

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Raheny**

Ref: **552**

County: **Dublin**

Mark: **216**

Category: **E**

Date: **02/07/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	37	36
The Built Environment	40	28	27
Landscaping	40	29	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	29	28
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	25	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	29	29
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	216	213

Overall Developmental Approach:

The committee is thanked for their entry and background information for this years Tidy Towns competition. It is noted that this is year 2 of the 3 year Plan - it would be beneficial for the adjudication day to have the full plan. This also helps monitor yearly progress. The completion of the new bridges over the Santry river is a great achievement. The committee and the council are to be congratulated. It is also encouraging to note that the committee has grown.

The Built Environment:

Once again, the Library, the Post office, the Station House pub and the Churches were all presented to a very high standard. There was improvement on the presentation of the cottages at the crescent. The exterior of the Dart station could be made more attractive. The shops are well presented, but some areas would benefit from some painting. The completion of the re-facing of the railway bridge will further enhance the area. Sign posting for the new bridges over the Santry river should be considered.

Landscaping:

Raheny does well in this part of the competition. The standard of landscaping is very good particularly in St. Annes. The co-operation and assistance of Dublin City Council is evident and of

the highest standard. Businesses should be encouraged to complement this work by adding further hanging baskets and planting in the village area.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The committee are to be commended for their approach in appointing an environmental consultant. Details of the role of this position and how it impacts on Raheny Tidy Towns and community environment should accompany next years application.

Litter Control:

The additional volunteers that have joined the committee to address litter has been effective and Raheny was almost totally litter free on the day of adjudication. Some bins seemed full and ready to overflow. It is important that this is monitored. You are to be commended for your efforts in such a busy village area. Events such as An Taisce spring clean can help generate better community awareness of their area. Consider running projects in conjunction with local schools to further this awareness.

Tidiness:

There is an overall impression of tidiness and a cared for area in Raheny. However to gain further marks in this section attention to details is important. Removal of weeds from the base of walls, trees, kerbs, fresh painting of walls etc. to add considerably to the overall tidiness.

Residential Areas:

The standard of presentation of most residential areas in Raheny is very high. There were many well kept attractive colourful residential gardens of particular note were Maywood, St Assams and along the Howth road. The Crescent was litter free on adjudication day however it could be further developed to become a real village "gem". Again attention to detail in some areas such as kerbs, base of trees and walls would further enhance the area.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

As Raheny is in a built up area, the "Raheny" signs work well and give a welcome village feel to the area. Work on the roads, streets and back areas has been maintained and Raheny scores well in this section. The committee are to be commended for their work on this. Consideration could be given to erecting a village map in the village which would indicate the local amenities including, St Annes, the sea front etc.

General Impression:

Raheny gives an impression of a welcoming cared for urban village. It has a lot of traffic and is a busy village yet it through good presentation of its residential areas and good litter control, it has done well in the competition. Clearly, there is good co-operation with the committee, the council, local business and residents which should be maintained and this will further Raheny's success into the future.