

# Tidy Towns Competition 2004

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Nobber**

Ref: **699**

County: **Meath**

Mark: **188**

Category: **B**

Date: **05/01/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	24	
The Built Environment	40	26	
Landscaping	40	28	
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	
Litter Control	40	27	
Tidiness	20	14	
Residential Areas	30	23	
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	
General Impression	10	7	
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>188</b>	

### Overall Developmental Approach:

It is essential at this stage in the competition that you formulate a three or five year work programme. This document need only be two or three pages long outlining your plans for the village's future development and setting a timeframe against the implementation of these projects. A map is also essential, in order that the adjudicator can clearly see where your efforts lie - what areas have been worked upon and what areas you see as being potential areas for future development.

### The Built Environment:

Both public and commercial premises throughout the village generally looked reasonably well on adjudication day. The church will need painting before next year's competition - it's a modern rendered church opening directly onto the main street. Its grounds were beautifully maintained. Although the graveyard was well maintained, its boundary wall was in need of some attention, as indeed was the Garda Station and adjacent buildings which appeared quite grubby. The pubs in the village were generally well cared for, in particular, Keoghan's with its hanging baskets. However, the adjacent yard area will need painting before next year's competition. Nobber Pharmacy was quite fresh as was the library. Do discourage the use of plastic projecting signs and encourage their replacement with ones of a more traditional timber variety.

## **Landscaping:**

The attractive landscaped area with seating at the junction of the Navan Road was admired as was the Turlough O'Carolan statue and its associated landscaped feature. The raised whitewashed feature area on the main street appeared quite flaky and should be freshly painted before next year's competition.

## **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

The adjudicator was disappointed to note that you had left this category of the application form blank. There are many clues for the development of this aspect of the competition contained within your Tidy Towns Handbook. You could also get in touch with ENFO in order to obtain their relevant publications or contact local experts in the area to draw up a plan outlining the areas of wildlife importance or wildlife habitats within the locality. Local school children could also get involved by conducting a project on the subject.

## **Litter Control:**

The standard of litter control on the day was reasonably good given the fact that Nobber is located on the busy Navan to Kingscourt Road.

## **Tidiness:**

The village generally gave a reasonably neat and ordered appearance on adjudication day. Minor problem areas were the gates of the old school which appeared quite rusty and the rusty vertical poles and broken mesh to the ball-stop fencing at the sports field in this location.

## **Residential Areas:**

Houses, both within the town and along approach roads, generally looked well cared for on the day. Muff Crescent was admired with its well landscaped entrance area. The creeper clad house on the Kingscourt Road was greatly admired, as was an attractive street house adjacent to the church with its colourful red geraniums contained in window boxes.

## **Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

The standard in this category of the competition was somewhat inconsistent. The grass verges on the Navan Road were well maintained. However, the Kingscourt side of the village was not maintained to the same standard and looked quite rough. The village nameplate sign on this side was grubby and virtually obscured by overgrowth. In terms of street furniture, the village pump by the pharmacy was in need of painting and the road narrowing sign on the Kingscourt side of the village also needed washing down, as it appeared quite grubby.

## **General Impression:**

Nobber is an attractive traditional Irish village on a busy vehicular route. It is quite full of character and you should make every effort to draw up a plan outlining your intentions in relation to the preservation and further development of the village in years to come.