

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Rathanna**

Ref: **574**

County: **Carlow**

Mark: **212**

Category: **A**

Date: **10/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	30
The Built Environment	40	26	26
Landscaping	40	28	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21	21
Litter Control	40	34	28
Tidiness	20	16	15
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	25
General Impression	10	8	7
TOTAL MARK	300	212	198

Overall Developmental Approach:

Now in its second year in the competition Rathanna, has made some great progress during the last twelve months which reflects greatly the interest taken by your County Council and your committed community without whom success cannot be achieved. Thank you for all the information sent on the entry form and for the maps which were most useful on adjudication day. Although Rathanna is a small village, do try to identify what other projects you might carry out over the next twelve months which could then be a matter for discussion amongst your committee and your Local Authority with a view to next year's competition. In the event, do it in the form of a short printed plan which will be useful as a guideline for you and allow you measure what success you have achieved.

The Built Environment:

As last year, your Church and Old School House looked extremely well on adjudication day as did the few commercial premises in the village which have obviously entered into the spirit of the competition. The bridge on the entrance road to the village is excellent and your lovely walls are being well maintained also.

Landscaping:

Old and new landscaping looked extremely well in the village, in the car park and on the bridge. The stone seats are a wonderful addition and individual flower presentations by houses and shops greatly enhances the overall ambience of Rathanna. Well done to all concerned. For a small village you have one of the loveliest car parks in the County. As part of your planning, continue to identify where you can plant trees and shrubs which, particularly in the case of the latter, will give you some colour on an all year round basis. Tree planting is for posterity and future generations will thank you for it.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Your comments under this heading are noted. However, as mentioned in last year's report, you should however try to develop a specific wildlife project, perhaps initially, and as has happened in other places, might involve your school children,

Litter Control:

Rathanna was litter free on adjudication day. Congratulations to all concerned. However do bear in mind that this is an important part of the competition and needs constant monitoring. It is, nevertheless, a wonderful effort and long may it continue.

Tidiness:

The village was presented in a very neat and tidy manner and reflects greatly the interest which your residents have in the preservation of their environment. Again, well done to all concerned.

Residential Areas:

The many nice houses in Rathanna are being well maintained, many with lovely gardens which creates a lovely atmosphere and contributes greatly to the overall Tidy Towns effort. Well done to all involved.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Road surfacing which was in progress last year has now been completed and greatly enhances the village facilities. Approach roads are also well presented, the area of the bridge being particularly admired.

General Impression:

Well done indeed to all concerned in your second year of the competition. Further progress will revolve around planning and attention to detail. Even in a small village there is always something extra that can be done. Rathanna was a joy to visit again this year.