

# Tidy Towns Competition 2004

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Clonea-Power**

Ref: **30**

County: **Waterford**

Mark: **192**

Category: **A**

Date: **26/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	30
The Built Environment	40	28	28
Landscaping	40	20	19
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	18
Litter Control	40	27	24
Tidiness	20	16	16
Residential Areas	30	18	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	24
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>183</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

It is gratifying to learn that there is public support for your fund raising effort and that, in addition, you have the support of your Local Councilors for the work which you are carrying out and which was evident on adjudication day. Thank you indeed for all the information sent with the entry form and for the map. Perhaps for next year you might indicate on the map where specific projects have taken place which will make it easier for the adjudicator to have sight of them. Comments made under this heading last year regarding planning are still applicable. Clonea-Power is a very small village but nevertheless, having studied the requirements of the various headings of the competition, some other projects could be identified and carried out and which, in the process, will gain you additional marks. In the event of such a plan being prepared do send a copy with your entry form next year so that again, the Adjudicator can have sight of it.

### The Built Environment:

Your Church, School, Parish Hall and Health Centre looked very well again this year. Great credit to those who are responsible for them. The village does not have very many commercial premises but those that are there looked nice and blended in well with the overall appearance of the village.

### Landscaping:

The Grotto was observed but there did not appear to be a statue in it. Perhaps it was taken away for cleaning. Your comments regarding the encouragement of your residents to assist under this heading have been noted and will be referred to later. In any future planning, try to identify areas where additional flowers can be laid but also where trees and shrubs can be planted to give long term benefit. Trees around the village, planted in the past look very well. New tree planting will be for the future and posterity will thank you for it. While the planting of flowers is not discouraged by any means, nevertheless trees and shrubs need less maintenance and have a longer lifespan.

### **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

Your comments under this heading were noted. On the day, released bird life was not to be seen, but that is not to say that they were not there. The river is an ideal site for such a project and the suggestions made in last year's report regarding your School doing something in conjunction with the Heritage Council is still a recommendation.

### **Litter Control:**

The centre of the village, on adjudication day, was practically litter free. Unfortunately there was some littering to be seen in the vicinity of the recycling centre and in the housing estate on the Rathgormack Road which could have been brought about by the building that is going on there. Nevertheless, there has been a great effort by all concerned and your Committee are to be congratulated on it.

### **Tidiness:**

The village looks very neat and tidy and has a very nice atmosphere about it, all of which reflects greatly the interest which your commercial premises and your residents have in their environment. Well done to all concerned.

### **Residential Areas:**

Houses throughout the village are being well maintained and their gardens, which in the majority of cases, were in full bloom, lend a wonderful atmosphere to Clonea-Power and all concerned are to be congratulated on it. The housing estate on the Rathgormack Road is also being well looked after as is its open spaces. Building work being carried out there will probably be finished by next year and will further enhance the stock of houses there. This type of individual and collective effort is an important part of the competition. You cannot succeed without it in a small centre.

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

New road surfaces and those on the car parks are being well looked after by your Local Authority as indeed are the footpaths. This is a fine contribution towards your overall effort and they are to be commended for it.

### **General Impression:**

Your Committee is doing excellently, but you should try to identify what additional projects can be carried out. Success in the competition does not come overnight but Clonea-Power has the ability to do very well in it. Success brings success and if you can add to your marks each year, as you are this year, perhaps more people will become involved with you leading to a greater spread of any planned future work. Do not, however, overlook maintaining what you already have as this is the backbone of your entry. The Adjudicator looks forward to returning to Clonea-Power next year to see further progress made.

