

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Bartlemy**

Ref: **655**

County: **Cork North**

Mark: **202**

Category: **A**

Date: **18/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	24	23
The Built Environment	40	22	21
Landscaping	40	31	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	35	35
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	24	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	30	29
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	202	198

Overall Developmental Approach:

It is noted that your committee this year totals 12 and it is hoped that this extra help will enable the Bartlemy Improvement Group to make more progress for the future. The village is located in a pleasant rural area and there is a nice pleasant atmosphere. Participation in the Tidy Towns Competition can only improve the overall aspect of the village and so make for a better environment for all.

The Built Environment:

The Church is a prominent building in the village and it was under renovation at the time of adjudication. When completed it will no doubt be even more impressive. The school building - Scoil an Easpaig O' Brian - Scoil Naisiunta is another prominent building in the village and it is being excellently maintained. As a building it represents a new concept in school design. The Bartlemy Parish Hall is a valuable asset to the community and it is obviously well attended to and well presented. Most other buildings in the village were quite well presented. House building work is in progress in the village.

Landscaping:

The flower planting at approach roads to the village look well. There is colourful planting in the

gardens adjoining houses in the village centre. The landscaping work in the village Green is well maintained. The Green area was neatly trimmed. Due to the continuing renovations there was a considerable amount of building materials in the church grounds. The use of hanging baskets and window boxes added colour in the village.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The village is set in a natural environment which provides habitat for a variation of wildlife. If, however, the community wished to develop a designated wildlife area, specialist advice is available from the Wildlife authorities - please consult the Tidy Towns Handbook for more information. The river area would be an obvious site for such a project and the community may consider this as a project for the future. There is no doubt that a defined wildlife attraction in the area would be of considerable interest to the entire community and to visitors to the area also. Such a project should also be one of great interest for local schools - perhaps you can involve the school children in some way.

Litter Control:

There seems to be a good level of litter control in the village. It is noted from your application that the school is involved in the control of litter in the village. All centres here have to make litter a priority. It is important that an awareness of the litter problem be created and it is an excellent idea to involve the school pupils in such a project.

Tidiness:

The area in the vicinity of the school was very tidy. Also the area in the immediate vicinity of the Bartlemy Parish Hall was quite tidy. The Village Green was very tidy, clean and well maintained. In the village centre where flower tubs are in position, the area roundabout was quite untidy and needs to be tidied up.

Residential Areas:

Householders in and around the village present their houses and gardens well. The houses in the village towards the church/school have very colourful, well maintained gardens. This is an area of the Competition where all residents can play a part and the village is made more colourful when flowers are used to provide welcome colour.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The grass verges on approach roads to the village were nicely trimmed and the flowers planted here looked well. The village streets were quite tidy. The "Bride Rovers Forever" display board in the village centre is a good idea and no doubt enhances the local community. The grotto area is a special one for the community and is set in an attractive and appropriate rugged site. Another important site for the community is that of St. Bartholomew's Well. Though some work has been carried out in the vicinity of the well, more work needs to be carried out around the access. Visitors reaching the village from Rathcormac, for example, will not have seen the sign for the well on the main Midleton/Fermoy road and therefore it would be beneficial to have a fingerpost sign for the well within the village area. Previously there was a sign on a pole at the roadside where the well is located but this sign no longer appears to be there - a rusted pole remains and this should be rectified for the future.

General Impression:

This is a pleasant rural village tucked away in a quiet rural environment. By participating in this Competition the community is bringing about change for the better in the community, making it a more pleasant and attractive place in which to live and indeed visit. It is hoped that the great

efforts being made will continue and so further enhance this rural village.