

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Letterfrack**

Ref: **236**

County: **Galway**

Mark: **199**

Category: **A**

Date: **21/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32	32
The Built Environment	40	28	28
Landscaping	40	28	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	25	25
Litter Control	40	25	25
Tidiness	20	9	9
Residential Areas	30	25	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20	20
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	199	198

Overall Developmental Approach:

Welcome to the 2004 Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your completed entry form. It is important that the 3 - 5 year plan is made available each year to the Adjudicator, this year we did not have the benefit of receiving it. It will greatly help your efforts and help focus the community in reviewing the plan on a yearly basis and also assist the 'buy in' by the relevant Authorities/Agencies in their support of your efforts. Letterfrack has the potential to achieve higher marks in the competition, but it will require more support of the work of the Tidy Towns Committee by the whole community.

The Built Environment:

In general the College area was well presented, the Letterfrack EC Youthreach building with its window boxes and the adjoining small cottages were well maintained and colourful, the dumped furniture at the last cottage alongside the gate is disappointing. There are still a number of derelict buildings in the area and really should be tackled by the owners. The Post Office area was neat and tidy and the corner flower bed looked well.

The Bar/Restaurant with outdoor seating in the centre of the village had a nice appearance. The Garda Station was very disappointing with its overgrown grounds. The Pangur Bar Restaurant and grounds looked very well.

Landscaping:

Again this year most of the houses were well attended, the general open area of the College could be considered for some additional landscaping and appropriate planting. The open area behind the bollards next to the craft shop is totally neglected and very disappointing.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Again as stated in previous adjudications the National Park is a great amenity to have on your doorstep, we would again encourage the school children to get involved in the future with Wildlife and Natural Amenities projects. Congratulations to the National School with their Green Flag, keep up the good work.

Litter Control:

There was some evidence of small amounts of litter in the village, it is important to monitor the litter situation otherwise it can get out of control. The bags of rubbish left by the gate on the road approaching the Church is very disappointing.

Tidiness:

The statue and surround in the grounds of the Church was still overgrown. The sign for the hostel is still in a poor condition, and the unfinished wall in this area combined with bits of rubbish scattered about is an eyesore. The water pump near the rear of the pub should be made more of a feature and at least painted. Any storage areas should be screened off, it was noted that some screening has been installed behind the Bards Den pub, which helps this area. The storage of beer barrels in public view should be discouraged.

Residential Areas:

The majority of residential houses are well maintained, with a few small exceptions. A small effort can go a long way, it is important to watch out where rebuilding work is undertaken that surrounds and walls are also fully completed.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The area at the crossroads needs weeding, the large open/parking area near the hardware and butcher should have a better finish to its surface with any storage area screened off and litter monitored. The storage of large pipes in this area should be discouraged. It is good to see the recycling facility in the village. The fine stone walls in the village and on the approach roads should be maximised and free of weeds and scrub. The walls on the main roads further enhance the village.

General Impression:

As stated in previous reports the centre of the village is vital to the long term efforts of Letterfrack progressing in the Tidy Towns competition, this is where any weak areas and issues should be tackled immediately, as it will send out a positive message to the wider community. Keep up the good work and endeavour to tackle the weak areas, it will be worth it.