

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Cloontuskert**

Ref: **374**

County: **Roscommon**

Mark: **261**

Category: **B**

Date: **31/07/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	43	42
The Built Environment	40	36	36
Landscaping	40	36	35
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	24	23
Litter Control	40	37	36
Tidiness	20	16	16
Residential Areas	30	26	26
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	35	34
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	261	256

Overall Developmental Approach:

Welcome to the 2004 Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for detailed entry form. Cloontuskert is a beautiful village. It is evident that the local community is involved at every level in tidy towns and this is a credit to your village. Well done again this year!

The Built Environment:

The grotto and pump were very well presented as was the wall around the cemetery. Best of luck with the on-going development of the old school. The mural at the compost wall was admired by the adjudicator.

Landscaping:

Congratulations on the use of the tree survey. Of particular note is the planting of new trees at the back of the graveyard. The landscaping around the school was in full bloom on adjudication day. However, the grass islands running through the village were overgrown and in need of a trim.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The work undertaken by the local school in regards to the compost heap and wildflower garden is of

particular note. Perhaps more use of the wooded area at the back of the cemetery would be advised in regards to another wildlife project.

Litter Control:

There was no litter what so ever on the day of adjudication. Congratulations to the local school on obtaining green flag status for another 2 years. Well done!

Tidiness:

The village was generally tidy, except for a few building sites. The hedgerows on the Strokestown side of the village were a little overgrown.

Residential Areas:

Overall, the standard in this category was high with most properties maintaining a high standard of presentation. Some of the new developments could do with a tidy up of building materials and tools.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Although a welcome addition, the name sign on the Strokestown side of the village seems off colour and not immediately recognisable. Otherwise, the roads through the village were well maintained.

General Impression:

Cloontuskert has maintained its high standards of previous years. The appearance of the village is a credit to the tidy towns committee, the local school and all those involved at a local level. Well done!

Second Round Adjudication:

It was a pleasure to adjudicate Cloontuskert again. On our second visit the verges on the main road and throughout the residential area had been well cut - indeed the level of consistency was overwhelming. Just a few side areas could have been better, likewise the back of some houses opening on to the central service area at the rear of the old school. We look forward to seeing the proposed plans for the old school. The new school looked exceptionally well. The cemetery was as neat as ever. Regrettably litter control was not quite so good this time as a few papers were noted on the main road. We look forward to returning next year!