

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Shevry**

Ref: **55**

County: **Tipperary North**

Mark: **182**

Category: **A**

Date: **04/07/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	28
The Built Environment	40	21	20
Landscaping	40	28	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	15
Litter Control	40	24	22
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	19	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	25
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	182	178

Overall Developmental Approach:

Shevry Development Association Committee is a large one given the population of the village - 50% of the population appear to be members! Your three year work programme appears to concentrate, for the most part, on landscaping. Do ensure that the other eight categories under which the competition is marked are not neglected.

The Built Environment:

The Mountain Inn is, unfortunately, still in very bad condition although some flowers had been planted in this location. The forecourt / yard area is extremely weedy. Would it be possible for the committee to get permission from the absentee owner even to paint it as a temporary measure? It is unfortunate it has such a prominent location, as one of only two buildings in Shevry. The Garda Station, in contrast, looked magnificent. It had been freshly painted and its attractive garden set on a grassy bank looked marvelous.

Landscaping:

Green spaces along approach roads were extremely well maintained. Perhaps you could consider removing the post and wire fencing and replacing it with boulders or bollards which would give a more complete look to these areas. It was good to note the permanent planting at each end of the

lay-by. Supplementing these areas with trees will pay dividends for future generations. Do resist the temptation to gild the lily, by having superfluous floral displays of hanging baskets. A simple approach is always best.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The adjudicator was pleased to note the foxgloves and daisies to the rear of the lay-by area. Perhaps your planting campaign could incorporate berry producing trees and plants, in order to benefit this aspect of the competition. Consult a local wildlife expert regarding the maintenance of wildlife habitats in your locality.

Litter Control:

The standard of litter control on the day was extremely good although one or two papers in a village of Shevry's size can create a bad impression.

Tidiness:

Last year's adjudicator mentioned a County Council yard which looked untidy. Presumably this is the recessed area to the side of the road where building materials have been dumped? This area looked most unfortunate, and materials of this kind should be removed once work is complete, or else screened from public view. Weed control was a problem to the road surface of the lay-by area.

Residential Areas:

Houses along approach roads were generally well cared for on the day.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The main roads were generally well maintained and the Shevry sign on the Upperchurch Road was admired.

General Impression:

Shevry is set in some marvelous scenery in the Silvermine Mountain. Do ensure that you concentrate on other aspects of the competition, rather than merely landscaping projects. Good luck with your future work.