

# Tidy Towns Competition 2004

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Quin**

Ref: **555**

County: **Clare**

Mark: **234**

Category: **B**

Date: **10/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	34
The Built Environment	40	33	33
Landscaping	40	37	36
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	22	22
Litter Control	40	34	33
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	24	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	29	30
General Impression	10	8	8
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>234</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for application form and excellent map. At present Quin is changing with a considerable amount of new residential building taking place both in the centre of the village and on the outskirts. It would be important that these new residents would become involved in your efforts and every encouragement should be given them to do so. It would also be important to draw up a plan to focus on targets which you want to achieve for the future.

### The Built Environment:

The magnificent Abbey and other public buildings in and around Quin were well maintained. However some refurbishment was needed to the School on the Newline Road. Business premises in the main were well presented, neat and tidy. However, the grocery shop in the main street with PVC windows and doors whose shop windows were covered in stickers and notices is out of keeping with a village like Quin and perhaps the Proprietor here could be encouraged to rectify this situation. As previously mentioned, the many good stone walls throughout the village and surrounds are very attractive. Now is the time to ensure that ivy and brambles do not take hold on these. The Stables were well presented but the Public House nearby needed repainting.

### Landscaping:

Your work in this area is to be commended, making the approaches to the village and the centre of the village itself so attractive. The bed of roses in the centre and the antirrhinums on the Sixmilebridge approach were especially colourful. The Abbey viewing area was very well maintained. Also, the wild flower planting opposite the School enhances this road considerably. The large metal flower containers in various locations were also admired, but these should not be used instead of permanent planting which is always preferable. Having said that, the containers do add another dimension (especially the ones on stands). However, the weather was very warm during our visit and some of the containers needed watering as the plants were dead. It was good to note that the statue mentioned in last years report had been painted and that the grass was being cut in the grounds of the nearby Church during the visit.

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

It was unfortunate that your project with the ducks was unsuccessful, but at least you tried!

Of course, the planting you undertake in and around the village contributes under this category. The Tidy Towns Handbook also provides suggestions for wildlife and natural amenity projects.

### **Litter Control:**

Litter maintenance was good - the extra bins are obviously beneficial - well done.

### **Tidiness:**

Because of construction work taking place around the town, unfortunately it did not present the tidiest appearances - however this is outside your control and no marks were deducted. Kerbsides were weed free throughout.

### **Residential Areas:**

Established houses on the approach roads and in the town centre are contributing to the tidy towns effort. However, as mentioned above there is quite an amount of new housing coming on stream in Quin. Care should be taken that the builders leave these sites in a neat and tidy condition and, of course, as previously mentioned, you should encourage these new residents to join with you in your endeavours.

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

The building work again reflects on this category, mainly in the heart of the town. Approach roads were good, especially the approach from Ennis. The signage throughout the town is very poor as mentioned in previous reports and should receive attention in the overall development of the town.

### **General Impression:**

It is obvious that the Committee and residents of Quin have a great commitment to the maintenance and heritage of the town. At present, Quin is in a state of transition with all the construction taking place and when finalised we look forward continuing progress in the future.