

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Rathgormack**

Ref: **689**

County: **Waterford**

Mark: **188**

Category: **A**

Date: **09/06/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	29	28
The Built Environment	40	26	25
Landscaping	40	20	20
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	28	27
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	20	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	26
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	188	184

Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for all the information sent with your entry form and for the map which was most useful on adjudication day. It is indeed gratifying to read the amount of support you are receiving from your Local Authority, Fás, national schools and by way of sponsorship. All this must be very encouraging for you as a Committee. The schools project "Highway to Green Flag" is also a wonderful achievement and you are to be congratulated on it. Do however bear in mind the comments made in last years report regarding the production of a 3 to 5 year plan the purpose of which is to identify what you can realistically achieve during that period within your physical and financial resources.

The Built Environment:

Work in progress on the restoration of your stone walls was noted on adjudication day. The adjudicator looks forward to seeing the completed work next year. Your Church, School, Community Centre and commercial premises all look extremely well and a very high standard of maintenance is being applied. It is noted that the steel works continues to be a problem but it did appear to be a bit tidier than in previous years.

Landscaping:

Floral displays, where presented, looked very well. Your village signs are very nice. New tree planting was also noted. Continue with this good work as part of your 3/5 year plan. In the event consult with your Local Authority who should be able to advise you on the types of trees and shrubs which would be most suitable for your locality and for the areas where they might be planted.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Your comments under this heading are noted. Do try to develop a specific wildlife project. Perhaps it is something that you have in mind and would be very appropriate for your schoolchildren to undertake. In the meantime you will receive the same mark as last year.

Litter Control:

The village was practically litter free which reflects greatly the interest your residents have in the preservation of their living environment.

Tidiness:

The village was nicely presented on adjudication day. Well done to all concerned. Hopefully the problem regarding the steelworks and other sites will solve itself and, in this respect, your consultation with the Local Authority is noted.

Residential Areas:

Private houses looked very well and in most cases had gardens in full bloom which created a lovely ambiance in the village. Well done to all concerned.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

New pathways were noted. Road surfaces are being well maintained as indeed are the approach roads.

General Impression:

Excellent work is being done on an ongoing basis and it is a great source of satisfaction to the adjudicator to come back every year and find that additional work has been carried out over and above what has happened on previous occasions. This has been reflected in your markings and will again do so this year.