Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre:	**Riverstown-Killeen**	Ref:	**589**
County:	**Tipperary North**	Mark:	**219**
Category:	**A**	Date:	**04/07/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	34
The Built Environment	40	31	30
Landscaping	40	31	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21	21
Litter Control	40	31	30
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	23	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	27
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	**300**	**219**	**217**

Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for the completed entry form and map of the village.
The adjudicator reiterates what last years report stated do not loose heart and try and get the greater community interested as the village great potential in the competition.
To realise this potential one has to work at it and it may be time to ask people to come on board that may be in a position to influence matters and make progress.
A simple 3 year plan is a must if the Village is to be successful.

The Built Environment:

The core of the village is centred around the Bridge and this happens to be a very busy area with the effects of traffic causing some disruption to the village.
Allowing for this the standard of presentation was acceptable with both the Riverbank Inn and Riverstown Restaurant looking well.
The grounds of the the restaurant were also well presented,even surfaced and clean.
Grannys Attic a magnate for antique enthusiasts was also well presented .
There were a number of well maintained established private premises and indeed some impressive new homesteads (one an architetcural business) at the Birr end of the Village.
There is an area here that is communal to everybody and could be improved by having the road and area around the green resurfaced and the side areas cleaned and free of overgrown weeds.
Is it possible for locals to lobby the Council to do this or indeed chip in to have it done

themselves.As it stands it does not do the image of the Village any great favours in aesthetic terms.

Landscaping:

Again there is great potential within this category but it has not bee fully exploited.
Efforts have been made to enhance the green areas but this is offset by the coondition of side areas nearby.
It would be worth considering improving the greens on opposite sides of the road and putting benches in place..
The landscaping at the Riverbank is very good but the opposite side of river needs to be revitalised.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

A challenge for the committee in this section that may need the assistance of the local school who could be brought on board to help develop a suitable wildlfie project.
The Village has such a natural habitat on the banks of the little Brosna River that it would a pity if it could not be exploited.

Litter Control:

The standard was very good and credit to all local residences for playing their part.
One or more bins would not go astray as the village can be busy at weekends.

Tidiness:

This is an area where a some improvement is needed.
The area alluded to in a previous section needs to be resurfaced and overgrowth near large new houses cleaned.It would not take much to clean it just someone with a brushcutter and a bit of village pride.
The Phone Box is an eyesore Eircom could afford to replace it as a gesture to the Community.
The seats at access point on riverbank need to be replaced as they are very rusty.

Residential Areas:

In reality the Village is the main residential area and the standard was quite good.
The Galvanised Cottage synonymous with Riverstown Killeen was once again resplendent in a simple fashion,whitewashed with contrasting hanging baskets.
There are one or two houses in the village that could do with a basic makeover,suffice to say that committee members will encourage owners to react positively.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The Portumna entrance has a new footpath and this needs to be kept tidy and free of kerbside weedgrowth.
It would be good if the "wire fence" could be replaced with a low post and rail timber version.
Both entrances from Birr and Nenagh were in good condition and side road to Killeen was acceptable

General Impression:

Riverstown/Killeen is a nice place to visit and relax even allowing for the bridge traffic.
I would ask the Committee to make a concerted effort to get more people interested as the Village has not reached its potential in the competition.
Keep up the enthusiasm and the effort it will pay off in the end.