

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Nenagh**

Ref: **125**

County: **Tipperary North**

Mark: **209**

Category: **E**

Date: **04/07/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	38	
The Built Environment	40	30	
Landscaping	40	27	
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	
Litter Control	40	26	
Tidiness	20	13	
Residential Areas	30	24	
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	
General Impression	10	7	
TOTAL MARK	300	209	

Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for the completed application form and map of the town which was very helpful to the adjudicator on the day.

It is good to see Nenagh back in the competition and the adjudicator wishes the new committee well.

The Committee need to set in motion pretty quickly mechanisms to mobilise other local organisations and foster relationships with the local authority and other agencies that would help its cause.

A three year simple action plan for the Town is needed prior to next year's competition.

The Built Environment:

The standard was quite good but the level of dereliction has to be reduced, although it was noticeable that a number of such buildings were in the throes of refurbishment.

The presentation of commercial buildings in the Town was good, most have preserved the traditional look and have been sensitive to the need for more traditional type signs.

There are still those that persist with garish and inappropriate signs.

The following deserve to be mentioned for the effort they have put into presenting their properties-John O Halloran has a simple but effective shop front similarly MI Hassey's has an old style front that should be kept intact.

De Stafford is also a good example of an old shop front but it needs to be revitalised some what.

The following are of a more modern vintage but still in keeping with the streetscape and free from obtrusive signage Ray Walsh Pharmacy, G & M Hanlon Busteir contributing to the promotion of the Irish language, The Quill, The Arch and Morgan for Men.

The public buildings such as St Mary Of The Rosary Church, Church Of Ireland both Presbytery and Rectory, Schools, Garda Barracks and Courthouse were all in very presentable condition.

An Poist is a little drab and needs a pick me up also the War Memorial could do with some maintenance work on the surrounding wall to complement the very effective planting arrangement.

O Connor's Shopping Mall is now showing its age with too many signs that are not in tune with modern building developments and in stark contrast to either the excellent Ryan and Burns Building or for that matter Vista Therm on the Limerick Road.

Pairc Mac Donaigh was well kept but could do with brighter front either in the Eire Og Club colours or another combination.

The New Offices for Tipp North Council will be a benefit to the town when completed

Landscaping:

The new committee should make a concerted effort to seek advice from the Horticultural Section of Tipperary North Council to draw up a landscaping programme as part of a 3 year plan.

There are some nice planting arrangements within the town and on the roundabout areas One or two of these need to be made more inviting without over beautification.

The land scaping at the well appointed Aras Mhuire Day Centre is an example of good planning.

Some nice arrangements were on view at more recent housing developments such as Millers Brook.

Overall the standard was quite acceptable.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

There is no mention of a wildlife programme and it is something that the committee will want to address.

Nenagh has many natural habitats and it should not prove difficult for the Committee to get together with schools to develop a wildlife project of a practical nature.

Litter Control:

The level of litter control was quite good and can be improved upon by encouraging all sections of the community to contribute to keeping Nenagh as litter free as possible.

The Committee will have to have an information evening to highlight its plans for the future and as this is a critical area involving the schools in this initiative is a must.

Keep up the good work.

Tidiness:

A number of derelict and abandoned buildings have been mentioned in a previous section.

These coupled with a few overgrown side lanes are not helpful in projecting a tidy image of the town.

The Garage at Dromineer Junction within the town is an eyesore and side lanes such as the one leading away from Aras Mhuire need to be cleaned and maintained on a regular basis.

Residential Areas:

The standard was quite good in this category and most homeowners have made the effort to present properties in an orderly fashion.

The Terrace of Houses on the Limerick Road very well maintained as was Wolfe Tone Terrace on Ashe Street.

Both St Josephs Park and Sallygrove were presented to an acceptable standard with green areas good with room for improvement. Arra Drive was mixed with the green area somewhat littered.

Culloville Green has nice communal landscaping and individually well kept gardens.

The newer developments such as Kinassalla with its new stone nameplate, excellently constructed wall, green area and newly planted saplings are an addition to the town environs.

The Committee should become representative of all these areas if its to achieve its objective of making Nenagh a better place.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Since it was by passed Nenagh has, like Roscrea, gained a number of by pass areas that need to be looked after on a regular basis.

It falls outside the remit of the Tidy Towns Committee to take charge of these but it should have a person from the Council that will act on their behalf to get work done on the roundabouts.

The entrances in to the Town for the most part were very acceptable with the Newport entrance particularly good. Contrast this with the Dublin Road entrance which had too much fly posting and overgrowth on the outskirts.

General Impression:

It is good to see Nenagh return to the competition and it is hoped that it will make quick progress.

The Committee has a hard task but it will be worth the effort as Nenagh is a fine example of an Irish rural town with many positives going for it.

Keep the faith.