

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Inch-Bouladuff-Ragg**

Ref: **320**

County: **Tipperary North**

Mark: **213**

Category: **A**

Date: **05/07/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35	34
The Built Environment	40	27	27
Landscaping	40	33	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	30	29
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	30	30
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	213	209

Overall Developmental Approach:

Bouladuff-Ragg-Inch Tidy Villages Association has a large committee of twelve. Your three year plan appears to be practical and well worth while. Good luck with your future work.

The Built Environment:

The community centre looked well, as did Young's Pub opposite, with its freshly whitewashed wall with new trees behind. Maloney's Foodstore was well maintained and the school was being freshly painted on the day. The church was fine, although some staining was noted on the gable. A cracked pier to the wall of the camogie pitch looked unfortunate and should be repaired before next year's competition. Weed control also appeared to be a problem in this location.

Landscaping:

The limestone plaques were evident in a number of locations. They are a marvelous idea, as they give information of the areas of interest within the locality. There was good use of the Irish language on signage also. Along the main road, the verges were well maintained although, in a number of locations, the dead grass had not been removed. Stone beds with floral displays throughout were admired as were the new trees along the laneway. The old graveyard is beautifully maintained and the simple grotto opposite was admired. The new graveyard was also well

maintained, although the metal bench should be painted before next year's competition. An incidental space on the Palace Hill Road with mature tree sporting sweet william at the base was admired.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Your work in regard to the maintenance of existing habitats is to be commended. Inch is indeed fortunate with its close proximity to the Cromogue River - and a game sanctuary was spotted on Inch Lane. Perhaps get the local school children involved in drawing up a map indicating areas of wildlife interest to be found along the laneway.

Litter Control:

Your work in regard to the removal of 30 tonnes of rubbish from black spots around the village is to be commended. You have a large area to maintain and, despite this obvious drawback, you have done marvelous work. Only the odd can and paper were evident to roadsides.

Tidiness:

Weed control was a problem in the forecourt area of the community centre and the camogie pitch as mentioned previously. Building debris was evident close to the entrance to the laneway. Building materials should be removed once construction is complete. A rough area to the side of the Palace Hill Road looked unfortunate. Weed control was also a problem in this location - at the stone base of the planting and at kerbsides close to the crossroads. Do discourage fly posting as it gives approach roads a rather cluttered appearance.

Residential Areas:

The standard of this area of the competition was generally good. Houses within the village centre and along the road sides were well maintained. Of particular note, was a house with delphinium-filled garden opposite Inch Lane and a charming bungalow on the Templemore Road. Clohessy Place sported some extremely fresh boundary walls!

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The main road was reasonably well maintained and wild daisies and roses were spotted in the hedgerows. The road surface on the Palace Hill Road was in rather bad condition. The Templemore Road, although it appeared to be presented in a suitably natural manner, on first impressions, was actually quite overgrown - the children crossing sign was virtually obscured. Do try to strike a balance, in order to achieve a natural appearance, by ensuring that the roadsides do not become totally unmanageable and overgrown. The road surface on the Palace Hill Road was in bad condition. On the Thurles Road, the sign for Holy Cross Abbey was quite battered.

General Impression:

Bouladuff-Ragg-Inch is an attractive area set in some magnificent scenery. It is a large area to maintain but, despite this, the committee have done sterling work! Well done to all concerned.