

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Rhode**

Ref: **629**

County: **Offaly**

Mark: **221**

Category: **B**

Date: **06/07/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	30
The Built Environment	40	33	32
Landscaping	40	33	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	30	27
Tidiness	20	15	12
Residential Areas	30	26	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	31	31
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	221	211

Overall Developmental Approach:

Rhode is a really lovely village and it is very apparent that a lot of effort is made regarding the development of the village. However, no details have been forwarded with your application. A village plan is mentioned in last year's adjudication but not this year. Is this an oversight? Your map was very useful.

The Built Environment:

The built environment in Rhode is presented to a very high standard. The church looks very well and the information office and pre-school is complimented. The national school looks very well with its colourful window boxes. The Gala shop and Christeoir O' Briens are both clean, but lack colour. The development association premises need attention. The petrol sign outside His 'n' Hers Hair Salon needs refurbishment. The pumps could be cleaned and there are weeds along the wall.

Landscaping:

Your efforts at Coolcur Cross are complimented. The area is very lovely, but is situated on a dangerous junction. There has been a great effort with tubs, boxes and baskets throughout the village; these add colour and are complimented. The planting at the hedge at the end of the church railings is nice. The water pump is a nice feature but more could be made of it.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Rhode enjoys a lovely rural location with many green fields and mature trees. No doubt you do have an abundance of birds and animals. You mention on your application that you are in the process of having a wildlife area but you don't give details.

Litter Control:

On the day of adjudication litter control was very good. Your litter collections every second day is commendable.

Tidiness:

There is a general air of tidiness in the village. Approach roads, grass verges and weeds are tended to a high standard. Well done under this heading.

Residential Areas:

Well done on forming committees in each estate. This is a good idea and will help greatly with the overall effort for the village. Residential areas are presented to a very high standard including Hillview Estate and Clonin Estate. Flower tubs and baskets are complimented in all areas. Some housing development is still on going and its completion will further enhance the village.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Approach roads are well tended and presented. The road going into Laurencetown Estate could be surfaced. The footpath outside Mulvin's Bar needs attention. The hanging baskets on the two pubs are very nice.

General Impression:

The general impression of Rhode is very favourable. An active and well cared for attitude is evident. Well done on your efforts so far and keep up the good work.