

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Villierstown**

Ref: **731**

County: **Waterford**

Mark: **239**

Category: **B**

Date: **29/07/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35	35
The Built Environment	40	29	29
Landscaping	40	37	37
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	22	22
Litter Control	40	36	34
Tidiness	20	17	16
Residential Areas	30	25	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	31	31
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	239	235

Overall Developmental Approach:

In spite of the reduced FAS staff, the work being done in Villierstown by your local community, your School children and the County Council was very evident on adjudication day and all concerned are to be congratulated on a lovely overall result. Thank you once again for all the information sent with the entry form and for the map which was most helpful. Villierstown has now reached a comparatively high level in the competition and as mentioned in last year's report you should try, at this stage, to identify, under the different headings of the entry form, projects which you might carry out over the next two or three years on an annual basis within your physical and financial resources. The development of such projects would also instrumental in gaining you additional marks in the competition and, in the event, the Adjudicator would, next year, very much like to have sight of such a plan so that it can be assessed for possible additional marks under the Overall Development Approach heading.

The Built Environment:

Your comments regarding Dromana Gate were very relevant and indeed work in progress was seen on adjudication day. The Adjudicator looks forward to seeing the result of this next year. The Church and Cemetery are being very well maintained, as indeed are the Community Centre and School. The Millennium Stone, the Monument and the John Tracey Plaque contribute enormously to the environment of the centre of the village. Your comments regarding derelict sites have been noted and hopefully the results of your overtures to the Local Authority, etc. will ease this situation.

Landscaping:

As usual, the beautifully maintained landscaping throughout the village is a joy to behold. The Commons is such a beautiful place and nothing but the height of praise is due to those who maintain it. As mentioned last year, do try to identify further areas throughout the village where you could plant some more trees and shrubs. Future generations will thank you for it.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Again your comments under this heading have been noted and hopefully for 2005 a nice wildlife project will be presented in conjunction with the Rock Walk Development. Do not, however, lose sight of what was mentioned in last year's report regarding projects which might be established in your green areas and in your School grounds.

Litter Control:

Villierstown was litter free on adjudication day and again reflects great credit on your School children, your committee and FAS.

Tidiness:

The village was again presented in a very neat and tidy manner which reflects greatly the interest which your residents have in the preservation of their living environment. Well done to all concerned.

Residential Areas:

Woodview Close and Riverview Estate are maturing very nicely. Their open spaces are being very well maintained and would lend themselves to further landscaping in terms of, as mentioned above, the planting of trees and shrubs. As mentioned last year, do try to establish Residence Associations in these estates and have them on your committee. The appearance of individual houses and their lovely gardens adds greatly to the overall ambience of Villierstown, and, in this respect congratulations are due to all concerned. In a small community, this type of collective and individual effort is an important part of the competition. You cannot succeed without it.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Approach roads look very well and road surfaces are being well maintained as indeed are pathways throughout the village. This reflects great credit on your County Council.

General Impression:

A high standard of presentation in Villierstown was evident again this year. Work in progress on Dromana Gate, on the lawns in the centre of the village, on the Common, on hedges on one of the approach roads was observed and is typical of what is obviously the tremendous effort which is being made. The Adjudicator looks forward to returning again to Villierstown next year to see further progress made.

Second Round Adjudication:

Villierstown is an attractive estate village. The attractive and cheerful welcome signs on approach roads were admired. Dereliction appears to be a problem, however. A derelict cottage on the Youghal side of village and another in the centre look sadly neglected. In terms of the built

environment, both the High Cross and Church were well presented and quite charming. In relation to street furniture, the benches near the Tracey monument and directional signage at the top of the village were rather flaky on the day. The domed top to the village pump by the church should be reinstated. Do ensure that gable walls are not neglected when considering overall presentation, as these are all the more obvious as one travels along the main street of the village. A number looked unfortunate on the day. As mentioned by the First Adjudicator it is essential to formulate a work programme at this stage in the competition. The fact that the village is of such a structured form should be helpful in this regard! The document need only be a few pages long, outlining your objectives for Villierstown's future development and setting a timeframe for their implementation.