

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Tubberclair**

Ref: **595**

County: **Westmeath**

Mark: **180**

Category: **A**

Date: **16/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	29	29
The Built Environment	40	25	25
Landscaping	40	30	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	27	25
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	20	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	15	15
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	180	177

Overall Developmental Approach:

The adjudicator would like to thank the committee for the completed application form, photographs and map. While the objectives can be seen in the application form, a five year plan as recommended last year would help give a long term focus to the development. Perhaps this is something the Committee will work towards for next year. It is good to see the involvement of all the community - well done.

The Built Environment:

The school, as last year, is immaculate, however the front walls could still do with some suitable flora to blend in with the surrounding area. The climbing roses on the houses surrounding the school entrance on the Ballynakill road are very impressive. They add beautiful colour to this approach road. The Church and graveyard area are very well kept, however the railings will need to be painted as they are starting to rust. The old school and other derelict buildings remain an issue in this category.

Landscaping:

As recommended last year, the use of trees would be a great way of linking the village - lime trees are particularly useful for this effect. The Garden of remembrance is a really lovely feature. While it

looked very nice on the day of adjudication, it was felt a little more colour would greatly enhance the surrounding floral beds.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The Garden of Remembrance is a lovely amenity. The entrance however had many broken branches and the area between the entrance and graveyard is overgrown and takes from the impression as one arrives at this area, perhaps this is intentionally overgrown as the wildlife area?

Litter Control:

The Committee are to be congratulated as there was no litter evident on the day of inspection.

Tidiness:

Overall there is an appearance of tidiness but the village is dispersed - some form of linking is needed and all approach roads needs to be maintained equally. The Ballymahon approach road looks unattractive and needs some attention.

Residential Areas:

Residential areas are generally very well presented. It is good to see the new houses have been completed and landscaping underway. The houses around the school area are picture perfect with their beautiful climbing roses. Well done!

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The Ballymahon approach road needs some marginal verge cutting. The Ballinakill approach road is very attractive although a hazard at school collection time! A lot of wind fallen leaves and branches surround the approach to the Garden of Remembrance area-this takes from it.

General Impression:

A nice tidy village but very dispersed. Linkage of some description should be considered in the long term development plan. Keep up the good work!