

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Mulranny**

Ref: **65**

County: **Mayo**

Mark: **217**

Category: **B**

Date: **24/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	33
The Built Environment	40	30	30
Landscaping	40	30	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21	20
Litter Control	40	31	30
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	20	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	31	30
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	217	212

Overall Developmental Approach:

Welcome to the 2004 Tidy Towns Competition and thank you for the comprehensive file enclosed with the application form. The adjudicator notes that your committee of 16 people appears to have good local support and the support of the relevant agencies. Your five year Plan is a very comprehensive document that charts clearly what your vision is for Mulranny in the future. The Green Schools project is a worthy initiative and hopefully it will be successful. You appear to have been very fortunate in getting financial support both from LEADER and the CLAR Programme.

The Built Environment:

The major development under way is the hotel project and it is really great to see the old hotel premises getting a new lease of life. Presumably the development will include appropriate landscaping plans. The pergola and beach shelter projects are worth while additions to an important link between the village and the shore. The School appears to have been repainted but the road boundary is urgently in need of painting also. The new car parking area at the Pier appears to be much in demand based on its usage on adjudication day. The painting at the Hall has been done well and the building is greatly improved. However dead weeds and grass here need to be removed. The new landscaping at the entrance to the Golf Club road off the main road looks really well, as does the Community Centre with the new road surfacing. A number of derelict stone cottages were noted in the village. Rather than having them removed can you get permission to make them a feature of the village, as they are probably of Famine age. Perhaps an information

panel about the history of these cottages might be considered.

Landscaping:

The window box scheme makes an important contribution to the overall presentation of Mulranny. Your problem with sheep and goats is understood as the adjudicator saw them in a housing estate and on the beach.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

It was a good project to provide bird feeders and the conservation project near the Golf Course is obviously important. Have you considered having a Survey carried out of the flora and fauna in the village 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 good on adjudication day. For 2005 you might provide details of the litter control programme that appears to be quite effective. Have you considered involving school children in your anti litter programme and do you have a student on your Committee? The provision of recycling facilities has obviously been successful.

Tidiness:

Mulranny was quite tidy on adjudication day. It is noted that the green village sign on the Newport approach road is partially hidden by the low stone wall. The sign needs to be raised a little higher. The hotel building development obviously causes some disruption but you have not lost marks because of this.

Residential Areas:

Many private houses were excellently presented with nicely mature colourful gardens. On that, what caught the eye was "Breezemount". Watch out for the painting of road boundary walls as these can get discoloured by traffic and will need repainting before the main property does. Well done to the residents of Mulranny.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

On the Newport approach the use of painted stones should be discouraged. This approach has a wide verge on the left hand side. It might be worth considering cutting the verge tightly for about a one metre width and let the rest grow wild with it's lovely wildflowers to help meet the needs of wildlife. Very well kept verges were noted opposite the excellent new stone wall on this approach to the village. The approach from Belmullet was also well presented.

General Impression:

Mulranny has a really beautiful location close to the shore and your committee is making good progress. Well done to all involved!