

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Raharney**

Ref: **737**

County: **Westmeath**

Mark: **196**

Category: **B**

Date: **08/07/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	38	38
The Built Environment	40	29	28
Landscaping	40	31	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	23	22
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	19	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	23
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	196	194

Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for your application, map and plan. As this plan draws near completion, the adjudicator looks forward to receiving a new five year plan highlighting the committee's objectives and vision for the coming years of the competition. It is good to see the committee is strong and that additional support is available when needed. It is also good to see networking with FAS and the Local Authority. Overall, a very good approach to development.

The Built Environment:

The village is generally very well presented in terms of it's built environment. McHughs and the Granite look very well as do Weirs and the Post Office. The island feature is extremely well maintained. The derelict building on the left approach from Ballivor needs some attention, particularly the rusting roof. The school is very well kept as is River Valley Mushrooms. The painted windows on derelict building look very well - well done. The Church and its grounds are also well presented. Overall, this is a good category for Raharney.

Landscaping:

The village is very well landscaped throughout. The wild roses were once again very impressive and the park itself is a wonderful mix of permanent planting and flora. Verges are well kept throughout

and there is some lovely colour in the planted tub wall features. The ivy on the old stone wall is particularly attractive. Remember to gather the cut grass!

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Good to note from the application that children are now involved in this section - good work! Such involvement will pay dividends in the years ahead.

Litter Control:

There was little or no litter present on the day of inspection. Well done! It is great to see that school children are also actively involved in this area - a great education for life - again well done.

Tidiness:

Overall the village looked very tidy. The Rathwire road needs some attention in terms of verge cutting. The broken galvanised door needs to be repaired. Grass along verges on the Delvin road needs to be collected. The pumps in the centre of the village look neglected but it is noted there are plans to paint these. The recycling area is very neat.

Residential Areas:

Residential areas are very good in general. The houses on the Delvin road have some finely landscaped gardens. Ashcroft Park road front is very attractive with its lovely stone wall. The flower tubs look great! It is generally well presented but an area of overgrowth at right of entrance wall needs to be dealt with. Some of the houses on the Village Close Estate are still in need of painting. Houses and gardens throughout Raharney are well maintained-well done!

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The Ballivor road is very picturesque for most part, with some lovely ivy on stone walls, however the area just prior to the 30 mile zone sign is overgrown and needs to be strimmed. The poles of the crossroads sign also need to be replaced. Recent spraying was in evidence here and will look better when cleared. Cut grass had not been collected and was beginning to rot in some areas-don't forget to collect this. There are some lovely mature trees and nice mixed flowers on the left of stone wall as you approach the centre of village from the Delvin Road. Again some nice ivy on the stone walls here. Verges need to be strimmed on the Rathwire road. All other approach roads looked well.

General Impression:

The village is very well presented, continued effort will see Raharney doing very well in this competition.