

# Tidy Towns Competition 2004

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Loughmore**

Ref: **564**

County: **Tipperary North**

Mark: **189**

Category: **A**

Date: **30/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	24	21
The Built Environment	40	32	31
Landscaping	40	29	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	15
Litter Control	40	26	24
Tidiness	20	14	13
Residential Areas	30	22	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	19	17
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>178</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for the completed application form, brief history of the village and work plans for the next three years.

The inclusion of a work plan gives the Committee a focus on the crucial areas that need attention and it also sets time frames for completion of these actions.

It is hoped that the Community will row in behind your efforts.

Foster good relationships with the County Council and other agencies such as FAS.

### The Built Environment:

The Parish Hall looked very well after being recently refurbished and the immediate area adjacent to it was clean and tidy.

The following premises were admired for the manner of presentation; Martins Loughmore Inn with its spacious and orderly parking area and McGraths which had some adornment by way of flower boxes.

The Church and Graveyard were very well maintained and credit is due to the keepers of both. It is important that public buildings or places of worship look presentable in a village the size of Loughmore.

The new footpath from the well appointed picnic area is a welcome addition for safety reasons alone.

## **Landscaping:**

A strong performance in this category with many fine individual gardens that complement communal arrangements such as the planted area near the railway bridge.

The previously mentioned Loughmore Inn has a well appointed shrub bed with a good mix of flowering plants and seasonal shrubs.

It was noted that the Committee intends to prepare tubs, boxes and hanging baskets in the village proper.

While this is very desirable do not forget long term planting especially at the entrances to the village.

The picnic area near the lower bridge was in very good condition and there is room to add to the planting already in place.

## **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

Last years report alluded to the fact that the Committee had not intimated any plans under this category in the entry form.

This has been rectified this year and is very much a progressive move.

Involve the local school and also seek the advice from some local wildlife enthusiast.

## **Litter Control:**

The Village was virtually litter free and this was good to see as any form of litter is noticeable in a village the size of Loughmore.

The Committee's encouragement to local people to keep the village litter free is paying off.

Keep up this collective effort and also get schoolchildren involved at an early stage.

## **Tidiness:**

Nothing untoward in this category except that there was a little weed growth and farm related residue at a few points along the roadside.

Good progress has been made in the last year or so therefore it is important to keep that momentum going.

## **Residential Areas:**

The village is the main residential area as there are no defined housing estates or new developments.

Some excellent private residences, notably one near Martins Pub, were reviewed and it seems as if Loughmore is embracing the tidy town ethos judging by the standard of presentation in this category.

## **Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

The main roads in to Loughmore were presented to an acceptable standard with room for more improvement. Last years report referred to the fact that the Thurles Road was overgrown but it has improved in the interim.

The Templetohy Road, which is narrow, needs to be cut back for safety purposes bearing in mind the needs of wildlife conservation.

Signs are a problem in and around Loughmore, first of all some seem to be re directed from their original destination and secondly a few are dirty and not that visible.

The County Council should be approached to evaluate signage requirements in the area around Loughmore.

## **General Impression:**

Loughmore is an idyllic place hidden away just off a main road, but hard enough to access from other directions.

The place was bright with GAA Club colours flying on adjudication day.

The Committee has made good strides in the last year to try and initiate change under a number of categories.

Keep up this effort.