Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre:	**Shevry**	Ref:	**668**
County:	**Tipperary North**	Mark:	**189**
Category:	**A**	Date:	**24/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	29	28
The Built Environment	40	21	21
Landscaping	40	29	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	16
Litter Control	40	25	24
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	20	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	25
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	**300**	**189**	**182**

Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for submitting detailed entry form,sketch map and work plan for 3 years forward.
The committee,as alluded to in last years report, is rather large for such a small place and maybe it would be more beneficial if it was divided into 3 sub committees that would have responsibility for specific tasks.
The committee has developed important links with the local authority and FAS, this type of interaction is vital to develop the area.

The Built Environment:

The work plan refers to proposed works under this category but the main problem here that Shevry is so small that an eyesore like The Mountain Inn stands out like a sore thumb.
It is appreciated that the condition of unoccupied buildings such as this are often very much outside the control of any committee.
A suggestion -could the committee approach the owners to ask them to even improve the look by giving it a basic coat of paint.
The drainage initiative is very practical as it will solve a problem that effects an amenity area.
Public lighting would also be a very practical and worthwhile addition to the village.
The Garda Station which is the only public building in the Village was presented to a very high standard and it is a great pity that it is hindered by the condition of the aforementioned pub across the road.

Landscaping:

The planting areas at each end of the village were well maintained and had a nice blend of shrubs that are of the manageable variety.
The village is so small that overdoing planting is not recommended.
What is in place is very good and the committee should just make improvements to these areas.
Last year's report suggested supplementing these areas with trees but I would seek advice from the County Council Horticultural Section prior to undertaking anything of this nature.
Suitability of trees is all important and professional advice will direct you in your choice of saplings for planting

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The committee are to be congratulated on the proposal to provide basic amenities for wildlife preservation such as bird tables.The idea of sowing berry bearing shrubs is also simple but very effective.There is a good selection of foxgloves and wild daisies to be seen on the edges of the village. All goes to help wildlife prosper.
Some larger villages and towns should take a leaf out your book-excuse the pun!

Litter Control:

The standard was quite good except for a few small plastic bags on the road and unfortunately they may have been thrown from a passing car.
The committee and residents are working hard to maintain a litter free village.

Tidiness:

The Rotary system in operation by the Community as a whole is working as the area was tidy with very little residue from passing vehicles or farm machinery to be seen.
The area referred to in the last two reports was still that bit untidy but it looked as if efforts are being made to make it good.

Residential Areas:

The Village is very small and is in reality a hamlet of houses that were well presented om adjudication day

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Entrances from both the Newport and Thurles sides were very well presented cut back in accordance with recommendations.
As stated it is a pity that the unoccupied Pub which is in a prominent position is left to fall in to further derelcition.

General Impression:

In all my years travelling to Thurles to hurling matches on this road I never realised that this particular landmark on the route was Shevry.
The Committee are very intent in upgrading the village and thus improving its standing in the competition.
Keep up the good work