it. The boundary wall, however, does need a little attention. The small garage/shop is beautifully presented with flowers, tubs, baskets, etc. The pump, phone box, pulp and other artefacts are really lovely. What a shame that the house adjacent is derelict. Paddy Ryan's pub is well presented, as is the post office. The statue of the horse and the surrounding area is beautiful and your efforts here are commendable. What a shame that the church is not co-operating with the Tidy Towns effort. The church has a lot of potential – the building itself is beautiful with its stained glass front. The graveyard is colourful and the graves are well kept and presented. The grounds are in need of attention but the landscaped area on the left as one drives immediately in the entrance is beautiful and is complimented. Tidy

Towns is about creating a long term and sustainable interest in our communities and our environment. So continue trying to persuade your local parish priest to assist you in your efforts for the community.

### **Landscaping:**

Your plans for landscaping seem to be at a commencing stage. Good luck with the completion of these plans, as they will enhance the village greatly.

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

No doubt, the trees and hedgerows you have planted will attract bird life. Do you have any long-term plans under this heading?

### **Litter Control:**

On the day of adjudication litter control was very good. A small amount of litter was visible outside the school. Well done under this heading.

### **Tidiness:**

As already mentioned, derelict houses do detract from the village and affect marks under this heading. The church grounds also give an impression of untidiness.

### **Residential Areas:**

Houses and gardens in the village and on approach roads are presented to a very high standard.

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

The traffic calming measures are no doubt a positive thing for the village. The road is very busy through the village. The grass verges on approach roads are in need of some attention. There are no major problems under this heading.

### **General Impression:**

The overall impression of Horseleap is very favourable. The number of people on your committee is commendable and hopefully interest will be sustained. The horse really is a beautiful feature and on the day of judgement two people were enjoying the seating provided in this area.

Well done on your efforts to date and keep up the good work.