

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Chapelizod**

Ref: **705**

County: **Dublin**

Mark: **203**

Category: **C**

Date: **25/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	37	37
The Built Environment	40	31	30
Landscaping	40	28	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	18
Litter Control	40	24	24
Tidiness	20	12	11
Residential Areas	30	24	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	23
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	203	200

Overall Developmental Approach:

Welcome to the 2004 Tidy Towns Competition. The committee submitted a good comprehensive application. However, the map was a little difficult to read - it would be very beneficial on the day of adjudication if all the street names and specific sites and local facilities are highlighted, especially if they are mentioned in your application. The Committee should be commended for their work with local businesses, school groups, the Chapelizod Old Village Association and the local authority. A three - five year plan for the area should be included in future applications as it provides a structure for the committee to work to and goals to attain in the development of the area. The local Chat magazine is an excellent channel to report back to the community.

Keep up the good work!

The Built Environment:

Main Street Kelly's news agents was well presented with some nice hanging baskets. No. 30 on main street derelict suggested development for this building should be included in next year's entry. New development in village nice red brick. The Villager Public house looked particularly well. Adjudicator notes committees concerns that during building work area can look untidy. Derelict building on Martins row. Chapelizod church looked well. Garda Boat Club nicely maintained. Church grounds apposite Esso station needs some attention. The new scout den will be a welcome addition to the area. The Bridge Inn looked well. The riverside cafe could do with some

maintaining. The boards at the bridge are an eyesore and take away from the stone work. Some derelict buildings with planning notices were also noted. The Street Sign on the wall outside St. Laurence's needs replacing. The restoration of the Band room is a real credit and will encourage community spirit. I look forward to seeing the new facade next year.

Landscaping:

The landscaping in Chapelizod enhances the overall village feel to the area. There are some nice mature trees outside the Villager and the island flower beds are especially pleasant. The soft landscaping at St. Laurence's national school is to be commended; these kind of projects really create a sense of environmental awareness for children. New row and Madian's was well presented on the day with some lovely planted area's, hanging baskets and nice conservation of stone building. Planting along the industrial estate could do with some attention - if well looked after they will create a nice concealer for the wall. North Cliff has some nice planted areas which are well kept. Creeping ivy on the stone wall on Martins row is especially nice. Unfortunately there was no sign for memorial garden (please mark on your entry map for next year). Entrance welcome stone and flowers are a nice touch at St. Laurence's Grove. Knock Riada looked well.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Chapelizod has a great location beside the river Liffey and the Phoenix park. It is good to see cooperation between the committee and other bodies to encourage wild life and conserve these natural areas. The memorial garden will be a great addition when finished. The bird table within the children's garden at St. Laurence's School is an excellent way to create awareness of local bird species. Nature walks and trails should also be encouraged. The Chapelizod approach road has a pleasant natural area with some nice stone boulders; this could be developed to promote the river wild life by erecting a nature board. Please submit the urban design conservation and land use plan for Chapelizod with your entry for next year so you can improve your marks in this area.

Litter Control:

There was generally little evidence of litter in Chapelizod on the day of adjudication. The residents should be commended for their awareness and initiatives to meet with their local council to control the litter from passing traffic.

Tidiness:

Overall, Chapelizod has a tidy appearance. There was some evidence of graffiti on Martins Row. Kerb maintenance needed at the end of main street across from the national school. Kerb weeds beside old telephone box. Some kerb maintenance needed on the Chapelizod approach road. The replacement of council signs with new cast signs in black and gold finish will certainly complement and define the area by creating a sense of cohesiveness. Bilingual signage should be encouraged.

Residential Areas:

Residential areas in Chapelizod and in particular their gardens were very attractive. A willingness to improve the total residential environment, by residents themselves, should be encouraged by the Tidy Towns Committee. Laurence Brook on the Lucan approach road was well maintained. Kings Hall and Chapelizod Moorings are also a nice residential areas. St. Laurence's Grove was exceptionally presented on the day with a nicely maintained entrance.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

All approach roads into Chapelizod appeared to be in good condition on the day of adjudication. There are some lovely stone houses along the right hand side of the Lucan approach. The Knockmaroon hill approach has a charming stone wall which extends the village feeling. Restoration

of the cobbles on Main Street is very important and the C.O.V.A is to be commended for insuring the safety of these during the development in the village. Please note, there was a substantial amount of rubbish around the bin on Park lane.

General Impression:

Despite ongoing problems associated with an urban area you have shown your ongoing commitment to tackle these issues and overcome them. Keep up the good work!