

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Mohill**

Ref: **601**

County: **Leitrim**

Mark: **175**

Category: **C**

Date: **26/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	28
The Built Environment	40	26	26
Landscaping	40	22	20
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	22	20
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	19	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	20
General Impression	10	5	4
TOTAL MARK	300	175	166

Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for your detailed application form and map, it was good to note that the committee took on recommendations in last years report and prepared a three-year plan.

Continue to build on your partnership with state agencies, voluntary sectors and schools that are giving you their full support and look forward to continued progress.

The Built Environment:

Public and business premises were generally well presented Canon Donohoe Memorial Hall and the former convent looked extremely well as did the Credit Union and the Vocational School. The completion of the car park on Glebe Street also looked well and the landscaping is nicely completed. Kiernan's Pharmacy and the Hardware shop and both Churches are nicely maintained.

There is a lot of unoccupied buildings on the main street but it is encouraging to read that the committee is liaising with the council in relation to this matter.

The Carolan Monument provided a nice display of color – plants and flowers were being sold from here. However the National Irish Bank is in poor condition and in urgent need of attention, what a lovely building was it maintained.

Landscaping:

The Old Hunt School Garden provided a very impressive floral display. The landscaping at the Glebe Street Car Park and the shrubbery planted at the phone boxes leading into the town were also well presented. The trees are maturing nicely on the main street and the flower boxes and hanging baskets were noticed. The site yard across from Huston's Garage is an eye sore – the use of large planters would distract attention away from this area.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The committee have an important role in preserving the natural environs of the village and have started to acknowledge this. Your plans to engage the help of a local Ranger to put wildlife plan in place for the town is commendable. The river is a marvellous natural amenity although there was visible debris in the river. The committee has not yet fully optimized your potential under this very important heading.

Litter Control:

The main street was free of litter on adjudication day, however, the litter bin outside Paul's News agent was overflowing. The committee also needs to be vigilant in the area surrounding the river. Overall an improvement on last year and an increase in marks is well deserved.

Tidiness:

Dereliction remains an issue, which needs too be resolved on some sites. The area around the library and health centre is nicely presented, as is the County Council Offices.

Residential Areas:

The residential areas along the approach roads were very well maintained; the resurfacing of the R201 approach is commended and shows commitment by the council to the efforts of the committee. The refurbishment of Hyde Street Terrace on the Dromod Road improves the overall presentation of the estate.

The new development at Cnocan na Greine will be a welcome addition when completed. The street lamps on this approach and the plans to extend them throughout the town will be an asset to your tidy towns efforts.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The approach roads were well maintained and the verges were neatly trimmed. It was good to note that the committee took on board recommendations made in last years report, there was a distinct improvement in the back areas of Mohill - in particular in Causey Street.

General Impression:

The continued hard work and motivation of the committee are commendable. The three-year plan, attention to detail and perseverance will see Mohill optimise its potential in this competition.