

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Athenry**

Ref: **397**

County: **Galway**

Mark: **233**

Category: **D**

Date: **12/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	41	40
The Built Environment	40	34	32
Landscaping	40	32	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	23	23
Litter Control	40	27	27
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	26	26
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	26
General Impression	10	9	9
TOTAL MARK	300	233	228

Overall Developmental Approach:

You are fortunate in having a high level of support from the local community. Good luck with your plans for the future.

The Built Environment:

Public & Commercial buildings were well presented. The Church, School, Library, Castle and Heritage Centre are maintained to a high standard. The work carried out at the Castle and surrounding area is a credit to the town and is visually attractive.

Landscaping:

The town has some nice examples of landscaping. Bedding plants on dwarf wall at Church and the shrubs at the Library looked very well. There were also a number of nicely landscaped private gardens with a variety of trees and scrubs. The Castle grounds and the grounds at Lady's Well looked splendid.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

It is noted that your plans include clear identification and signage of Wildlife and Natural amenities

in the area. Is there a member of your committee or somebody in the area with expertise in this area that you can draw on?

Litter Control:

Generally good in the streets, but again this year the bottle bank at the Railway station was strewn with black plastic bags, cardboard boxes, cans and bottles. Three of the bottle containers were already full. There were numerous plastic bottles and crisps in the river along by the entrance to the Castle. It is good to know that the Junior Tidy Towns members are embarking on a Recycling project.

Tidiness:

The overall appearance of the town centre was tidy. All car parks were tidy. Clairbaun Estate needed attention and the glass was removed from the telephone kiosk nearby. The Welcome sign (Market Town) needs cleaning. The Seat at the corner beside the Church needs to be replaced. A few owners require some encouragement to paint their properties. There is a derelict house near Market Town sign and the grass area around the tower was overgrown. Also weeds on the path along by the bottle bank.

Residential Areas:

Private houses are generally presented to a high standard, some with lovely landscaped gardens. The open green spaces in the housing estates were admired.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

All approach roads were well maintained with tidy verges. Rubbish was dumped at back of This & That Discount store and rubbish was also dumped at back of the Heritage Centre.

General Impression:

The efforts of your committee are reflected in the work carried out to date. Good luck with the work in progress particularly at the Castle.