

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Hollyford**

Ref: **389**

County: **Tipperary South**

Mark: **196**

Category: **B**

Date: **23/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	28
The Built Environment	40	27	25
Landscaping	40	27	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	15
Litter Control	40	30	29
Tidiness	20	12	11
Residential Areas	30	23	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	24
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	196	186

Overall Developmental Approach:

Hollyford has made a substantial leap forward in this year's competition and all involved are complimented for their continued efforts. Thank you for the completed entry form and especially for the additional sheets with answers to the various questions, the photographs, map of the village and copy of your preliminary plans covering the three years ending 2004. Over the winter the community should set itself additional targets for the following three years, building on the success achieved to date. This should help to secure support from all the elements of the community, from the School children to the Sport Club to the various other groupings, all pooling their resources and their energies to enhance still further what is inherently a most attractive community.

The Multeen River, visually very important was well presented and the bridge looked well. The fine Ryan's family motto (Malomori Quam Foedaei), the Church, Cemetery and the fine memorials opposite the Church were all well presented. The tall wall at the Priest's house and by the Cemetery will be imposing when work on them has been completed.

The Built Environment:

Pride of place goes to the delightfully presented National School (1891-1991) which looked very well, featuring a number of window boxes. For optimum presentation paint the upright in the front facing wall and the capping stone. The delightful thatched cottage opposite the bridge caught the eye. The Handball Alley was well presented but the front railing needs replacing.

The small scale former Forge would benefit from better presentation. O' Connell's Bar was well presented but the Service Station detracts somewhat. Jimmy Ryan's was very good and the Credit Union Office looked well. Also catching the eye was the village Hall and Ryan's Express.

Landscaping:

Pride of place here of course is the splendid Millennium Garden with its improved entrance area. On a different scale the little Pump was very well presented while we were pleased to note increased planting which is progressing well at the Sawmill. The Garden besides the Credit Union was a delight. The Garden at Jimmy Ryan looked well. The Multeen River and the Millennium Garden are well set off by the splendid private garden overlooking the river from the other side. A riot of colour and most attractive perhaps they were not in need of the reindeers which jarred slightly with the overall presentation.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The Multeen River and the area around it offer ample opportunities for the development of an appropriate wildlife sanctuary. All the elements could quickly be put in position to develop the most necessary food chain. The school children, if encouraged by appropriate talks from a knowledgeable bird enthusiast, could become a long valuable resource in this regard, while their involvement could for them become a life enriching awareness.

Litter Control:

Litter is well managed in Hollyford but additional litter bins could with advantage be sited in appropriate locations. The village Hall is well served but close to the Millennium Park, the Handball Alley and other locations also need similar receptacles.

Tidiness:

The large scale cooperative store was very well presented and the large undertaking at the Timber Mill is being appropriately screened. Please replace the horizontal, broken sections in the wall opposite behind which the timber is stored. The inappropriate location for storage of kegs outside O' Connor's Bar also needs attention.

Residential Areas:

The small number of private houses are well presented especially those below the Church leading to the School area and those from river bridge towards the Church. Some excellent new houses have also been built on the Main Road.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The village projects a very pleasant air to those travelling through it on the Main Road. The 30mph signs are well presented and clean and the village nameplate equally attractive. The appropriate cutting of the hedgerows from the village nameplate inwards gave the desirable, clear cut, divide line between the village and the surrounding rural area. The Grotto on the Tipperary Road was very well presented with the verges and hedges appropriately cut. The signs for the ancient burial place and Ned of the Hills are both eye catching and enticing. They need to be supplemented with suitable directional signposting for optimum effect.

General Impression:

The need for a new three year rolling development programme was stressed elsewhere and is emphasized here. The clear cut divide line has been secured which is a very positive step forward reflected in the increased marks this year. All involved with what is a good improved presentation are applauded for their efforts and encouraged to continue.