

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Monageer**

Ref: **261**

County: **Wexford**

Mark: **207**

Category: **B**

Date: **07/06/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	29
The Built Environment	40	32	32
Landscaping	40	32	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	18
Litter Control	40	29	29
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	20	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	24
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	207	206

Overall Developmental Approach:

The adjudicator was pleased to note that you have good level of support from the local community in relation to your fund raising efforts, particularly in regard to the large donation towards the new lighting. Your efforts to form a new residents association to combat problems in the estates of the village is to be highly commended. Thank you for your very clear map which was most useful on adjudication day. Your three year plan makes interesting reading. Perhaps for next year's competition you could clearly indicate what stage in it you have reached - what objectives have been completed and what are yet to be achieved.

The Built Environment:

Both public and commercial premises of the village looked well on adjudication day. The church and presbytry were well presented. Work was underway to the shop and public house on the day and the adjudicator looks forward to seeing its completion. The school and grounds were fine, but its tower and boundary wall will need repainting before next year's competition.

Landscaping:

The pump in its prominent location looked well, but will need painting before next year's competition. The car parking area is an attractive one with its permanent planting, which obviously

pays dividends year round. Incidental landscaped areas throughout the village were admired - sweetpea was growing in a hedge by the old shop. The Parish Park appeared somewhat basic. Perhaps you should consider the introduction of some judicious tree planting and permanent planting to give year-round effect. The same applies to the church car park. There is scope to further develop the grotto area - gravel was dumped in this location and it was rather overgrown, although the montbretia and bluebells must be attractive when in full bloom.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Your wildlife table at the school must provide great interest for the school children. Your planned pathway through the woods, behind the grotto should be of great benefit to local and visitor alike. Perhaps you could involve the local school children in putting together a map of the areas of wildlife interest along the trail.

Litter Control:

The standard of litter control on the day was reasonable. However, the adjudicator was disappointed to note that the comments made in last year's report, regarding the litter bins by the grotto were still relevant. Paper by the school car park and more on banks of the Ferns Road created a bad impression, also.

Tidiness:

The shed by the GAA pitch appeared to have been improved since last year's competition, as the broken windows had been repaired. However, green algae growth marred its presentation somewhat. This area appears somewhat bare and is an ideal location for a landscaping project which would soften its rather harsh appearance. The recycling area was well maintained, but the laminated signage was staining.

Residential Areas:

Houses throughout the village and along approach roads were well presented on adjudication day. The forecourt area to a house on the Oulart Road looked somewhat rough. The pretty thatched cottage in the village was greatly admired, as was the charming tin roofed cottage with attractive garden near the church. A marvellous cottage on the Ferns road with apple trees and exotic looking irises in its garden was admired. The housing estate was fine.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The standard in this category of the competition was generally good - the ditches had been cut back. The Oulart Road has a long well maintained stretch of roadside into the village, which must be difficult to maintain. Congratulations all round. The ferns and wild flowers in the ditches were greatly admired.

General Impression:

Monageer is an attractive village which continues to make great strides in the competition. Keep up the good work and good luck with your future plans.