

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Tooreen**

Ref: **657**

County: **Mayo**

Mark: **190**

Category: **A**

Date: **23/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32	30
The Built Environment	40	25	26
Landscaping	40	29	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	25	25
Tidiness	20	12	11
Residential Areas	30	17	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	26
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	190	187

Overall Developmental Approach:

Welcome to the 2004 Tidy Towns Competition. Tooreen is a well cared for village and your committee is obviously doing good work and you also have great ambitious plans. It is good to see that you have support from FAS and Mayo County Council and it is most encouraging to see that there appears to be renewed interest in your work for Tooreen. The distribution of the adjudicator's report throughout the village is an excellent way of letting everyone know of your progress from year to year. The Newsletter is another worthwhile initiative. The Poster Competition for Schools is a useful way of getting school children interested in the environment of their community. Do you have a student representative on your Tidy Towns Committee? The Project Work Programme supplied to the adjudicator made most interesting reading and the adjudicator agrees with all your proposals. Hopefully in 2005 we will see some of these projects underway. For 2005 perhaps you would let the adjudicator have a Map of the village.

The Built Environment:

The old Hall is in need of painting on a temporary basis pending a new use for the building. The Nursing Home is a great addition to the village. This low level building sits well on it's chosen site. The grounds are nicely landscaped and the display of agricultural machinery provides added interest. For 2005 the Community Centre will need to be repainted; a nice paved area was noted in front at the entrance to the hall. The white concrete railing is an eye catching feature that draws the eye into the village as you approach. The Tennis Courts looked well though a little litter was noted here. The

building beside Freyne's pub is in urgent need of re-painting and attention.

Landscaping:

The landscaping at the car park is attractive and is being well maintained. Another landscaped area caught the eye opposite the Church. However the hedge behind the seat needs to be trimmed so that the seat can be used. The area immediately around the Church would benefit from some additional landscaping and also in the small car park to the side of the Church.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

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:

Some litter was noted along the side of the Tennis Courts. However on adjudication day litter control was very good.

Tidiness:

The clean up rota is a useful way of organising clean ups and also getting more people involved in your work for the village. The 30 MPH poles need to be painted matt black and one Election poster was noted. A general clean up of the area in the vicinity of Freyne's Bar in terms of weeds and long grass should be done. A plastic sign was noted and such signs are really outdated. The provision of a hand painted sign would be a great addition to the village.

Residential Areas:

The Gardens Competition is welcomed as a way of getting all residents involved in the work for the village. There is an attractive mix of house types in Tooreen and one lovely well kept small cottage was noted.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Most of the verges had been cut but in some cases cut grass had not been taken away after cutting. Some very nice green verges were noted and that is the standard that you should seek on all approach roads. Do make sure that banks are not cut too tightly.

General Impression:

Tooreen is an attractive village and your future work plan is exciting and ambitious. The implementation of this plan will mark a major step for Tooreen. Congratulations to everyone who is working to make Tooreen a better place.