

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Tinryland**

Ref: **178**

County: **Carlow**

Mark: **187**

Category: **B**

Date: **18/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	29
The Built Environment	40	26	24
Landscaping	40	26	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	22	19
Tidiness	20	15	14
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	25
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	187	178

Overall Developmental Approach:

The efforts of your committee and the support of Carlow County Council, ESB and your community were to be seen on adjudication day in Tinryland and all concerned should be proud of their achievements. The information supplied on the entry form and your planning proposals and the map were most useful on adjudication and you are thanked for them. Could it be suggested, however, that your plan might be somewhat more specific in terms of setting out, say over the next three years, on an annual basis, what you might hope to achieve under the various headings of the competition. This will also lead to easier evaluation by you of success (or otherwise) and hopefully would lead to bigger and greater efforts in the following year. Perhaps also, when sending in the entry form next year, you might include a copy of a map of Tinryland showing on a colour code basis where projects have been carried out for 2005 which makes it easier for the Adjudicator to have sight of them.

The Built Environment:

Plans for the restoration of the old Village Hall and the Handball Alley are noted and you are indeed to be congratulated on getting a grant from Carlow County Council for this particular project. Your Church and School are being very well maintained and were nicely presented this year. Your stone walls and the pump are a very nice feature and are being well maintained also. The Gala premises and car park looked very well indeed as did the new car park in the centre of the village which was much admired.

Landscaping:

The Adjudicator feels that landscaping located one mile from the village as in the case of the N80 junction does not come within the adjudication area. Within the village, however, new planting of flowers was noticed and landscaping within the vicinity of the School and the car park looked very nice indeed. Where presented, window boxes, tubs of flowers and hanging baskets also looked very nice and added greatly to the overall appearance of the village. In terms of tree and shrub planting the comments made in last year's report under this heading are still applicable. Trees and shrubs planted now will be greatly appreciated by all in future years and, in the event, demand less maintenance than perhaps flowerbeds which have a shorter life.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Your comments under this heading have been noted. However, committees are urged to consider, even an initial project, under this heading and, in this connection, comments made in last years report are still applicable.

Litter Control:

Tinryland was practically litter free on adjudication day with only minor traces of litter to be seen in the car park. Perhaps a few additional litter bins might solve the problem.

Tidiness:

The village was again presented in a very neat and tidy manner, but again, the surroundings of Tinryland Tennis Club are badly in need of refurbishment.

Residential Areas:

Housing estates again looked very well this year and open spaces looked well. Individual houses throughout the village are being well maintained as are their nice gardens which added greatly to the floral aspects of Tinryland and its general appearance. Window boxes and hanging baskets, where presented, looked very nice and also added greatly to the overall atmosphere. This type of individual effort is very important in a small centre. You cannot hope to succeed without it. Well done to all concerned.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

While road surfaces and pathways are being well maintained, approach roads, on adjudication day, needed strimming. Bear in mind that adjudication normally starts from either the speed limit signs or the village nameplate signs whichever you opt for and grass verges should be strimmed from there on in bearing in mind the suggestions in the Tidy Towns Handbook regarding the preservation of wildflowers and wildlife habitat.

General Impression:

Tinryland looked very nice again this year and has improved a good deal. Your plan would seem to indicate that many other worthwhile projects are in the pipeline and the Adjudicator looks forward to seeing some of them next year and, in the event, further progress being made.