

# Tidy Towns Competition 2003

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Newport-Tipperary Nth**

Ref: **601**

County: **Tipperary North**

Mark: **206**

Category: **B**

Date: **06/07/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	39	39
The Built Environment	40	30	29
Landscaping	40	30	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	23	23
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	22	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	26
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>203</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Newport Tidy Town's Committee seems to be rather a small one, given the size of the town. Perhaps you could encourage more people to become members to assist you in your work. Unfortunately, your supporting documentation never arrived and, therefore, the town was judged on its own merits with the aid of your application form. A three year plan was mentioned in last year's report but, unfortunately, this year's adjudicator did not have the benefit of this document.

### The Built Environment:

Noreen's Hairdressers is still most unfortunate and some attempt to paint this building would improve it immensely. However, most of the commercial premises in the town were well cared for on the day. Of note were the credit union, funeral hall, Sconz Coffee Shop, the Courthouse, the Garda Station, the AIB bank and the Post Office and the entrance to the GAA club was most attractive. Do ensure that any premises still sporting projecting plastic signs replaces them with ones of a more traditional timber variety. E. O'Sullivan's is an attractive traditional plastered pub front and would benefit greatly from being repainted. The Church of the Holy Redeemer is most unusual both externally and internally. The attractive planting in gravel beds to its entrance area were greatly admired. The school and grounds were well maintained and its attractive rose garden created a good impression.

## **Landscaping:**

The riverside park was well maintained although you could extend your work to the far side of the bridge. The attractive trees along the main street are a lovely feature. The planted area of the Church was mentioned previously and an incidental landscaped area to the graveyard opposite also created a good impression.

## **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

Perhaps for next year's competition you could consider getting the local school children involved in drawing up a study of the areas of wildlife interest in their locality. This could be incorporated with the riverside walk, which would be of immense interest to resident and visitor alike.

## **Litter Control:**

The standard of litter control on the day could have been to a higher standard. Litter was evident to the riverside area. Papers and bottles had been revealed by the cutting-back of the bank on the Upper Church Road. More litter was evident on the Murroe Road and a full litter bin on the Limerick Road created a bad impression. The new stainless steel litter bins, however, were admired.

## **Tidiness:**

The town gives a generally neat and ordered appearance on first impression. However, closer inspection reveals a lot of problems in relation to dereliction. This was apparent at riverside areas and a number of unfortunate outbuildings between the two terraces of houses on the Upper Church Road created a bad impression. Do discourage the practice of fly-posting, as this can give approach roads a rather cluttered appearance. There was much evidence of painting of the town on the day. Perhaps the fence on the Limerick Road could be replaced with an indigenous hedge of beech or hawthorn or a stone wall. Dead grass was evident to its base opposite the school.

## **Residential Areas:**

Houses within the town centre and along approach roads were generally well cared-for on the day. The good boundary wall and new trees at the new houses on the Upperchurch Road was admired - more houses were being built opposite. The terrace of houses on the Upperchurch Road looked extremely fresh. The semi-detached cottages on the Murroe Road were quite charming. The terrace of houses in the town centre were also admired, particularly the creeper-clad one and a garden with hydrangeas on the Limerick Road created a good impression.

## **Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

The standard of this category of the competition was reasonable on the day. On the Upperchurch Road, a boundary wall could be repainted before next year. The Murroe Road was fine, but the Limerick Road was slightly overgrown. Signage was a problem as nameplates appeared quite blotchy or flaky. The directional signs at the crossroads appeared to need some attention also.

## **General Impression:**

Newport is a busy town set in some magnificent scenery at the Silvermines Mountains. Much work has evidently taken place over the years. Good luck with your future projects.