

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Dysart-Westmeath**

Ref: **225**

County: **Westmeath**

Mark: **171**

Category: **A**

Date: **06/07/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	31
The Built Environment	40	22	22
Landscaping	40	23	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	13
Litter Control	40	28	28
Tidiness	20	10	10
Residential Areas	30	19	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	19	19
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	171	172

Overall Developmental Approach:

Development work under your five year development is now at year four and it is time to assess how far along the plan you have moved and to consider a new plan into the future. It was noted that some new housing development is taking place and this should encourage new members for your committee.

The Built Environment:

The church and a number of private dwellings within the village are attractively presented with well kept tidy and mature lawns, flower beds and a variety trees. The school is cleanly presented with ivy shrub boxes each side of entrance door. The shop at the Mullingar end of the village shows a profuse weed growth from the gutter and no fascia board. The out houses at back of shop need to be repaired. Keenans Bar frontage needs freshening and the water pump 'feature' is damaged. The wall to the back of the car park area could be dressed with screening plants and there is a nicely maintained garden at end of car park

Landscaping:

Greater attention will be needed to upgrade landscaping throughout the village. The area around the church is well maintained with the Church grounds and its adjoining car park tidily presented

with cut lawns and car park flower beds islands need a little renewal. The grass areas between the shop and Keenan's pub including the millennium stone area which provide both village centrepiece and village linkage were in need of trimming.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Wild life walking route at riverside has excellent potential for development. It offers potential access to both wetland, grassland, hedgerow and forest wildlife flora and fauna. Dysart has a natural asset in this regard and no doubt will in time be realised. The stile access to the river should encourage the nature trail potential of this area.

Litter Control:

Two litter bins were observed, one near the shop, the other close to the Millennium Stone. There was little evidence of a major litter problem.

Tidiness:

While the church and its grounds were well maintained, there was a large pile of plastic sacks at the entrance gate presumably awaiting collection on inspection day. There was a show of weed remains following weed killer use, and the area between the shop and the millennium stone was not very tidy. Good to see the recycling facility in place.

Residential Areas:

Most of the residences are located in the surrounding area and were generally well presented. A new house with impressive wall frontage on the Mullingar road could well be a sign of new investment coming into the village which will bring with it new demands and challenges as to how the village will develop. There is a problem with a derelict site on the Castletown Road.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Approach from Castletown has some verge trimming on right, but untidy on left. At the School there is broken surface at the entrance gate due to electric line laying. There was a show of weed at the house just short of the church. Dysart road sign has been damaged. There was no verge clipping up to bridge.

General Impression:

Much has been achieved in the village but the impression is that greater community support for the committee is required. Keep up the good work!