

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Breaghwy**

Ref: **410**

County: **Mayo**

Mark: **177**

Category: **C**

Date: **23/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26	
The Built Environment	40	26	
Landscaping	40	29	
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	
Litter Control	40	20	
Tidiness	20	12	
Residential Areas	30	20	
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	
General Impression	10	7	
TOTAL MARK	300	177	

Overall Developmental Approach:

Welcome to the 2004 Tidy Towns Competition and thank you for the map and information supplied with the Application Form. Breaffy is a very attractive small village set in a wooded area that has managed to retain a lot of character despite its proximity to a very busy main road. Progress in the competition will be dependent on everyone working towards the same ends. With this in mind you should prepare a "3 /5 Year rolling Tidy Towns Work Programme". This programme should have the support of the community, local groups other agencies and the County Council. It would therefore guide you Tidy Towns actions for the next three to five years. The Work Programme will detail the Tidy Towns objectives to be achieved by your committee in the years ahead. The preparation of such a Plan that is updated annually is now an essential aspect of the Tidy Towns Competition. This Plan can be prepared by your own Committee and the Tidy Towns Handbook available from the Department of the Environment will be a great help to you.

The Built Environment:

The built environment in Breaffy is limited and that is one of the attractions of the village. The Church and grounds were well presented and the grassed area here was neatly trimmed. The bar is a dominant building and a little tidying up at the side of the building would be a help. The Community Centre is a fine building but the boundary wall with the road needs to be repainted as does the School boundary wall nearby. At the telephone box the low concrete wall also needs to be painted again. Across the main road the entrance to the Hotel was very attractively presented. Work

was in progress at the Sports Centre on the same side of the road.

Landscaping:

The development of the new path along the N.61 as a committee project is noted. Attractive well kept landscaping was noted at the entrance to the Church, and the private house opposite the Church entrance has very eye catching planting of trees and shrubs. The Millennium Fountain is well laid out but was not working on adjudication day. Hopefully this is just a temporary difficulty. The large grass area here is being well kept, however the additional of some additional colour would be an improvement. Perhaps the addition of a few slightly raised low maintenance flower beds might be considered.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The location of the village in an area with many high mature trees gives your committee an opportunity to develop the wildlife aspect of your village. Have you considered having a Survey carried out of the flora and fauna in the town area? The results of such a Survey would help your Committee to focus on planting that will encourage wildlife to the area. A logical step following the Survey would be to provide display plaques illustrating the local flora and fauna.

Litter Control:

Litter control was quite good on adjudication day but litter was noted along the base of the School boundary wall. For the 2005 competition can you develop a litter management strategy and include details in your submission with your Entry Form for next year and so perhaps gain some additional marks under this heading.

Tidiness:

The village itself was quite tidy on adjudication day. However dead grass was noted on a number of verges where it had not been taken away following cutting. This looks most untidy and detracts from the overall presentation of the village. One Election poster was still on display in the centre of the village.

Residential Areas:

Private houses were well presented and on the Swinford road some fine large gardens were noted with good tree and shrub planting.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The name signs for Breaffy are most attractive and well presented. The presentation of the verges on approach roads was very uneven. In some instances they had been cut but grass was not taken away. In other instances there did not appear to have been any recent cutting. In situations where you have a wider verge the verge should be cut for approximately one metre in from the road edge. The remaining uncut verge will help to meet the needs of wildlife. Above all, banks and verges or portions of verges need to be cut on a regular basis if a fine fresh green appearance is to be maintained.

General Impression:

Breaffy is a very attractive village with an active Tidy Towns Committee. Do try and get your Tidy Towns Plan organised for next year. Congratulations to all involved in your work!

