

# Tidy Towns Competition 2004

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Multyfarnham**

Ref: **135**

County: **Westmeath**

Mark: **208**

Category: **A**

Date: **07/07/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	34
The Built Environment	40	33	33
Landscaping	40	32	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	27	27
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	20	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	26
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>207</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Multyfarnham is an attractive village with a well maintained streetscape. Your cooperation with the local residents association is a welcome development and no doubt will bear fruit in the future. Your proposed feasibility study presents an exciting prospect and is certain to uncover ways in which the real potential of the village can be realised

### The Built Environment:

The School out on the Lisaney road is beautifully presented with very fine gardens and a variety of mature trees. The car park to the front is fine with loose shale surface, but a small heap of road dressing in the bottom right hand corner. The front wall of the school could do with some plant camouflage, and some capstones need to be replaced. The old forge building has a small tub of flowers but it needs some attention. The Garda Station looks well with its garden and lamp standard. The Parish Church and its grotto look very well, and the adjacent small white house is a profusion of flower and window box colour. The Franciscan Friary, the church, grotto and grounds are spectacular with their well trimmed lawns and combination of new and old trees. Murtaghs and Weirs Pubs are both colourfully displayed with window boxes. Lennons Shop and the Tintawn Restaurant and the forge were also well decorated with colourful window boxes and potted plants. Virtually all buildings along the main street are in a good state of repair. GAA ground looks well with a new clubhouse.

## **Landscaping:**

The village park at the junction of the Mullingar Road looks very well. The lawn is nicely trimmed and there is a fine variety of trees. The village pump is simply presented within a stone wall setting. The 1997 endeavour award for tidy towns is pinned to the park entrance pillar. The park has a central planter of shrubs with painted seats. The feature at the top corner along with its seat, could do with some more attention. On either side of the bridge are attractive small grass plots which run to the riverside. The stone bridge is very attractive and it is regretted that its stonework style was not followed on its continuation towards the entrance to the Friary. Pleasant landscaping was noted at the Lisaney corner and at the entrance to the wild life park.

## **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

The wild life park has no interpretation and looks a 'work in progress' project. There are two concentric rings of stone structure which have yet to be completed. With the river flowing through the village and the nearby access to Lough Deravaragh, Multyfarnham's potential as a wild life centre is exceptional

## **Litter Control:**

Multyfarnham does not suffer from a litter problem. There was a small show of litter in the river, and at the unfinished stone walls in the wild life park.

## **Tidiness:**

Some weed show between a white painted house and the road on the Lisaney Road. The frontage of McGovern Motors could be tidied up and the petrol pumps cleaned.

## **Residential Areas:**

The standard of residential housing along the main street is high. All were well presented and a number dressed with colourful flowers. There were some very attractive gardens on the Mullingar, Donore Shore and Coole approaches. The small terrace of houses on the Coole road looked clean and tidy with a nice floral display at the end house. The large corner house for sale on the Coole/ main street corner could do with fresh painting. The holiday village looked reasonably well. Lawns are cut and there are plenty of young trees but there is little colour. There is no wirescape and there is a tennis court and childrens playing area.

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

There is an attractive approach from the Bunbrosna road starting with the village sign set over a barrel of colourful purple and yellow plants, in an undulating verge. To the right a group of lime, copper beech and birch and other trees are set in a trimmed verge. Closer to the road junction there is a new house development to the right, and at the 30mph sign mature hedging and clipped verges left and right. From the Lisaney road on the opposite side from the school the verges along the impressive estate walls are well maintained. The entrance from the Crookedwood side has a stone wall and an attractive amenity at the entrance to the wild life park area. The grassed area at the Crookedwood and Donore shore road needs attention. The approach from the Coole Road has trimmed verges, hedging. From the Mullingar approach there are cut verges and one open area to the right which needs attention. Footpaths are reasonably well maintained.

## **General Impression:**

Overall, Multyfarnham is a very attractive village, well maintained and cared for by its residents. It

is good to see the cooperation developing between the various interested parties and in particular it is hoped the feasibility study will lead to a 3 to 5 year development plan.