

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Riverstown-Killeen**

Ref: **258**

County: **Tipperary North**

Mark: **217**

Category: **A**

Date: **20/06/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	34
The Built Environment	40	30	29
Landscaping	40	31	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21	21
Litter Control	40	30	28
Tidiness	20	14	13
Residential Areas	30	23	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	27
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	217	211

Overall Developmental Approach:

Perhaps for next year's competition you could formulate a three to five year work programme. This document need only be a few pages long outlining your ambitions for the village's future development. You will find it invaluable in terms of gauging your progress as years go by and therefore boosting your confidence in relation to the competition. This adjudicator would like to reiterate the comments made by last year's adjudicator relating to the town and the marvelous achievements that the Tidy Towns Committee has achieved. Do not lose heart and endeavour to foster a stronger relationship with the local community and encourage the arrival of new families into the village.

The Built Environment:

Business premises such as the Riverside Inn and Riverbank Restaurant looked well. Granny's Attic also was extremely well presented. Do ensure that you don't forget gable walls when considering overall presentation - in a number of cases facades were quite fresh but the gables had been neglected.

Landscaping:

Landscaped areas were generally well presented but there is scope for further development in this

aspect of the competition. Try to encourage local residents to maintain areas in front of their houses in order to create incidental landscaped areas. The garden of the Riverbank pub looked well when one approached this property from the area of the bridge. The bridge itself is a magnificent structure with its projecting features. The village pump will need painting before next year's competition.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The adjudicator was disappointed that you had left this section of the application form blank. Try to engage the help of a local wildlife expert in order to give you some clues for the maintenance and promotion of this aspect of the competition. They will be able to advise you of the various local habitats in your area.

Litter Control:

The standard of litter control on the day was extremely good with only one or two papers evident on the Nenagh Road.

Tidiness:

The village was very neat and ordered on adjudication day, although the old phone box is in bad order and should be restored to its former glory.

Residential Areas:

The standard in this category of the competition was generally good. Houses on approach roads and in the village centre were well maintained. A pretty whitewashed cottage with hanging baskets and window boxes on the Birr approach was greatly admired. Do ensure that houses that were intended to be rendered remain so. Not only is removing render from traditionally plastered houses incorrect from a conservation point of view but can also lead to the practical difficulties of water penetration.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Along the Birr Road, the grassy area with the village nameplate could have been to a higher standard. The "road narrowing" sign appeared quite grubby. The Nenagh Road was also rather overgrown.

General Impression:

Riverstown-Killeen is an attractive village which continues to do well in the competition. Do ensure that your level of enthusiasm does not deteriorate and try to encourage new blood into the committee.