

# Tidy Towns Competition 2004

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Myshall**

Ref: **703**

County: **Carlow**

Mark: **232**

Category: **A**

Date: **23/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	39	39
The Built Environment	40	31	30
Landscaping	40	35	35
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	23	23
Litter Control	40	28	25
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	26	26
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	28
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>228</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

The fact that you are continuing to receive support from Carlow County Council, Fás, Carlow Rural Tourism and LEADER was evident in the very pleasant way in which Myshall was presented on adjudication day. Thank you indeed for all the information sent with the entry and for the map which was most useful. Your plan and objectives are very cohesive and you are to be congratulated on it. The secret of success, however, is to try to do something every year within the means at your disposal. Do not try to do it all together as, in the event, failure can sometimes lead to frustration.

### The Built Environment:

The public buildings listed in your report last year were all very nicely presented again this year and are being well maintained. The village Pump and the Grotto are two lovely features and, in both cases, are being well attended to. Walls in the village, which are a feature, were much admired and your work in this respect in the Croppy Road area was noted. Commercial properties in Myshall are being very well maintained and contributes greatly to your overall Tidy Towns efforts

### Landscaping:

The Millennium Park, Tobar Bhríde and general landscaping throughout the village create a lovely atmosphere in Myshall and are being well maintained. Landscaping at the School was particularly

admired and some nice flowers and shrubs have been planted in the vicinity of the Community Centre. Trees and shrubs planted in the past are now maturing very nicely and part of your planning should be to see where you can plant further trees and shrubs throughout the village which would look very nice on an all year round basis. Trees planted now are for the future and posterity would thank you for them. The open space in the housing estate would, for example be a very suitable site for such planting.

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

You do not appear to have undertaken a project under this heading. The wildlife facility at Tobar Bhríde was noted and indeed the sounds of birds there was very pronounced. As mentioned in last year's report, perhaps your local school could get involved in a project of this nature, reference to which could be included in your future plan.

### **Litter Control:**

Unfortunately again this year there was evidence of litter in the vicinity of the Recycling Centre and in the side entrance to Tobar Bhríde which is indeed unfortunate as the rest of the village was practically litter free. Great credit is due to your Community in this respect but it is an important aspect of the competition and needs constant monitoring.

### **Tidiness:**

This year again the village was presented in a very neat and tidy manner which reflects greatly on your community for which they are to be congratulated.

### **Residential Areas:**

The housing estate is being well maintained as is its open spaces. Individual houses throughout the village looked very nice and lovely gardens in many of them were admired. This contributes greatly to the overall appearance of the village and those concerned are to be applauded for their efforts.

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

While road surfaces and pathways are being well kept approach roads in general, while they looked well, do need to be strimmed regularly. In some cases one side of the road looked very nice while the other side was completely overgrown. The approach road from Kildavin looked very nice. The appearance of approach roads is very important as these roads tend to set the tone for the rest of the village. Do study the notes in this respect in the Tidy Towns Handbook.

### **General Impression:**

There is a lovely atmosphere in the village which looks very well and continues to do well in the competition. Myshall has now reached the capacity of high level of marking and will find it difficult from now on to gain additional marks, the secret being good planning and attention to detail. Do not, of course, lose sight of your maintenance work which is the backbone of your effort but do try to identify, under different headings of the competition projects that you might successfully carry out and which will gain you those valuable additional marks.