

# Tidy Towns Competition 2003

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Aglish Village Waterford**

Ref: **122**

County: **Waterford**

Mark: **237**

Category: **A**

Date: **08/08/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35	
The Built Environment	40	32	
Landscaping	40	31	
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21	
Litter Control	40	35	
Tidiness	20	16	
Residential Areas	30	29	
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	31	
General Impression	10	7	
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>237</b>	

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for all the information sent with the entry form and for the map. It is gratifying to read the amount of support you have from both state agencies and the local community and the results of which are to be readily seen in Aglish. The village has now received a comparatively high mark in the competition which means that from now on it is going to be more difficult to get additional marks, a matter which will be very dependent on the identification of further projects to be carried out, including a three/five year implementation plan and attention to detail. Such a plan need not be elaborate or expensive and could be laid out in consultation with your local authority and the other agencies with whom you are in touch together, of course, with your local community. This approach has been successfully done in other centres leading to further success in the competition. In the event perhaps you would send a copy with your entry form next year so that the adjudicator can have sight of it.

### The Built Environment:

As last year your public buildings: - Church, School, Garda Station, Hall and Post Office looked extremely well. Commercial premises have also maintained a high level of presentation. Congratulations to all concerned. Your stone walls are being well looked after. Thatched roofs where presented are very nice indeed but corrugated roofs are still to be seen, in some cases in a rusted condition.

## **Landscaping:**

The landscaping at the Youghal entry to the village was noted. It is very nice indeed and creates a nice impression. Landscaping throughout the village is being well maintained. The area around the Church and School looks particularly well but the Cemetery with the Sacred Heart Grotto is somewhat overgrown and needs attention. Window boxes and hanging baskets add considerably to the overall ambience of the village and reflect a great credit on their providers.

## **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

Your comments under this heading are again noted. Comments made by the adjudicator under this heading last year are still applicable. Perhaps a project under this heading could be part of the suggested three/five year plan.

## **Litter Control:**

The results of your Litter Patrol were to be seen in Aglish on adjudication day. The village was practically litter free. Congratulations to all concerned and particularly to the school children who have obviously been doing excellent work. There was not, for example, one piece of litter in the vicinity of the school which, in the best of centres, is most unusual.

## **Tidiness:**

The village looked very neat and tidy on adjudication day and reflects greatly the interest which your business community and your residents have in the preservation of their environment.

## **Residential Areas:**

In the main private residences are being well maintained as are their gardens which, being in full bloom on adjudication day, added greatly to the overall atmosphere of the village. Your comments regarding the Bothar na Gcrann Estate are noted, hopefully this problem will solve itself with goodwill on all sides. The involvement and interest of individual householders is absolutely essential if a town or village is to progress in the Tidy Towns Competition. In the main Aglish would appear to have that and they are to be congratulated on it.

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

Approach roads looked well again this year with evidence of trimming. Road surfaces and pathways are also being well maintained. The condition of approach roads is very important as they tend to set the tone for the rest of the village.

## **General Impression:**

The emphasis this year appears to be on maintenance and, this connection, well done to all concerned. The village is looking extremely well. As part of your planning try, for next year, to identify two or three projects which you might undertake and have ready for adjudication which can take place any time from the 1st of June. These could be under the heading of further landscaping, Wildlife or the enhancement of some houses or buildings which are perhaps not up to standard. In the meantime what you are doing is excellent and well done to all concerned.

## **Second Round Adjudication:**

The stream was a welcome element of the village on a hot sunny day. Maybe its amenity potential could be developed. The beautiful planting along by the stream regrettably lost its impact due to the

tall weeds in the field behind. The sides of the roadside banks on the approaches had been reasonably cut but the tops also should be periodically trimmed. Some boundary walls and particularly timber fences were notably poorly maintained. On the other hand those who do extend their effort to the roadside are to be commended. A little litter was noted at the petrol pumps. The road signs were admired for their clarity. The grey paving is particularly commended.