

# Tidy Towns Competition 2004

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Tynagh Village**

Ref: **353**

County: **Galway**

Mark: **186**

Category: **A**

Date: **19/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27	27
The Built Environment	40	24	24
Landscaping	40	23	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	13
Litter Control	40	35	35
Tidiness	20	13	12
Residential Areas	30	17	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	25
General Impression	10	7	8
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>183</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you very much for your comprehensive application to this year's Tidy Towns Competition - the map and 5 year plan were very helpful. Tynagh is making positive progress in the Tidy Towns Competition, and it is good to see the support that the committee has secured from locals and local businesses.

### The Built Environment:

With the exception of a number of derelict buildings, houses and businesses in the town were well presented and tidy. Perhaps you could paint the window frames and doors of the two derelict buildings at the main junction in the village? While the area outside the Community Centre was tidy, the area would benefit from the repainting of the centre itself. The Church and its boundary wall looked very well. There are a number of sheds on the main road that could benefit from a fresh coat of paint.

### Landscaping:

The new stone walls on the entrance road from Portumna looked very well, and the verges on this entrance were well cut. Well done on the Fairgreen - the new trees look well and the grass was just starting to grow. The next step might be to get signage for the Fairgreen and install some street

furniture so people can enjoy the landscaping. The two water pumps in the town looked very attractive. The grotto at the Church was well landscaped, however the gravel areas could have done with being weeded. There was good landscaping on the Loughrea approach beside the name sign. The nice flowers, shrubs and bark at the base of a tree opposite the Community Centre looked very well.

### **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

It was good to see the newly erected bird-boxes and they were nicely painted. It might be a good idea to get school children involved in surveying the numbers and types of birds they attract. They could also do a survey on native trees as they seem to grow well in the area.

### **Litter Control:**

I see from your entry form that school children got involved in an anti-litter campaign as well as clean-up days. The recycling bin area was spotless and a real credit to the village. There was very little litter evident on the day. The only exception was that a litter bin at the cemetery was full and there was a bag of rubbish beside it but perhaps this was from someone cleaning the cemetery? The litter bins themselves could do with a fresh coat of paint - this will heighten their visibility and will demonstrate the community's ongoing commitment to litter control.

### **Tidiness:**

As mentioned in the litter section, the recycling area was very tidy and clean. Well done. In general, the village would benefit from sweeping although I understand funding for this has been cut. There was a number of trailers near the Community Centre that looked as if they hadn't been moved in a long time - can they be screened from view?

### **Residential Areas:**

The thatch cottage in the centre of the village creates a very good impression, as do a number of others such as the house joined onto Moloneys shop and a newly painted house opposite the water pump in the village. There were also some well kept houses on the approach roads.

### **Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

I was delighted to see the new stone name signs. Once the signage is on them it will add greatly to the overall impression on entering the village. The footpath near the Church was newly resurfaced, the grass verges were well cut, and there was good landscaping with trees and the new bird-box. The new stone wall on the Portumna approach looked very well and the grass verges were well cut. There has been some good progress in this category.

### **General Impression:**

It is obvious that people in Tynagh are committed to making their village a nicer place to live. The area near the Church looked particularly well with its footpath, landscaping and general tidiness, and this standard should extend throughout the village over the next few years.