

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Frenchpark**

Ref: **687**

County: **Roscommon**

Mark: **179**

Category: **B**

Date: **18/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32	
The Built Environment	40	24	
Landscaping	40	24	
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	
Litter Control	40	24	
Tidiness	20	12	
Residential Areas	30	18	
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	
General Impression	10	6	
TOTAL MARK	300	179	

Overall Developmental Approach:

Frenchpark is welcome to the Tidy Towns Competition 2004. It is great to have you on board as a new entrant and we wish you every success in your endeavors in the future. If you have not already received a Tidy Towns handbook do make sure to get one as it contains a plethora of ideas and a lot of good advice. Thank you for your completed application form, strategic plan and detailed maps of your village which greatly assisted the adjudicator. You appear to have a hard working dedicated team together who have identified the issues and have a plan to tackle them in a strategic manner.

The Built Environment:

As you rightly identify the Market House should be the focal point of the village because of its location and significant architecture. It is a pity if the private developer converts this site into housing. I wish you well in your negotiations to remedy this, and appreciate your frustration. If this is to be so then maybe your committee can encourage him that the development could retain and incorporate some of the existing structure of the Market House in the planed development.

Landscaping:

Much work is being carried out and has been identified in relation to the landscaping on each of the

approach roads and when completed will greatly enhance the whole village. I complement you on this, and note you are subject to the Council and NRA re further re-alignment of the N5.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Trees and shrubs are important particularly for wildlife. Choosing trees and shrubs that are local to the area supports wildlife that is indigenous. Eventually a wildlife survey should be undertaken of the area to establish what wildlife is present and whether there are any potential threats from future developments. The erection of bird boxes is a good first step.

Litter Control:

Litter Control was quite good on the day of adjudication and we note your litter control activities. It is good that you have other organisations involved too. We also note you promote a programme involving the local school in your tidy up, please submit details with next year's entry.

Tidiness:

The standard was quite good overall so keep up the good work. Workshop on the Dublin Road approach with Demesne Design sign needs attention, as does Eden House. There is also much new developments particularly on the Boyle approach road, which does not have a positive visual impact currently, but when completed, will add a whole new social fabric to the village.

Residential Areas:

Most of the current residential properties are well maintained except for a few which require painting and a few derelict buildings. However the village is under-going a lot of change, there are many new developments underway or completed so it is good to note that you liaise frequently with the planning authority to ensure that these new developments harmonize with the existing architectural and visual amenities of the village.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The fruits of your endeavors are certainly being seen on the approach roads with footpaths, public lighting and planting of trees. This shows a good working relationship with the County Council, and is essential in the overall visual impact of your village which is located on the N5.

General Impression:

Frenchpark is a lovely village; it had rich historic and cultural background with its association with Douglas Hyde. It is a village under going much change in terms of road re-alignment and residential developments at present, but this should only add to the social and cultural fabric of the village. We look forward to many repeat visits to your lovely village and to charting your progress over the next few years. Once again welcome aboard to the Tidy Towns Competition.