

# Tidy Towns Competition 2004

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Reaghstown**

Ref: **310**

County: **Louth**

Mark: **222**

Category: **A**

Date: **12/07/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	37	37
The Built Environment	40	28	28
Landscaping	40	35	34
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	14
Litter Control	40	32	32
Tidiness	20	16	15
Residential Areas	30	23	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	30	29
General Impression	10	7	8
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>219</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Many thanks for your entry into this year's competition. It included a 3 year plan, entry form and a map of the area. The 3 year plan however requires more details than was supplied; this need not be a large undertaking, just listing what the committee intends to do in each of the three years. It is also important that the committee lists out the work that has been undertaken since the previous year's adjudication as this will help the adjudicator award marks for the valuable work being carried out and will assist the committee in monitoring progress.

### The Built Environment:

The village is accessed from the N2 and the village extends out as far as the Danny Boy pub. The Church is the focal point and it is very well maintained. It has two amenity areas and a small picnic type area opposite the Church. The adjudicator had great difficulty finding the village, so some signposts would be most welcome!

### Landscaping:

There is a wonderful amenity area at the junction of the N2. This was immaculately maintained, with picnic tables, bins and seating. The shrubs and trees are maturing very well. There was also beautiful landscaping around the Church and in the smaller amenity area by the Danny Boy pub. The

privet hedge along the left hand side of the road between the Western Football Club and the village required trimming. There are trees planted in a number of areas in the village - some of these are not thriving as well as others and they require attention, e.g. opposite the entrance to Westerns F.C. The large open parking area opposite the Church has a substantial amount of planting and this should mature nicely over the coming years. The new wall built at the back of the house in this area would look well if creepers were sown along it as it would "soften" the appearance.

### **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

Well done to all concerned for the amenity areas off the N2 and beside the Danny Boy pub. The walk that is being developed behind the amenity area at the Danny Boy pub will be a very welcome addition to the village. An information board was also visible at this site.

### **Litter Control:**

The village centre was litter free on the day of adjudication although there was quite a lot of collected litter at the outside of the Danny Boy pub and in the large parking area opposite the church. These areas should be included in the daily litter trawl.

### **Tidiness:**

The village had a general appearance of tidiness on the day. The Church grounds and surrounding area was very well maintained. There is a small amenity area opposite the Church and that too looked very well.

The entrance to the Western F.C. grounds was untidy and overgrown, but there is some development work going on there at present that may have added to the untidiness. Work needs to be done at the Danny Boy pub, as mentioned in last year's report. Some landscaping would make a huge difference to the visual impact of this part of the village.

### **Residential Areas:**

Mountain View is a very well maintained estate - well done to all residents. There are some wonderful, colourful gardens that give a very welcoming feel to the village. Houses in the main are painted and the surrounds are tidy and clean.

### **Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

The approach road from the N2 is well maintained and tidy. The Cemetary Rd. is also very tidy and the trees are maturing well here. Again, the area that requires most attention is that area by the Danny Boy pub.

### **General Impression:**

Reaghstown is a charming village. The work of the committee is evident throughout. The houses and residential areas look very well. Litter control is good and the amenity areas are substantial for a village of this size and are excellently maintained.