

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Annagassan**

Ref: **259**

County: **Louth**

Mark: **203**

Category: **A**

Date: **12/07/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	31
The Built Environment	40	28	28
Landscaping	40	28	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	31	30
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	24	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	27
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	203	201

Overall Developmental Approach:

Many thanks for your entry into this year's competition. The map was very useful as was the detail given in the application form. It is necessary to submit a brief 3 year plan. This is of use to the adjudicator in monitoring progress, but also assists the committee in planning for the future. This need not be a weighty or involved document just a brief outline of the committee's plans for the coming years. There is again no mention of involvement with the County Council and the committee. The Committee should contact the conservation officer of the council with regards to the cleaning of the bridge and the Fish House.

The Built Environment:

Annagassan is a lovely seaside village with a harbour as well. There were blocks left by the roadside where the seawall is being laid so work is well under way there and the adjudicator looks forward to that work being completed for next year's competition. There are some lovely buildings along the main street. The old grain store looked to have been painted which is a welcome addition. However, the off road side of the bridge is still covered with weeds and this is where it is important for the committee to be having meetings with the County Council as their personnel will assist in matters such as this.

Landscaping:

There are some areas where the landscaping is evident and looks very welcoming. The boat feature was awash with colour and there were wooden containers of flowers also looking very well although somewhat struggling with the weight. The Bus Shelter and Amenity area has been very lovingly planted and was spotlessly clean and tidy on the day of the visit. The trees on the right hand side of the main street opposite the credit union building are maturing nicely. The Stoney Garden is a lovely feature, but the fence requires repairing.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

With its harbour, beach, amenity area and wooded areas Annagassan, has potential to score very highly in this category, however no information is given on the application form. This is where a development plan is useful as it would indicate if the committee have plans to develop this section. As mentioned in last years report, ENFO should be contacted as they produce some very fine literature with regards to wildlife conservation; indeed the conservation officer at the local county council could also inform the committee for future years.

Litter Control:

Litter control appeared very good on the day of adjudication. The harbour had a lot of wind blown litter around, but the main street was litter free. The new bins are a welcome addition.

Tidiness:

The Main St. appears very tidy as does the amenity area and the sea wall. However, attention must be given to the entrance to the Fish House as it is most untidy and covered with weeds. This building would look very attractive if it were cleaned up as would the bridge into the Main St. Weeding of the entire harbour area is also required. There was what should be a pleasant seated area at the harbour, but this was covered with weeds which detracted from the area.

Residential Areas:

The residential areas are very well maintained. An Rian looked extremely well and a number of people were out and about trimming and weeding on the day of adjudication in this estate. A gardens competition could be organised for the village to encourage all owners to participate in making their estates look their best for the competition.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The adjudicator (and I am sure the committee) look forward very much to seeing the sea wall finally completed - this will add a new dimension to the village. When mowing the grass on approach roads it is important that the verges are maintained as well as it gives a neat appearance to the entry roads into the village. This was not done in some cases. The harbour road and the harbour area in general is full of pot holes; the committee should ascertain if the council has any plans to resurface this area.

General Impression:

Annagassan is a lovely seaside village. It has a number of interesting features being a harbour and a seaside as well. The main street is very quaint and is maintained to a high standard. It has lots of potential to score very highly in this competition and the preparation of a 3 - 5 year development plan is encouraged.

