

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Keadue**

Ref: **435**

County: **Roscommon**

Mark: **273**

Category: **A**

Date: **01/08/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	46	45
The Built Environment	40	33	32
Landscaping	40	38	38
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	28	27
Litter Control	40	39	39
Tidiness	20	18	18
Residential Areas	30	26	26
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	36	36
General Impression	10	9	9
TOTAL MARK	300	273	270

Overall Developmental Approach:

Congratulations as the overall National Winners in 2003, and welcome to Tidy Towns 2004. Thank you for your application form, sketch map, photos and workplan 2004 - 2007. There is little that one can add to the comments of a village that has won the National title, except that when one enters your village one immediately senses a strong community commitment, pride of place and a rich and deep heritage and culture, inspired by the focal point in the village, the O' Carolin Memorial Park. We again wish you well in your plans for the National Harp Resource Centre. This village and surrounding areas' rich heritage and culture and natural assets such as Loch Meelagh, Knockrannay Wood the Miners Way and the Court Tombs are being developed to their full potential by a community which recognises their beauty.

The Built Environment:

The built environment is presented to a very high standard and we note the newly painted houses. The Church was once again presented to a very high standard as is St Ronans Hall, and we wish you well with your development of the new entrance. The Wishing well is a nice feature here.

Landscaping:

The on-going maintenance to existing landscaping including grass verges, hedgerow and mature trees is recognised and noted. The mix of trees and shrubbery at various stages of maturity adds to the overall effect. The planting of Alder trees on the Drumshambo road, together with Hydrangeas on the Carrick-on-Shannon road, as well as new trees at the back of Tidy Towns plague and at the Heritage Park are appreciated and show your on-going commitment to landscaping.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Knockranny Woods and the Miners Way loop are beautiful, but it was Loch Meelagh that took our breath away with ducks and other birds enjoying themselves by the lake shore. The display board here is most attractive and informative, and I am delighted it is now a wildlife sanctuary, and well done on rearing and releasing the wild ducks, and also the preservation of the rookery on the Carrick-on-Shannon approach. We wish you well with your plans for the development of a slip-way here, and also note the on-going maintenance of the Historical Trail/Miners Way.

Litter Control:

Your litter management is excellent, and reflects the total on-going commitment of everyone in the village to your endeavours.

Tidiness:

The standard in this section was again excellent with very few problems that could be identified. Well done.

Residential Areas:

Residential areas are presented to a very high standard. The houses identified on the main street as being in need of painting last year, have been painted and look well. There is a new stone wall to be erected at a house on the Boyle road and when completed will look well. The new housing estate behind the Church has a lovely landscaped entrance and when the estate is completed will be a nice residential area.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

All approach roads were presented to a very high standard and your proposal to lay pipes in the drain along Sligo Road, near Boyle Rd. junction and fill in same, have been noted, as well as your plans to upgrade sections of footpaths.

General Impression:

Keadue is a beautiful village located in a picturesque rural setting on the shores of Lough Meelagh, and adjacent to Knockrannay Wood. It is a village whose residents appreciate the rich culture, heritage and assets the area has to offer, which is reflected in the great community spirit within the village. A committee of 40 is testimony to this. Congratulations on your 2003 win and every success in this years competition.

Second Round Adjudication:

This adjudicator concurs wholeheartedly with the comments made above. Approaching from Boyle the triangular green looked beautiful. Indeed all the approaches were appropriately presented with neat verges and hedges against a natural backdrop in most cases. Particularly liked is the approach

from Leitrim with trees and flowering hydrangeas framing a picture of the traditional street buildings and the mountain behind. The simple, natural presentation of Knockranny Wood is always admired. Needless to say all the expansive green and landscaped areas were excellent. On the other hand it is considered that there is scope to introduce planting around the tennis court. The frontages of a few houses could be upgraded. The trimming of the road edge on the left hand side should be extended up to Lios Beag. Hopefully soon the left hand embankment at the entrance to this improving estate will be developed.