

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Nurney**

Ref: **79**

County: **Carlow**

Mark: **210**

Category: **A**

Date: **18/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	34
The Built Environment	40	26	26
Landscaping	40	29	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	14
Litter Control	40	32	28
Tidiness	20	16	15
Residential Areas	30	23	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	29	28
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	210	202

Overall Developmental Approach:

The nice appearance of Nurney of adjudication day reflects great credit on your committee and those who are assisting you i.e. Carlow County Council, LEADER, Clubs and Schools and, of course, your community. All are to be commended for their efforts. Thank you for the information sent with the entry form. Your plan is, indeed, a very simple one. Perhaps it could be expanded a bit to include projects which could be carried out on an annual basis under some or all of the competition headings and within your physical and financial resources. The village is small, but it has been found in other centres that there are always opportunities to carry out additional work which will help to further enhance the centre and gain additional marks in the competition. This could be done in conjunction with the bodies mentioned above and indeed any knowledgeable people living locally who are interested in, for example Wildlife & Natural Amenities, Landscaping, etc.

The Built Environment:

As last year, your Church, School and Post Office were nicely presented and looked well on adjudication day. The Pump is a very nice addition to the village and your stone walls, which are being well maintained, were much admired. The Nurney Inn looked very nice and is being well maintained also.

Landscaping:

Flowerbeds are being well looked after and your name stones are a very nice feature. The landscaping along the road to and around the School is indeed a joy to behold and great credit is due to the people involved for the wonderful appearance of that part of the village. Where presented, window boxes, tubs of flowers, containers and hanging baskets looked extremely well and create a lovely atmosphere throughout the village. These floral features add greatly to the overall Tidy Towns effort and all concerned are to be congratulated. Trees throughout the village are maturing very nicely. As part of your planning, do consider the planting of additional trees and shrubs which will give you some colour on an all year round basis. Trees in Nurney were planted many years ago and the present generation is benefiting from them. Tree planting now would be for the future and posterity will thank you for it.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Unfortunately, on adjudication day, the bird boxes mentioned on your entry form were not seen. Perhaps the Adjudicator was looking in the wrong place. They do not appear to have been marked on the map. However, please do give some more thought to a possible future project under this heading perhaps, as suggested last year, with the support of your school.

Litter Control:

Nurney was completely litter free on adjudication day and reflects greatly on the perceived desire of your community to have a litter free atmosphere. Well done to all concerned.

Tidiness:

As last year, the village was again presented in a very neat and tidy manner on which all concerned are to be congratulated.

Residential Areas:

Hillview Estate is being well maintained and its open space, in spite of being turned into a football pitch, still looks well. The stone furniture at the end of the green looks lovely. Individual houses throughout the village looked well with, in many cases lovely gardens in full bloom. This type of individual effort is important to your Tidy Towns effort and all concerned are to be congratulated.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The approach roads from Tullow, Tinryland and Leighlinbridge were very nicely presented. However, the verges of the Newtown Road needed strimming. Road surfaces and paths are being well maintained and, as such, are an added bonus for the village.

General Impression:

The village looked very nice again this year and was a delight to visit. You have created a very good standard both from a point of your living environment and the competition itself. Keep up the good work. Try to establish some new projects under the different headings for next year which will also have the effect of gaining you extra marks.