

# Tidy Towns Competition 2004

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Newcastle-Tipperary Sth**

Ref: **22**

County: **Tipperary South**

Mark: **219**

Category: **B**

Date: **20/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	37	37
The Built Environment	40	30	30
Landscaping	40	31	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	18
Litter Control	40	27	24
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	25	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	28
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>213</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

The fact that you have the assistance of Foróige, Fás, South Tipperary County Council, and many other bodies and, of course, your residents is reflected in the fact that Newcastle was very nicely presented on adjudication day. Your plan makes very interesting reading but, nevertheless, the comments made in last year's report are still applicable. You should try to identify what the environmental needs of Newcastle are going to be for the next three years and as a result, set out, on an annual basis what your committee and your supporters can do within their physical and financial resources. Thank you indeed for all the information sent with the entry form and for the map, all of which help towards the adjudication.

### The Built Environment:

Your Church (and its car park), School, Cemetery, Community Hall and Riverside Walk looked extremely good again this year. Has the Millennium Fountain ceased to function? The Bridge is very nicely presented and the walls throughout the village are being very well maintained. Picnic tables, where provided, and in the car park are lovely features to have as is the Riverside Walk. Commercial premises in general look well. Others need refurbishment. Open storage is a problem - not an easy one to solve. Perhaps the owners could be approached on the basis of either tree planting or a lattice fence which would screen the articles and goods from view.

## **Landscaping:**

Landscaping throughout the village looks well and is being well maintained and your plans for a new composting site have been noted. Hanging baskets, window boxes and containers of shrubs and flowers, where presented, looked very nice and created a lovely atmosphere throughout the village. This type of individual effort is also an important part of the competition and all concerned are to be congratulated.

## **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

The nature plot in the car park is a very nice development but do try to create further wildlife projects throughout the village possibly enlisting the help of your school children. Perhaps there is some knowledgeable person on this subject in your locality who might be of help or you can contact Duchas.

## **Litter Control:**

The centre of the village was practically litter free on adjudication day. There was however minor littering to be seen at Liam Lynch Terrace and, to a lesser extent, in the Main Street and at the car park which was due to an overflowing bin. This is an important part of the competition and needs constant monitoring.

## **Tidiness:**

The village was again this year presented in a very neat and tidy manner and great credit is due to your commercial interests and your residents for having it this way.

## **Residential Areas:**

Houses at Liam Lynch Terrace and their open spaces are being well maintained. The houses at Deora De are indeed lovely and their open spaces compliment them greatly. Smaller housing estates and individual houses throughout the village looked well as indeed, in most cases, their lovely gardens which were in full bloom on adjudication day. Where presented, containerised plants, hanging baskets and window boxes also added greatly to the overall ambience of the village. Again - well done to all concerned.

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

Approach roads from Clonmel, Dungarvan and Clogheen are being well maintained and showed evidence of cutting. Road surfaces are very good and pathways are being well maintained also. All this reflects greatly of your Fás and County Council workers and they are to be commended for it.

## **General Impression:**

Newcastle is a very pleasant village in a lovely setting and has improved greatly in the last few years due in part, it is hoped, to the Tidy Towns competition. Try to set an overall plan and to work judiciously towards it. Success is not achieved overnight but the hope would be that, three years down the road, Newcastle would be competing for some of the major prizes at County level in the competition.