

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Clonmore**

Ref: **81**

County: **Carlow**

Mark: **233**

Category: **A**

Date: **13/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	37	37
The Built Environment	40	30	30
Landscaping	40	37	37
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	20
Litter Control	40	32	31
Tidiness	20	17	17
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	31	31
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	233	231

Overall Developmental Approach:

It is gratifying to read that for your efforts you have the support of FAS, your County Council and most importantly your residents, the results of which were to be seen in Clonmore on adjudication day. Thank you indeed for the information sent with the entry form and for the map. Although Clonmore is a small village there are probably, nevertheless, a number of other projects which you could undertake under some of the headings of the competition. In the event, consult with FAS and your County Council and convey your deliberations to paper by way of a plan. In that event please send a copy of your plan with your entry form next year.

The Built Environment:

As last year, the Catholic Church and the Church of Ireland promises again looked very well as did both cemeteries. Your comments regarding the Community Centre were noted. St Mogues Well and the Bullawn stone are two lovely and historic attractions to have in such a small village. The old Norman castle is very striking in its appearance.

Landscaping:

The landscaping at the junction of the Tullow and Hacketstown Roads is particularly attractive as is that at the Church grounds. The Bird Watch sign is a nice addition. The well maintained walls

throughout the village continue to be a very attractive feature. The tall overhanging trees create a lovely ambience in this delightful rural setting. Your comments regarding maintenance have been noted. This is most important in a small village where the landscaping is one of the primary attractions.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Again this year, other than the Bird Watch sign, you do not appear to have undertaken a project under this heading. Do consider it as part of any future planning and the suggestions made in last year's report still hold good.

Litter Control:

Clonmore was practically litter free on adjudication day. There was, however, some evidence of minor littering in the vicinity of the pub (cigarette packs and silver paper) but this was being instantly cleared up by the owner. Under the new smoking legislation it would be advisable to have some sort of container there for receiving cigarette packs and butts.

Tidiness:

The village was again presented in a very neat and tidy manner which reflects greatly on its residents and their interest in their living environment. Well done to all concerned.

Residential Areas:

Houses are being well maintained and again, many had lovely gardens in full bloom. This created a lovely atmosphere in the village and those responsible are to be commended.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Approach roads are being well maintained, as indeed are road surfaces. It is important to keep the approach roads strimmed bearing in mind the notes in the Tidy Towns Handbook regarding the preservation of wild flowers and wildlife habitats.

General Impression:

You continue to maintain the village in a lovely condition and great credit is due to you for it. You have now reached a high mark in the competition. With planning and attention to detail further marks will be had under the different headings. Clonmore should be setting its sights on winning the county award in three years time. Well done to all concerned on a lovely effort.