

# Tidy Towns Competition 2004

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Anacarty**

Ref: **598**

County: **Tipperary South**

Mark: **204**

Category: **A**

Date: **23/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	32
The Built Environment	40	26	26
Landscaping	40	28	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	15
Litter Control	40	31	30
Tidiness	20	16	16
Residential Areas	30	19	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	27
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>197</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for the completed entry form, village map and outline of your plans for the year. Many centres have found it beneficial to hold a public meeting for the purposes of adopting a three year rolling plan. Committing your plan to paper, especially one that has been endorsed by the community at large, gives substantial credibility and enhanced community involvement in the Tidy Towns programme. The clear cut identification of objectives, with a time scale for their attainment always helps to concentrate the mind and improve participation.

The Dennis Lacey Memorial because of its siting is visually very important and was well presented. The delightful old fashioned light standards are a big improvement while the tourist signs, here as elsewhere, are displaying worrying signs of fading.

### The Built Environment:

The School was freshly painted and looked well as did Slattery's Pub. The fine, well presented walls of the GAA Club are an important visual element enhancing this approach. The Parish Church itself and its grounds were very well presented while the charming hall with its history, initially as the Parish Church, then serving as the National School before its present use as the Parish Hall is extremely well presented.

## **Landscaping:**

Wall planting opposite the Church was particularly eye catching while this entire area with its random rubble walls, many of them dry filled walls are a delight. The grounds of the Church themselves were very well presented while the hanging baskets on the junction at the ESB pole gave a small splash of colour at this location. The ambitious plans to remove the turn on the road is encouraged. The planting of trees at the back of the Pump and the flowers along the DUnhohill Road is similarly to be applauded.

## **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

The extent of school grounds could easily provide an area for the development of a wildlife, bird sanctuary facility. This work must necessarily begin with planting of suitable plants, flowers and shrubs to start the most necessary food chain on which birds and wildlife depends.

A three year project along these lines would be beneficial both to the students and the wider community life. Please discuss opportunities with a local bird life enthusiast or contact the Office of Public Works for a more formal briefing.

## **Litter Control:**

Additional litter bins are recommended in appropriate settings while on the day of adjudication, litter management was of a high order.

## **Tidiness:**

The hedges were suitably and appropriately cut back around the school area. The tall GAA Walls would benefit from a simple brushing at their base. Please arrange to screen the storage of kegs or alternatively identify a more appropriate setting at the Public House,

## **Residential Areas:**

The houses on the School road were well presented as were the houses above the Church. The housing stock generally in Anacarty is limited but was well presented on the day of adjudication.

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

On the Cappawhite Road the village nameplate was clean, orderly and benefited from good planting. The speed limit signs were well presented. We applaud the suitable siting of the village nameplate at Church Road while the speed limit signage was neat and orderly. Good planting was a feature at the village nameplate on the Dundrum Road where again the speed limit signs were neat and orderly.

We noted the signage at the former Dineen's Forge at the junction.

## **General Impression:**

Anacarty is a small community with limited resources but that has not prevented it optimising its presentation year on year and this commitment is reflected in enhanced marks.

You are used to develop the concept of a three year plan which would incorporate attention to the benefits of landscaping and particularly wildlife enhancement within the area. Your litter management and tidiness generally is improving as is your overall marks in the Tidy Towns Competition. Please continue the good work and compliments to all involved in this year's presentation.

