

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Castlecoote**

Ref: **257**

County: **Roscommon**

Mark: **234**

Category: **A**

Date: **18/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	38	37
The Built Environment	40	30	29
Landscaping	40	34	33
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	23	22
Litter Control	40	34	33
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	22	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	30	30
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	234	228

Overall Developmental Approach:

Castlecoote is welcome to Tidy Towns 2004. Thank you for your entry form, Area Action Plan 2003, Castlecoote Tidy Towns plan, Race Against Waste application form and detailed map of your village. All these documents certainly helped in adjudicating your beautiful village and show the enthusiasm of your hard working committee. It is obvious that your committee have a clear vision for your village, and your endeavours are clearly visible as the whole village has developed. Well done to all concerned.

The Built Environment:

Most of the important buildings are well presented. The School, Castlecoote Stores, and the Mill with its window boards brightly painted as recommended in last years report. The Church and grounds looks well with the new cobbling, and disabled access noted together with new beds at entrance gates, however rust is coming through on church gates and railings, also there are weeds in pathway around the church. Work is still in progress on approach road from Creggs side but when completed will look well. Cattigans Bar is well presented and the newly resurfaced carpark is noted.

Landscaping:

The approach road from Roscommon side and the area opposite and adjacent to Castlecoote store is

particularly nice, as is the approach from Donamon . The trees and shrubs are maturing and this together with the wonderful display of flowers and perfectly maintained lawns and verges complete the picture.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The amenity island is developing well and is a great wildlife project which complements and creates interest on the River Suck, which is the key focus of your village. The Suck Valley Map encourages people to walk along the River bank and the picnic area by the river is a wonderful natural amenity and very well maintained. Bird boxes were noted too, and we await the erection of the flora and fauna signs you mentioned. I note also the re-stocking of the river with trout.

Litter Control:

There was very little evidence of litter in sight during my visit. It is good to see your involvement in the Tidy Towns Race Against Waste Competition and to note your work with the Green Schools Committee, and local businesses. The recycling facility at Castlecoote stores is a welcome development and its surrounding area is maintained well.

Tidiness:

The overall appearance of the village was one of neatness and tidiness, and a general sense of pride by all in the village and community.

Residential Areas:

The residential areas are well kept and maintained, and a credit to all concerned.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The Roscommon approach road is presented to a very high standard and the Creggs road is almost completed. The approach from Oran/Donamon is particularly nicely managed. The resurfacing of the carpark opposite Cattigans is a welcome development this year.

General Impression:

Castlecoote is a beautiful village located in an idyllic setting on the banks of the River Suck. Your village is using this asset to its full potential. The overall presentation was excellent and reflecting a great sense of pride by all sectors of the community. Well done to one and all and keep up the good work.