

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Inch-Bouladuff-Ragg**

Ref: **23**

County: **Tipperary North**

Mark: **217**

Category: **A**

Date: **30/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	35
The Built Environment	40	27	27
Landscaping	40	33	33
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	17
Litter Control	40	31	30
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	22	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	30	30
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	217	213

Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for the completed detailed entry form, excellent work plan and sketch map of the Village. The level of cooperation between the committee of 12, local community organisations, the Local council and other organisations is paying dividend as the village looked very well on adjudication day.

The Built Environment:

It has been a few years since this adjudicators visit to Inch or the Ragg as it is known to many. The standard was very good with some improvements in those intervening years. The Church, School, Community Centre, excellent graveyard and surrounding area were all presented to a high standard. The new stone signs for Relig Michil and Cnoc Bhuaille Dhubh as well as the addition of new seat enhances that whole area. Both The GAA Grounds and Camogie Grounds were very well presented with some ongoing general maintenance taking place at the GAA on the day of adjudication. The Commercial premises in the Village namely Youngs Ragg Inn and Moloneys Shop and Petrol Station further down the road were presented to an acceptable standard. The Village surrounds have a number of new houses in progress and these will in time blend in with the existing village structure. As an adjunct it is possible to blast clean the memorial to Tomas O Duibhir.

Landscaping:

This is a section in which an immense amount of work has been done by all sections of the community.

The Committee has encouraged local residents to take the responsibility for the upkeep of front areas and individual gardens.

The communal green areas were very well maintained, choice of new saplings planted was in keeping with mature trees. It is hoped that these new saplings will progress rapidly and will be a testament to those who made the painstaking effort to plant them.

A nice but not too intrusive number of both shrub beds and floral arrangements were noted within and particularly on the outskirts of the village.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The initiative to consult with local landowners to consider the needs of wildlife and treat habitats accordingly is a very worthwhile move.

It may be possible prior to next years competition to consider a wildlife project suitable and manageable that would involve the local schoolchildren and that might use the River Cromogue as a focal point.

Well done on the steps taken to date.

Litter Control:

The Village area is fairly large and requires constant patrolling to ensure that it is free from litter. Ongoing work and persistence seems to be paying off and it is good to see that the school children are involved.

All in all a very good standard has been achieved in this category considering that the Inch is on a very busy through road.

Tidiness:

In general the Village area is quite tidy although farm related activity has contributed to some loose waste at roadside.

The Pallas Hill road had a number of untidy side areas such as the one at the side of the Ragg Inn.

A little more effort on the part of land and property owners would make further improvements in this category.

Residential Areas:

With the exception of the small estate Clohessy Place or Terrace ?, it is remiss of me but I cannot recall its exact name, there are no defined residential estates.

The Village is in reality the main area of residence and good work has been done to improve the appearance of all local homesteads.

The aforementioned Clohessy Place was well kept without being spectacular.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The surface of the main road through the village was in excellent condition. Well maintained verges and green areas look better against the glisten of a new road surface.

The Templemore entrance was a little disappointing and there is room for improvement

The Pallas Hill entrance was acceptable but the road surface here, which is only of minor standard,

was a little rough.

The Committee should lobby local councillors to try and get short entrances from both Templemore and Pallas Hill re surfaced.

It is surprising how this changes the look of a village not to mind making it more tidier.

General Impression:

Inch Bouladuff is a large area that needs a lot of involvement from all sections of the Community to keep the standard of presentation at a high level.

Each year sees an improvement and that is due to the high level of community involvement.

Keep up the good work.