

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Littleton Village**

Ref: **391**

County: **Tipperary North**

Mark: **199**

Category: **B**

Date: **05/07/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	30
The Built Environment	40	31	30
Landscaping	40	30	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	13
Litter Control	40	29	28
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	24
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	199	195

Overall Developmental Approach:

Littleton's Tidy Town Committee appears to have lost one member since last year's competition, the adjudicator was disappointed to note. It is essential in this stage of the competition that you formulate a three to five year work programme. This document need only be two or three pages long, outlining your plans and objectives for the village's future. You should also establish a timeframe in which these will be implemented. This document will prove invaluable to both yourselves and the adjudicators as the years go by, in order to monitor progress.

The Built Environment:

A whitewashed outbuilding on the Cashel Road was admired. However, the out buildings or whitewashed buildings on the Thurles Road (near the crossroads) should be re-whitewashed before next year's competition as they are in a very prominent location. There are a couple of murals which should be freshened up. In terms of commercial premises, William Maher's, the Take Away and Foxes were all quite fresh. The Turf Club should be painted before next year's competition, in particular, the fascia. The Garda Station looked extremely fresh, with hanging baskets. The school and boundary wall were also very fresh and Fitzpatrick's Butchers was admired. The supermarket and Post Office were well maintained. The Catholic church looked fine.

Landscaping:

The horse and plough on the Cashel Road were admired, as was the display of milk churns and cart at the old creamery. However, this building sported some broken windows, and should be repainted before next year's competition. An incidental bed on the Dublin Road, filled with roses and daisies was admired, as was the open space with its bog oak displays, trees, grass verges and wild roses behind. St. Mary's Church of Ireland had an attractive simply presented green area to its front, and the flowers in stone beds at the main crossroads were admired. Do ensure that your presentation of landscaped areas remains simple and effective. It is not necessary to gild the lily by introducing superfluous hanging baskets on poles!

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

It was disappointing to note that you have not completed this section of the application for two years running. Before next year's competition, you should involve local school children in drawing up a study of wildlife habitats in the locality. You could also consult with local experts regarding the maintenance of these areas. Clues for the further development under this category of the competition can be obtained in the Tidy Town's Handbook.

Litter Control:

The standard of litter control on the day was generally good, although a number of papers were evident in a prominent location at the crossroads and along the Thurles Road.

Tidiness:

The village had a generally neat and ordered appearance on first impression. However, on closer inspection a number of problem areas were noted. Weed control was a problem at kerbsides on both the Dublin and Thurles Roads. Yard areas should be screened from public view. The entrance to the GAA was in poor condition. A bare concrete block outer wall and roughly whitewashed inner wall looked most unfortunate.

Residential Areas:

The standard in this category of the competition was generally very good. The houses and boundaries of McDonagh's and St. Brigid's Terraces were very fresh. An attractive planted area to Church View was extremely well maintained and sported some attractive montbretia, which had yet to come into bloom. Attractive houses and gardens on the Thurles Road were admired, as was one beside the post office. Some of the houses on the Dublin Road, unfortunately, were not maintained to the same high standards.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Littleton is located on the busy N8 from Dublin to Cork and has established traffic calming measures as a result. This location makes your work difficult but you have rallied against these problems. Along the Cashel Road a concrete post and wire fence should be replaced with indigenous hedging of beech or hawthorn or replaced with a stone wall. Weed control was a problem at the base of outbuildings on the Dublin Road. However, the new trees in the vicinity of the church were coming along well. The old Ballybeg Road was reasonably good, although its concrete post and rail fence was broken in a number of places. Rusty roofs at the Killenaule Road, near the junction with the main road looked unfortunate and these should be painted in their traditional red colour before next year's competition.

General Impression:

Littleton is a busy and vibrant centre. It has continued to progress well in the competition over the last number of years. Good luck with your future work.

