

# Tidy Towns Competition 2004

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Delvin**

Ref: **632**

County: **Westmeath**

Mark: **174**

Category: **B**

Date: **16/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27	27
The Built Environment	40	22	22
Landscaping	40	23	23
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	13
Litter Control	40	28	25
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	19	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	25
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>172</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for your completed application form together with map of proposed building developments. A comprehensive plan for Delvin Tidy Towns is still absent and would greatly assist in focussing the committee and wider community. No details of community involvement were submitted - it is hoped the schools and residents are involved. The map of the proposed Court House building is impressive but again needs to be put in context to the overall development for the the purpose of adjudication.

### The Built Environment:

While there are some well maintained premises, the built environment is generally in need of some attention to improve the overall impression on arrival into the village. The Bank of Ireland needs painting and the front of the Midland Health Board looks very neglected. While the Church looks impressive and is clearly well kept the cemetery seems to be overlooked and is quite overgrown. The Courthouse plans look impressive and we look forward to the completion of this project.

### Landscaping:

Marginal verge cutting could be improved particularly on the Ardee and Athboy approach roads. Weed control is needed in many areas. There is great scope for improvement in this category. A

themed approach to tree and flower/shrub planting should be considered in the overall longer term development plan. This would help link what is quite a 'long' village together. The Church grounds are well maintained and presented. There was a notable absence of colour-perhaps a window box competition would help?

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

In the absence of any detail on this area it is assumed that the bog walk mentioned last year has not been progressed. Is this so? Have the school become involved in this area through An Taisce's Green Flag Programme? The picnic area looks well, but the adjacent lay-by area could be improved. There are valuable marks waiting to be gained in this category!

### **Litter Control:**

Litter control appears to be working as little or no litter was in evidence on the day of adjudication - well done! The recycling area however does need some attention. As previously recommended the restoration or replacement of litter bins will need to be addressed.

### **Tidiness:**

The approach roads are still only reasonable and in particular the Athboy road surface and grass verges require attention. Verges on the Castlepollard approach road were also quite overgrown. This created an overall impression on untidiness. The main street for the most part was quite tidy looking and had some very finely presented premises. Keep up the good work.

### **Residential Areas:**

The residential areas of Delvin are a mix of some very well maintained and some not so good. The newer houses are generally very well presented throughout the village. The adjudicator appreciates the difficulties the Committee are encountering with the residential area on the Collinstown approach to Delvin. Attention to detail in some areas is still needed.

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

Verge cutting on all the approaches could be improved. The Castlepollard approach road is in very poor condition and the overgrown area behind the recycling area continues to look poor.

### **General Impression:**

While there have been definite improvements in terms of litter control, there are still a number of areas requiring attention. Good luck with your continued efforts.