

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Loughglynn**

Ref: **713**

County: **Roscommon**

Mark: **156**

Category: **B**

Date: **18/06/2004**

| | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 2004 | Mark Awarded 2003 |
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| Overall Developmental Approach | 50 | 23 | 23 |
| The Built Environment | 40 | 24 | 23 |
| Landscaping | 40 | 20 | 20 |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 30 | 12 | 12 |
| Litter Control | 40 | 23 | 23 |
| Tidiness | 20 | 11 | 10 |
| Residential Areas | 30 | 15 | 15 |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas | 40 | 22 | 22 |
| General Impression | 10 | 6 | 6 |
| TOTAL MARK | 300 | 156 | 154 |

Overall Developmental Approach:

Welcome to the 2004 Tidy Towns Competition. I note that last year was your first year of entry. It is important when you are submitting your entry that you complete section B of the form as it provides the adjudicator with some information on projects and activities that you have undertaken during the year or proposed works. It also allows you to identify any problems you are encountering, and attempts you are making re same. You are also advised to put a simply workplan together in which you outline your programme of work for the next 3 - 5 years. This is a tool which would help your committee. You will have received a copy of the Tidy Towns handbook, this provides very good advice and numerous ideas and therefore is essential reading. We look forward to visiting your lovely village on an annual basis and seeing the fruits of your endeavours.

The Built Environment:

The standard in this category is quite good, with most of the public buildings - Garda Station and School and Church presented well. The church railings are in need of painting. The stone walls, resurfacing and carparking in front of Church add to the streetscape. A new housing development is under construction and this will add a new vitality to this end of your village.

Landscaping:

The grass verges on the approach roads are overgrown and require cutting. When landscaping pay particular attention to including trees and shrubs in your activities, advice is available in the tidy Towns handbook.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

A wild life survey should be undertaken of the area to establish what wildlife is present and any potential threats from further development. It would also be important to get the school involved in projects. There are many initiatives in which they could get involved in. The lake at the back of the village is a wonderful natural asset and should be taken advantage of.

Litter Control:

Litter control was quite good on the day of my visit, and the recycling point and surrounds were clean and tidy.

Tidiness:

The yard opposite Creightons has been noted as particularly untidy.

Residential Areas:

Most residential areas are well presented. The new housing development adds a new dimension to the village. It will be important to get these residents on board. There are a few properties on the main street for sale which have overgrown gardens.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Try to keep roadside verges trimmed back during the growing season. The carpark and street furniture look well and the overall streetscape is improving.

General Impression:

Loughglynn is a lovely village in a rural setting. Well done on your entry this year, keep up the good work as we look forward to repeat visits in the coming years, and remember when submitting your entry fill in the form and give as much information as possible together with your plan.