

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Jamestown**

Ref: **110**

County: **Leitrim**

Mark: **165**

Category: **A**

Date: **25/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	27
The Built Environment	40	19	19
Landscaping	40	22	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	23	22
Tidiness	20	11	10
Residential Areas	30	22	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	19	19
General Impression	10	6	5
TOTAL MARK	300	165	160

Overall Developmental Approach:

Your ongoing work with local residents to foster the Tidy Towns concept is commended and seems to be paying dividend.

Assigning a member of your Tidy Towns Committee to liaise with Leitrim County Council is a positive step. Working in partnership with all those concerned residents, local authority, Leitrim Partnership, Waterways Ireland and your community worker is the key to progress in this competition. Many thanks for the detailed map and support documentation which was very helpful.

The Built Environment:

The Archway and Tower together with the Workhouse preserve the architectural character of Jamestown. Work on replacing the windows in the Workhouse, mentioned in last years report was ongoing on adjudication day. Well Done.

The Archway Bar and Kearey's in the Main Street are attractive and well presented. Private houses on the approach roads and period houses along the Main Street were well maintained with good use of colour. Architectural quality of buildings, street furniture, paving and residential areas are all important components of the built environment which must be given priority in future work programmes to conserve the distinctive identify of Jamestown.

Landscaping:

The overall streetscape was well presented. Private and business interests appear to be working with the Tidy Towns Committee in caring for and landscaping their own areas. The Harbour area was again looking well with good use of trees. The pump was brightly painted and well maintained with floral displays. The presentation of the open area adjacent to the Arch has improved. To improve your marks under this heading identify open spaces and areas where landscaping would benefit the overall appeal of Jamestown. Select suitable trees, shrubs and perennial flowers. Then with the the help of your members and the Local Authority put a maintenance plan in operation to manage these areas throughout the year.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Your proposal to introduce ducks to the River is most welcome. Encouraging local residents to provide bird feeders and nesting boxes is also a good idea. Your location should allow you to do well under this heading. Refer to the Tidy Towns Handbook and select a suitable approach for your committee.

Litter Control:

The new litter bins were noted as was the absence of litter in the Main Street. Some incidental litter was visible on the Drumsna approach.

Tidiness:

As mentioned in last years report open spaces and rusty gates are some of the main areas which need to be addressed under this heading. Private and business premises appeared tidy and cared for. Some weed growth at boundary walls and kerbs was noted along the generally tidy Main Street. The adjudicator hopes you will be successful in securing the community worker which would give a sustainable approach to your work programme. The graveyard and Abbey were well presented and tidy. The problem area with the caravan still remains.

Residential Areas:

The houses near the Jamestown Arch are commended for their use of colour to give Jamestown a very welcoming first impression. Premises along the Main Street were well presented with good use of shrubs, flowers and hanging baskets. Private houses on the approach roads were tidy and nicely landscaped. Continue to raise awareness among local residents of the importance of maintaining boundary areas and stone walls.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Approach roads looked well with margins trimmed, however, signage still needs attention. We trust your discussions with the Inland Waterways and local land owners brings a positive result for the weir on the Carrick approach. The derelict building on the Drumsna Road takes away for the overall good presentation of this approach. Your plans to develop a green area adjacent to the bridge in association with Leitrim County Council is awaited with interest. Some back areas appear untidy and would benefit from being screened.

The proposed restoration of the Jamestown Arch would add greatly to the already memorable entrance to the village.

General Impression:

It is obvious that you are working hard and looking forward as is evident from your programme of

work for 2004/2005. You have the potential to do well in this competition as you have a very unique location and environment. Your efforts have been rewarded with an increase in marks.