

# Tidy Towns Competition 2003

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Poulpeasty**

Ref: **686**

County: **Wexford**

Mark: **216**

Category: **A**

Date: **13/06/2003**

|                                | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 2003 | Mark Awarded 2002 |
|--------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Overall Developmental Approach | 50           | 24                | 24                |
| The Built Environment          | 40           | 32                | 31                |
| Landscaping                    | 40           | 34                | 33                |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 30           | 16                | 17                |
| Litter Control                 | 40           | 36                | 35                |
| Tidiness                       | 20           | 17                | 16                |
| Residential Areas              | 30           | 22                | 22                |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas  | 40           | 28                | 29                |
| General Impression             | 10           | 7                 | 7                 |
| <b>TOTAL MARK</b>              | <b>300</b>   | <b>216</b>        | <b>214</b>        |

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Your committee of twenty seems rather large for a village of Poulpeasty's size! Hopefully, by next year's competition, you will be sufficiently organised to make a more complete submission. Mention was made in last year's report of a three year plan, but there was no evidence of this in your submission. Is there one? If so, please submit it for next year's competition. If not, you could draw up a short programme outlining your plans for Poulpeasty and its environs.

### The Built Environment:

The small number of buildings within the village were well cared for on adjudication day. The school and boundary wall looked quite fresh, although the tower looked somewhat more shabby and this should be painted before next year's competition. The stone church with its corner tower was well presented. The hall is also in need of painting before next year's competition, although the shed opposite had been freshly painted in blue.

### Landscaping:

The magnificently maintained gravelled garden to the front area of a house in the village centre, with its colourful flowers was greatly admired. The celtic high cross monument was simply presented. The new graveyard was admired. The landscaped area by the hall looked good and the

timber sleepers, in particular, worked extremely well. However, the white ballustrades are somewhat superfluous. Perhaps you could consider simple spherical stone or ceramic bollards in this location. The church grounds were extremely well maintained and the permanent planting outside was admired.

### **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

This is an aspect of the competition in which, given Poulpeasty's location, you can do extremely well in. Perhaps, get the local school children involved in formulating a report on the wildlife habitats in their locality. Also, engage the help of a local wildlife expert to advise you in this regard.

### **Litter Control:**

The standard of litter control on the day was extremely good - the village centre was virtually litter free. Perhaps you could consider introducing one or two more litter bins at strategic locations.

### **Tidiness:**

The village looked extremely neat and tidy on adjudication day. The brightly painted red tin roofs of sheds on a side road was greatly admired.

### **Residential Areas:**

Houses in the village and along approach roads were generally very well maintained. The one by the hall with its attractive garden was admired, as was the one previously mentioned in the village centre, with the gravelled landscaped area to the front.

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

The road surface on the Ballywilliam Road was not in the best of condition. The pink and white flowers in the hedgerows were admired, as was the montbretia which had yet to come into bloom. The verges appeared to be quite overgrown on one side of the road, although they had been cut back more neatly on the other. Perhaps you could consider removing the wires from the open space area and using stones or spherical bollards, as previously mentioned. The timber sleepers being used on the road to the hall are very successful. On the Clonroche Road, the wild flowers and ferns in the hedgerows were admired. However, the road appeared quite overgrown and could have been maintained to a higher standard.

### **General Impression:**

Poulpeasty is an attractive hamlet set in some magnificent scenery. The people of the village obviously show great care in the village's appearance. Good luck to the new committee in their future endeavours!