

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Boyle**

Ref: **356**

County: **Roscommon**

Mark: **194**

Category: **C**

Date: **19/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	34
The Built Environment	40	23	22
Landscaping	40	31	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	27	25
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	19	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	25
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	194	191

Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for your completed application form together with your 2004 work plan, and welcome to the 2004 Tidy towns Competition. It is good to note that you have on-going co-operation with Fas and the Local Council. This should ensure that some of your development works are carried out and that hopefully your traffic management issues are resolved.

The Built Environment:

The standard in this category was quite good and there is an overall improvement over the past few years. Public buildings such as the Garda Station, Bank of Ireland, Health Board, St. Joseph's Church, Abbey and King House are well presented as are a number of business premises - Trojan, Boyle Dry Cleaners, WJ Sloan, Wynees Bar, SuperValu. However there are a number of premises for sale, as well as derelict sites and premises that need painting. Continue to encourage owners of premises to take pride in their town.

I note that the one of the key projects for this year is the replacing of the railings on the railway bridge and approach in conjunction with the station - we await this development. Also the development of the pleasure grounds. I note works on the bridge/water feature etc. in this area.

Landscaping:

The Crescent area is developing as a nice focal point in Boyle and the proposal to introduce more colour into the shrubbery area here should be undertaken. The new hanging baskets also add colour to the streetscape. The harbour is beautifully landscaped and maintained, with shrubbery maturing nicely. The new trees planted on the approach road from the Sligo side enhance the approach from this side. Work has started on the pleasure ground area with a lot of the overgrowth having been cut, this will be a fabulous amenity when developed and we will follow its progress in the coming years.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The pleasure ground provides a natural amenity area where a wildlife project could be developed and especially due to its location by the River. Last years report mentioned a proposed wildlife project we would welcome details of this to be submitted.

Litter Control:

Litter management in general was good in the main town centre. An area which particularly requires attention is the pleasure ground area. I note only bins in the children's play area, I would propose these to be one of the first items you ensure is put in place in the development of this area.

Tidiness:

The old garage/shop with its derelict cars near St. Joseph's Church as mentioned in last years report continues to be an issue, as are derelict buildings in the town. Try to talk to the owners and come to some arrangement. There is also a lot of construction work going on in your town at present, ensure that once building works are completed that these areas are cleared and landscaped.

Residential Areas:

It is good to learn that your local residents association are very active and congratulations on Station Rd., winning the county award. You will no doubt have many new residents as there are many new residential estates being developed and these should be encouraged to get involved in your endeavours.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Entrances to the Town on the whole are well maintained. The approach from the Roscommon side is untidy with far too many signs. The traffic management issue is being addressed and I wish you well as this blockade is unsightly in its current format. Pay particular attention to back areas, where debris is evident. Also be mindful of weeds at base of walls and grass verges.

General Impression:

Boyle is a town with much potential. It has a number of key buildings which have great historical and cultural interest. In order for its potential to be achieved it requires each and every premises being aware of their role and the importance of the streetscape, and each having pride in their town. You are now back on track, and have increased your marks again this year. Well done and keep up the good work.

