

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Drangan Village**

Ref: **107**

County: **Tipperary South**

Mark: **210**

Category: **A**

Date: **22/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	36
The Built Environment	40	26	26
Landscaping	40	32	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	15
Litter Control	40	30	29
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	26	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	21
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	210	206

Overall Developmental Approach:

The work which you have been able to achieve in conjunction with South Tipperary County Council, your School, ESB and other bodies was to be seen in Drangan on adjudication day. The village looks very nice and is being well maintained. Thank you indeed for all the information sent with the entry form. To simplify matters however would it be possible that, for next year, you could let the Adjudicator have a simple street drawing of Drangan Village showing where new projects have taken place for 2005. It is not necessary to mark in all the various premises as these will be seen by the Adjudicator in any case.

The Built Environment:

For a village of its size Drangan has many fine buildings – Churches, Community Hall, Schools and Convent all of which are being well maintained as indeed are the Grotto, the Cusack Memorial and the Village Pump. Commercial premises throughout the village look well. Unfortunately open storage at the Cement Plant does distract somewhat from this. Perhaps the owners could be approached with a view to planting some trees for screening purposes or the provision of a lattice fence.

Landscaping:

Landscaping throughout the village in its different formats looked well again this year as did the School grounds and the Cemeteries. Hanging baskets, tubs of flowers and window boxes, where presented, added greatly to the overall appearance of the village and those concerned are to be lauded for their efforts. As mentioned last year however do try to plant some trees and shrubs throughout the village which will give you some colour all year round. Existing trees are maturing nicely. Trees planted now are for the future and posterity will thank you for them.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Your efforts under this heading are to be commended. If you have not already done so perhaps the provision of a wildlife board – say in the School grounds - or in some other suitable open space would be a very nice addition and create a lot of interest for your residents and visitors alike.

Litter Control:

While the centre of Drangan was litter free on adjudication day unfortunately, and in spite of the provision of litter bins, a good deal of litter was to be seen in the Hillview Estate. Perhaps an approach to the residents there could be made on this matter in view of the wonderful effort which is being made elsewhere throughout the village.

Tidiness:

In general the village was presented in a very neat and tidy manner and reflects greatly on the interest which your residents and commercial premises have in the preservation of their environment. Well done to all concerned.

Residential Areas:

Houses throughout the village are being very well maintained and, in many cases, their gardens in full bloom added greatly to the overall ambience of Drangan. The Hillview Estate and its open spaces looked well except for the litter problem.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Approach roads are being nicely presented with evidence of cutting. This is an important part of the competition as these roads tend to set the tone for the rest of the village. Road surfaces and pathways are also being well maintained and, in this respect, great credit is due to your County Council.

General Impression:

The village, although small, has great potential to do well in the competition. Perhaps, in pursuit of this, a survey of the village should be carried out to see where you can develop additional projects under the various headings of the competition e.g. Landscaping, Tidiness, Wildlife, Litter Control etc. As mentioned last year additional marks will come through careful planning and attention to detail and such a plan could be done in conjunction with your local authority and other bodies. Try to do a certain amount each year with the objective being to try to raise your markings by a percentage each year established by your committee.