

# Tidy Towns Competition 2004

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Coole**

Ref: **409**

County: **Westmeath**

Mark: **205**

Category: **A**

Date: **21/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	34
The Built Environment	40	29	28
Landscaping	40	32	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	10	10
Litter Control	40	33	32
Tidiness	20	13	12
Residential Areas	30	22	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	25
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>200</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Coole continues to do well in the competition, however as mentioned in last year's report a plan of objectives would be welcomed by the adjudicator and could give details of objectives that you intend to achieve over the next number of years. Such a plan would give direction and focus to the committee and wider community.

### The Built Environment:

The old Post Office in the central part of the village needs attention. The Community Centre looks well - perhaps some window boxes would add to its attractiveness. The Midland Health Board also looks well. The Church on the Castlepollard road is a credit to the community.

### Landscaping:

The Garden Centre is a lovely welcome to the village. The pump is very well presented and the roses are a lovely touch. The mature trees look well throughout. The well maintained gardens of the local residents really add to the overall impression of the village-keep up the good work!

### Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Comments made in previous years reports need to be addressed. There is an opportunity to gain valuable extra marks in the competition by focusing more on wildlife and natural amenities. Tourist sign-posting is good.

### **Litter Control:**

On the day of inspection there was no litter evident - the community is to be congratulated.

### **Tidiness:**

Cooles is a lovely tidy village and a credit to all concerned. The adjudicator noted the difficulties encountered by the Committee in regard to the College. It is hoped these can be resolved in the not to distant future.

### **Residential Areas:**

Again, as in previous years, residential areas are generally very well presented. The stone cottage in the centre of the village is particularly beautiful. Well done to all!

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

The Garden Centre on the Castlepollard road adds to this approach although some verge cutting is needed in this area. The 30 mile speed sign needs to be repaired or replaced. Apart from the college which naturally spoils the initial impression (since it is quite a large structure covering a large area) the approach and back areas of Cooles are finely presented. Good Work!

### **General Impression:**

Cooles is a lovely rural village with the potential to do very well in this competition, keep up the good work!