

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Ballinagarry-Tipperary N**

Ref: **162**

County: **Tipperary North**

Mark: **220**

Category: **A**

Date: **30/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	34
The Built Environment	40	30	30
Landscaping	40	35	34
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	33	33
Tidiness	20	16	16
Residential Areas	30	21	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	26
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	220	218

Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for the completed entry form, work plan for 2003 -2005 and sketch map of the village. The plan sets out basic and practical objectives that can be completed within a specific time frame. There seems to be good local support for Tidy Towns ,the fund raising Barn Dance was just over and hopefully it was a success.

Keep up the interaction with the local County Council as it will be to the village's benefit in the future.

The Built Environment:

The public buildings such as the School, Church and the improved Community Hall were all presented to an acceptable standard. Similarly the Garda Station was well maintained.

The perennial eyesore is still just that and unfortunately it is such a big building in a prominent position in the village that it can't be ignored.

What the solution is I do not know, there are people that have no interest in the work of voluntary bodies such as Tidy Towns Committees and even more damning no pride in their village. Thankfully they are in the minority.

The owners of The Glue Pot , Noonan's Shop and J Cavanagh's have set a good example as all three were very well presented.

Cavanagh's Engineering Works was presented to an acceptable standard but galvanised roofs need to be painted.

One presumes that the Plastic sheeting put in place for the Barn Dance will be removed.

Landscaping:

The extremely well maintained picnic and rest area raises the standard in his section. This particular area has a lovely mix of shrubs,perennials and colourful if somewhat obtrusive rhododendrons.

The area is set off by an excellent information board and map of the immediate area.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

While contributions to wildlife conservation have been made by planting and maintaining verges and hedgerows,it be worthwhile if the Committee could organise a wildlife project in conjunction with the school.

For instance a Wildlife Board at the picnic area would be very complementary to what is in place at present.As stated in last years adjudication report refer to the Tidy Towns Handbook for guidance.

Litter Control:

There was a very minute amount of wrappers noticeable on the day.

Credit is due to the Committee for spreading the message of good litter control amongst the Community at large.

Tidiness:

The standard in this section was also quite good.

The River was not as clean as it should be and the committee should ask the local public representatives to lobby the Council Officials to get this work done otherwise it will just deteriorate. Reference has already been made to the derelict house and whether more can be done to offer a softening look by planting more roses is debatable.

Residential Areas:

The Village is one residential area with a small housing estate on the edge of the village as one goes to Borrisokane.

This estate was well kept with possibly some room fro improvement in the communal area.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The two main entrances were very well presented,trees have matured and verges cut back in accordance with recommended trends .

The Picnic Area on the Birr side creates a very favourable impression

Signposts were clean and back areas were acceptable.

The Carrigahoring entrance was also impressive with a backdrop of old trees as one enters the village.

The Roscrea Road was also well presented with verges cut back and premises such as Ballingarry Potatoes well maintained.

General Impression:

The one contentious issue will have to be addressed sometime soon otherwise it will become more of an obvious eyesore.

That aside there is great community spirit being directed into practical work.

Keep the good work going.

