

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Cuil-Aodha**

Ref: **141**

County: **Cork West**

Mark: **182**

Category: **A**

Date: **04/07/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	37	36
The Built Environment	40	27	26
Landscaping	40	22	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	25	24
Tidiness	20	10	10
Residential Areas	30	20	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	21
General Impression	10	5	5
TOTAL MARK	300	182	179

Overall Developmental Approach:

Cuil-Aodha is a centre which seems to have undergone - and indeed is undergoing - a great deal of expansion since this adjudicator last had the pleasure of visiting the village. Eight is a good number to have on a committee for a village of Cuil-Aodha's size. You would appear to have a good relationship with FAS, Udaras na Gaeltachta etc. However, the adjudicator was disappointed to note that you had left the wildlife section of the application form blank. Again no work programme had been submitted with your application form and this should be rectified before next year's competition as it is essential to your application, at this stage.

The Built Environment:

The small number of buildings in the village looked well on adjudication day. Aras Eamonn Mac Suibhne was well presented and an attractive traditional outbuilding with external steps at the village centre was admired. Do ensure this is retained and not demolished in any future development. The monument was well presented and the church was in good condition. It was noted that new car parking had been provided in this location to the side of the road. The Swimming Pool area was well presented.

Landscaping:

Attractive planting by the entrance to the swimming pool was admired although the timber hanging baskets in this location had yet to be put in place. Numerous houses in the village centre and along approach roads contribute strongly to this aspect of the competition with their attractive gardens. The grotto was well maintained and presented to the highest of standards.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

As previously mentioned, this section of the application form was left blank which was very disappointing! You should consult with local wildlife experts in order to gain their help regarding the wildlife habitats that are to be found in your locality. Do consult your Tidy Towns Handbook for clues for developing this aspect of the competition further.

Litter Control:

The standard of litter control on the day was extremely good.

Tidiness:

A messy yard area at the centre of the village near the swimming pool created a bad impression and should be screened from public view. The concrete block wall opposite the swimming pool should be painted up before next year's competition as it looks quite unfortunate. The forecourt area of the swimming pool was quite weedy as was the area to the front of the old national school.

Residential Areas:

The attractive garden with rocky outcrops on the Kenmare Road junction was greatly admired, as was the adjacent house with its curved stone wall entrance area. The attractive planting to the green house near the village centre was admired. There are a number of new houses being built in the village, do ensure that they are well finished off in order to keep up the standards set by existing houses.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

On Kenmare Road attractive planting was noted at the junction. The blue sign will need repainting as will the square traditional sign on this road. The road surface was unfortunately in bad condition. In terms of street furniture, the post box should be painted as it appeared quite flaky. On the Macroom approach the roadsides were quite overgrown and weedy.

General Impression:

Cuil-Aodha is an attractive village. You will need to formulate a work programme before next year's competition, in order that you may see your progress as the years go by and in order that the adjudicators can fully assess this work.