

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Clare Island**

Ref: **120**

County: **Mayo**

Mark: **212**

Category: **A**

Date: **01/07/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	60	43	43
Litter Control and Tidiness	60	42	40
Home, Harbour Areas and Other Facilities	60	43	43
Representation of Roads, Walls and Hedgerows	60	41	41
Overall General Presentation	60	43	43
TOTAL MARK	300	212	210

Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for your application for the Tidy Town's Competition 2004. It would have been helpful to the adjudicator had we received a copy of your three year plan showing work already completed and work outstanding. Keep encouraging everybody to get involved, your work to date shows great pride in your island and community spirit.

Litter Control and Tidiness:

Litter control was good throughout the island with the exception of the area at the rear of the B&B that leads onto the beach. There was a bag of litter torn open on the ground and also a large bucket containing leftover food discarded on the rocks. While the litter bins were emptied the full refuse bag had not been removed from the campsite. The area around the Abbey was very well maintained, as was the graveyard. The only area which seemed to be a bit neglected looking was the area around Granuaile's castle where old debris (iron gate, lengths of timber etc.) were left lying around. The Community Center looked fresh and clean and the recycling area was very tidy.

Home, Harbour Areas and Other Facilities:

The overall standard was good, understandably not a lot can be done at the Harbour with the construction work ongoing. The local shop could perhaps brighten up its appearance with some flower arrangements etc. Seating area outside the Hotel could do with being painted, as could the plinth of the bell at the Abbey, which was quite weathered. The school and its grounds, and the surrounding areas were very neat. Green flag on the beach needs replacing, the existing one looks

the worst for wear.

Representation of Roads, Walls and Hedgerows:

The Island is very attractive and holds a lot of potential to do well in the competition in the future. A lot of work is in progress on the roads with the laying of pipes etc. This work is being carried out quite neatly with very little disruption to islander and visitor alike. The grass verges on the road are neatly cut back and maintained.

Overall General Presentation:

The Island looked well on adjudication day but it's important that the weak areas are identified and follow up work is undertaken. The overall appearance of the island is good and it is important that the odd weak area is not neglected. Keep up the good work.