

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Tarmonbarry**

Ref: **721**

County: **Roscommon**

Mark: **203**

Category: **A**

Date: **11/06/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35	35
The Built Environment	40	29	29
Landscaping	40	28	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	18
Litter Control	40	23	23
Tidiness	20	12	11
Residential Areas	30	19	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	30	29
General Impression	10	9	9
TOTAL MARK	300	203	200

Overall Developmental Approach:

Tarmonbarry is welcome to the 2003 Tidy Towns Competition. You did not submit details of your planned work programme or a map with your application. It is difficult to progress much further in the competition without a plan, do try to provide one with next years entry. Your fund raising activities have been noted and your partnership approach in working with various agencies is commendable. In particular so your activities with Water Way Ireland to provide floating jetties have been noted. The old weir and of course the manual Lock gates are both charming and fascinating to watch. Good luck with your future activities, we wish you well.

The Built Environment:

The majority of properties are very well presented and Keenans, Crosbies, the Purple Onion, the Shannon Bar, O`Boyles, Londis and The Lodge were all presented to a high standard. The entrance to the Tackle Superstore looked a little underdeveloped and could be improved. The gable wall of the Shannon Bar could be cleaned.

Landscaping:

Landscaping on approach roads and in the village centre is maturing nicely, particularly the shrubberies. Long stretches of wire post fencing which features long grass, could be planted with

hedgerow. The concrete block wall of the sports grounds might also be planted with a climbing plant to good effect. A newly landscaped roadside area was noted at the Londis Store and Petrol Station. The Grotto is being nicely maintained and is a nice feature.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Wild flowers on approach roads and in particular oxeye daisies were a pleasure to see. The river amenity development is impeccable in terms of neatness and trees are maturing nicely here also. One or two seats are in need of cleaning or repainting. It is suggested that a wildlife survey be undertaken for the area and the potential impact of further development noted with respect to existing wildlife. Protective measures can then be taken.

Litter Control:

Some litter was noted on verges which had been recently cut. No marks were deducted for this on this occasion as cutting had been recent. We note your daily bin collection, and daily picking of litter. Do keep us informed of any other litter control strategies as these may earn you additional marks.

Tidiness:

An untidy site which featured building materials was noted on the cul de sac just off the Rooskey road. As noted above both the roadside entrance to the Tackle Superstore looked a little untidy. We note your daily efforts regarding tidiness also and again it can be emphasised that we would like a little more detail in this respect.

Residential Areas:

The majority of residential properties are presented to the highest standard. However some boundary walls and roadside areas to boundary walls on the Rooskey road are in need of attention. Work in progress was noted on the Rooskey road for new residential development no doubt these will be presented to the same high standard that pertains throughout the village. The house on the bridge across from Keenans had been recently painted and looked magnificent. The sash windows, quoins and window features of the Garda Barracks were admired, the building itself should now be painted.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The lamp standards on the bridge look particularly well. In general road and footpath surfaces are quite good and street furniture is well presented. Some resurfacing to the roadside parking area of the sports ground is necessary. The bridge rails will need to be painted shortly. Nameplates looked well.

General Impression:

Tarmonbarry is a beautiful village which enjoys a fine location on the banks of the river Shannon and it has capitalised wonderfully on its magnificent setting.