

# Tidy Towns Competition 2004

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Clashmore**

Ref: **558**

County: **Waterford**

Mark: **228**

Category: **B**

Date: **29/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	34
The Built Environment	40	33	33
Landscaping	40	29	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	24	23
Litter Control	40	35	33
Tidiness	20	16	15
Residential Areas	30	24	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	26
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>221</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

The excellent work being carried out by your committee, County Council and Residence Associations was to be seen in Clashmore on adjudication day. The village is being maintained to a very high standard and congratulations are due to all concerned. Thank you indeed for the information sent with the entry form and for the map. In the case of the latter - perhaps for next year you might do a simple street map of Clashmore showing where new projects have been undertaken for 2005 so that the Adjudicator can have easier sight of them. In this connection, the comments made in last years report regarding planning are still applicable. Clashmore is progressing well in the competition but needs to plan as to what future environmental projects could be carried out in the village under the various headings of the entry form. Perhaps initially a survey of the village should be carried and, following discussions with your partners, a list of projects could be drawn up to be completed annually. This document could also be used as a yardstick to measure success or otherwise.

### The Built Environment:

The Church, the Distillery, School, Heritage Centre and Grotto are being very well maintained and great credit is due to all involved with them. Walls throughout the village are being well maintained also, as indeed are the many business premises, all of which reflects greatly on your commercial interests and residents and the interest they have in the preservation of their environment.

## **Landscaping:**

Landscaping at the Grotto looked extremely nice again this year as indeed did the lovely planting at the new housing estate. The River Walk is a lovely feature as is the area of the Distillery and St Mochuas Well. The Cemeteries and the School grounds are also very well maintained and reflect great credit on all concerned. Picnic tables and seating at various sites are being well looked after and are a lovely facility to have. Your comments regarding the planting of trees and shrubs this year were noted but, in the absence of them being indicated on the map, were difficult to locate. However, your overall landscaping is of a very high standard. Well done to all concerned. For the future do try to identify other areas where a continuation of the planting of trees and shrubs can take place. Trees planted in the past are now maturing very nicely. New tree planting will be for the future and posterity will thank you for it.

## **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

Again, your comments regarding the provision of bird boxes on both sides of the river and in the old graveyard were noted. Unfortunately, on adjudication day, the Adjudicator did not have sight of them so perhaps they were being looked for in the wrong place. The comments in last year's report under this heading are still applicable. Do try to identify a wildlife project which you might carry out in conjunction with your School or indeed some local knowledgeable person in the area who could be of assistance.

## **Litter Control:**

Clashmore was litter free on adjudication day. Your committee patrol is certainly working and the highest credit is due to all concerned.

## **Tidiness:**

The village was again presented in a very neat and tidy manner. Unfortunately there was some untidiness in the river in the sense that bits of timber, cardboard etc. seemed to be lodged in it and visually took away from what is otherwise a lovely facility. Tidiness and litter control are important parts of the competition and need constant monitoring.

## **Residential Areas:**

All housing estates in the village were visited again this year and, in the main, are being well maintained. The new housing estate (behind the Grotto) looks extremely well as does its landscaping and the little thatched cottage at the corner was much admired. It is noted that you have Residence Associations on your committee and this is to be encouraged. Many estates have large open spaces and would be ideal for the planting of trees and shrubs or, for example, a wildlife project. Consult with your Local Authority on these matters. They generally have someone on their staff who is qualified in landscaping.

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

Approach roads in general are very nicely presented and some nice landscaping on the Youghal and Clonmel approaches was admired. Road surfaces are good and paths are also being well maintained. This reflects great credit on your County Council.

## **General Impression:**

Clashmore is a lovely village and has made steady progress in the Tidy Towns Competition. Future success will come about through careful planning and attention to detail and, of course, the maintenance and extension of what you already have which makes Clashmore a lovely place to visit. The Adjudicator looks forward to returning again next year to see further progress made.

