

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Tullyallen**

Ref: **450**

County: **Louth**

Mark: **209**

Category: **B**

Date: **15/07/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	39	39
The Built Environment	40	29	28
Landscaping	40	28	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	18
Litter Control	40	29	30
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	21	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	24
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	209	207

Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you to the committee for this year's entry to the competition. It included a very useful map, well completed entry form and a report on Townley Hall. A plan for 1998 to 2002 was also included. The 5 year plan for the coming years will be looked for in next year's entry. It is also most important that it is clearly stated the work that has been carried out between one year and the next. This is very useful to the adjudicator and ensures that marks are awarded to the committee for works completed in the previous year.

The Built Environment:

Tullyallen is a scattered village with a very well maintained amenity area with seats, bins and landscaping, the Village Square. The Morning Star Thatched Pub is also a very attractive building in the village. The Church grounds and Centre opposite is reached by means of a narrow winding road. Both of these are exceptionally well maintained and litter free. As with so many other small villages throughout Ireland, there is a lot of development going on at the moment.

Landscaping:

There was some new landscaping at the village square that looked very attractive. Tree planting has also taken place within and outside of some of the newer estates in the village and these will be

maturing nicely over the coming years. As mentioned in last year's report, the school grounds and cemetery could take some additional tree planting. There are new housing estates ongoing at the moment and it will be important that they embark on a tree planting programme when they are completed.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The completion of the path linking the village with the Nature Trail to Townley Hall will be most welcome. This is a natural area for flora and fauna and a wonderful addition to the village. There is a natural hedgerow and rich cover that is a natural habitat for wildlife. Information boards are always a welcome addition and it is wonderful to have the local schoolchildren involved.

Litter Control:

On the whole, litter management was good in the village, however there was quite a lot of collected litter around the Morning Star and around the garage. Also on the approach roads, there was litter along the sides of the road. As the village develops further and with the new supermarket it will become necessary to provide extra bins. The new development plan will no doubt contain a section on litter management for the future and the adjudicator looks forward to this in next year's entry form.

Tidiness:

The school, church and the village square all looked very tidy and well maintained. There is the ongoing problem with the filling station in the village and the houses on either side. This is most unfortunate as it detracts from the impact of the village as a whole. It is useful for the adjudicator to know if a particular problem exists with areas like this and how the problem is being tackled by the committee.

Residential Areas:

There are some wonderful gardens throughout the village that are very welcoming to the visitor. Some of the newer estates were partly untidy, for instance although grass in the green areas were cut the edges were not and were untidy looking, e.g. Moorpark. Arda Raith Wood looked particularly well on the day. A gardens competition would be a welcome addition to the village because of the new housing estates in the village. It is important that the committee engage with new residents moving into the area.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

As mentioned above, some areas were untidy in the back areas. There was a very untidy area to the left of the entrance to the Glen. The approach roads were attractive (except for some collected litter) and there is a general feeling that the village is well maintained and is welcoming.

General Impression:

A spread out village that is undergoing some development at the moment. The village square and Morning Star pub are both very striking features. The adjudicator looks forward to the completion of the development plan for the next five years and to the completion and signposting of the path to the Nature Trail.