

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Castlecoote**

Ref: **175**

County: **Roscommon**

Mark: **228**

Category: **A**

Date: **01/08/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	37	35
The Built Environment	40	29	26
Landscaping	40	33	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	22	21
Litter Control	40	33	32
Tidiness	20	15	14
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	30	28
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	228	214

Overall Developmental Approach:

Castlecoote is welcome to the 2003 Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your completed application. The village looked magnificent during our visit and was a pleasure to adjudicate. A lot of work has been achieved since last year. We note your fund raising activities and your participatory approach with bodies such as the county council, FÁS and others. Well done in this respect. Some consideration might be given to identifying Castlecoote's heritage, whether cultural or historical, and finding ways of presenting this in the competition.

The Built Environment:

All building look really well, including Castlecoote Stores, Cattigans, the school, the church and the old mill. (Could the latter's windows be boarded up and brightly painted?) A fine presentation, well done.

Landscaping:

Landscaping is lovely within the village and Castlecoote is being considered for the landscaping award. The handsome stand of mature trees herald one's entrance into the village from the Roscommon Road and the beautifully laid out and perfectly maintained lawns and verges complete the picture. Hedge rows are neatly maintained and trees are featured in great variety and stages of

maturation. The communal open space at the river by the stores is a significant social amenity feature. Flower displays and hanging baskets were appreciated.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The ducks were enjoying the new water feature on the river island during adjudication. Fishing is facilitated here also. The new water feature on the island itself, together with the display of rocks, are a nice touch. Have you considered doing a survey of the flora and fauna of the village and its environs?

Litter Control:

Congratulations on the status of the school as a Green Flag School. This is a very important event for the future of the village. Castlecoote was litter free during adjudication and new bins have been noted.

Tidiness:

The village was exceptionally tidy. The new recycling point has been noted and it is being maintained to an excellent standard and the area surrounding it has been nicely surfaced.

Residential Areas:

The new houses at the Creggs end of the village have been noted with work in progress to their boundary walls. The houses on the Donomon Road are beautifully presented also, and boundary walls, roadside verges, flower displays, etc. are being nicely managed. A big thank you to all concerned.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Congratulations on the upgrading of the entrance from the Creggs road for this year. The new railings on the bridge were noted. All road surfaces are in good condition. The car park located opposite Cattigans needs more work. Street furniture including name plates were very well presented.

General Impression:

The village is idyllic. It is located on an important river and the community is taking full advantage of this important asset. The link with the Suck Way is important. The overall presentation was fabulous.

Second Round Adjudication:

There is a very high standard of presentation of the village evident. The simple formula of very well maintained grass verges, well cared for tree plantings and beautiful stone walls gives a very high quality standard. This is particularly noticeable on the New Road up by the side of Cattigans. Individual gardens also contribute very well to the overall appearance. The summer flowering displays were looking at their peak for the second adjudication. The work by the riverside and island represents a great deal of work and dedication and great credit is due for this. The broad sweeps of roadside verges with picnic tables are very attractive.