

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Greenore**

Ref: **695**

County: **Louth**

Mark: **235**

Category: **A**

Date: **30/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	42	41
The Built Environment	40	32	31
Landscaping	40	32	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	31	30
Tidiness	20	15	14
Residential Areas	30	29	28
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	30	29
General Impression	10	7	8
TOTAL MARK	300	235	229

Overall Developmental Approach:

Many thanks for your entry into this year's competition. The map was most useful to the adjudicator as it indicated the sites of the new developments that had taken place over the last year and ensured marks were awarded for projects completed. Congratulations on receiving the cross border funding and good luck with the project - it will enhance the area once completed. The projection plans are comprehensive and clearly states the work programme for the coming years. It is important that each year the committee indicates the work that has been completed in the year to ensure that all marks are awarded.

The Built Environment:

A small village consisting of two rows of houses, port facilities and some large industrial units on entry into the village. The port area takes from the village but even some simple housekeeping would make a huge difference to the visual impact the facility has on the village. There is no indication from the information supplied as to the relationship, if any, that exists between the port management and the Tidy Towns committee. This information would be useful to the adjudicator. The promenade area at the sea front is very attractive and well maintained.

Landscaping:

There were new shrubs and tubs planted at the entrance to Euston St. The trees that line the approach road to the village have matured very well, although more are required at the entrance to some of the industrial sites for screening purposes. Fr. Keegan Park is a wonderful site and looked especially well on the day. Some of the trees along the promenade require nurturing as they are not maturing well.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

As suggested last year, An Taisce could be contacted for information on the Green Flag Award Scheme for school children. The adjudicator looks forward to the erection of information boards on the wildlife of the area as indicated in the plan.

Litter Control:

On the whole, litter control appeared quite good on the day. However, the area by the Beach Cafe and the roadway between the two rows of residential houses contained a lot of litter as did the area by the blue painted shed at the bottom of these houses.

Tidiness:

Both the promenade and the golf club were very well presented on the day. Fr. Keegan park was splendid, however the footpath opposite it was untidy with weeds growing through the pavement. The outside of the Excel building was very untidy and overgrown. The biggest problem for the committee is the port area; it is most unattractive. Could the port area be tackled in a piecemeal fashion? For instance, even in one year, if the outside wall was repaired and whitewashed this would be a substantial improvement. The outside drain at the entrance was full of weeds and litter and the "lighthouse" requires cleaning and whitewashing. It would be helpful for the adjudicator to know if discussions take place with the port management and the level of willingness, if any, to work with the committee to improve the area.

Residential Areas:

The village consists of two main residential areas that are very unusual and attractive. The new tarmacadamed area and green looked very neat and tidy. The boarded up house had it's front door open so hopefully this will have been refurbished by next year! Some of the houses require exterior painting and some attention to brickwork. The laneway between the two rows of houses was untidy and contained collected litter.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The footpath into the village is very welcome. The promenade is a great facility and once The Cuttings is developed this whole area will be most attractive. The 30mph signs are faded and need to be replaced. The two residential streets are very attractive especially the shop and old school building. The road by Fr. Keegan Park into the village is well maintained. Only one side, the right hand side, of the Golf Course Rd. was well maintained. Some of the gardens were looking splendid, however others required tending. It is important that the committee communicates regularly with all residents to give all owners the opportunity to have their homes and surrounding area looking well for adjudication.

General Impression:

Greenore is a lovely village - the terraced residential streets have so much character and are in the main well presented. The promenade area is also very attractive. There has been success in screening the large industrial units on entrance to the village and continued screening is encouraged. By far the greatest challenge to this hard working committee is bringing the

management of the port company on side and improving the appearance of this area of the village.