

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Cullyfad**

Ref: **659**

County: **Longford**

Mark: **174**

Category: **A**

Date: **06/07/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	24	24
The Built Environment	40	23	23
Landscaping	40	26	18
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	12
Litter Control	40	30	30
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	15	15
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	19
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	174	160

Overall Developmental Approach:

Cullyfad is welcome to the 2004 National Tidy Towns Competition. The village is extremely difficult to find as it is not signposted from the Longford/Ballinalea road; it took the adjudicator approximately one hour to arrive in Cullyfad from the latter road. The committee should approach Longford County Council with a view to signposting the village adequately. Thank you for your completed application. We note the absence of an overall development plan and would urge you to submit one for next year's competition as it is difficult to continue making good progress without one. Congratulations on the tremendous support you receive from the local community and on your liaison with various bodies particularly Coillte. We wish you well for the future.

The Built Environment:

The beautifully painted church is quite stunning and is complemented by the Crucifix monument, the grounds of the church are simply and tastefully presented. The Community Centre looks well also however it is beginning to look a little weather stained and may need some attention in the not too distant future. The curtilage area here is nicely surfaced.

Landscaping:

The new garden beside the Community Centre was in the final stages of development at the time of

our visit, no doubt it will feature a namesign for next years competition; well done on this excellent initiative. You have earned a substantial increase in marks under this heading; additional landscaping particularly new landscaping throughout the village has been noted and appears to have been well thought out, however much of it is at a juvenile stage and its full visual impact will not be appreciated for some years. Flower displays throughout were admired. With this level of landscaping the village could win an award at some stage in the future. Mature trees on approach roads are a handsome introduction to Cullyfad.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

We note with interest your proposal for the woodland area and would appreciate more information on this. The riverside development at Millbrook Bridge is attractive; is it completely finished? The sign at the bridge is a nice touch. The basketball court at the rear to the Community Centre is neatly presented, is it in use?

Litter Control:

Litter control was excellent throughout adjudication. Congratulations on the Spring Cleanup week involving schoolchildren, parents and the committee. What other litter management activities do you engage in? Do you have an overall litter strategy? Keep us informed of your initiatives under this heading.

Tidiness:

Work in progress was noted at a site located across from the nameplate at one entrance to the village. Ensure that all building materials are removed upon completion. Both building materials and weed growth were prevalent to the front of the cottage by the river. If work is complete here they should be removed.

Residential Areas:

The majority of dwellings are presented to a high standard and gardens are neat. A new house with an undeveloped garden has been noted behind the water pump. The cottage at the bridge beside the river has some fine traditional features which hopefully will be retained upon refurbishment. We note an application for planning permission for twenty six dwellings on the site located across from your new park and hope that the resultant development will be sensitive to the overall character and ambiance of Cullyfad.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Roadsurfaces and footpaths are nicely finished throughout the village and on approach roads. Entrances to Cullyfad are characterized by neat hedgerow, neat verges and good stone walls. It was a pleasure to see all field gates nicely presented in a bright red colour and concrete post fencing painted grey.

General Impression:

Cullyfad is a beautiful village tucked away from the hustle and bustle of traffic and exudes a peaceful ambience. Hopefully new developments will not change the character of your lovely village to any large extent. Good luck with your plans for the future.