

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Monageer**

Ref: **127**

County: **Wexford**

Mark: **210**

Category: **B**

Date: **16/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	30
The Built Environment	40	32	32
Landscaping	40	33	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	18
Litter Control	40	29	29
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	24
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	210	207

Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for the information sent with the entry form and for the map which was most useful on adjudication day. It is indeed encouraging to read that you continue to have the support of local people in terms of sponsorship. Your committee of fifteen are doing excellent work. It is noted from last year's report that you did, in 2003, have a three year plan but a copy of it was not enclosed this year. Perhaps you might remember this for next year as it will give the adjudicator an idea of how well you are progressing under this particular heading. You received a somewhat in-depth report from the adjudicator last year. The following, therefore, is by way of comment on perceived further progress and should be read in tandem with that report.

The Built Environment:

Your major buildings – Church, Parochial House, School and Hall looked very nice on adjudication day. The area surrounding the Church and Presbytery looked very well as did the cemetery which is being well maintained. The walls in the vicinity of the cemetery did indeed look well and the ball-alley appears to be well maintained also.

Landscaping:

The area surrounding the Parish Hall was to be admired as indeed was the Parish Park which is also

being very well maintained. Landscaping around the pump is very attractive and new flower beds were noted at the Grotto. The area of the Grotto itself is indeed very nice and very appropriate to that type of location. Perhaps as part of your future planning you might consider the planting of further trees and shrubs which will give some colour on an all year round basis. Flowers are lovely and are very desirable but they require a lot of maintenance and have a short lifespan. Trees and shrubs are with us always and are for posterity.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Your comments under this heading were noted. However comments made by last year's Adjudicator regarding the involvement of local school children, etc. are still applicable. A nice project under this heading would also have the added benefit of gaining you additional marks.

Litter Control:

The village was practically litter free on adjudication day and for this, congratulations are due to all concerned. However, there was some evidence of minor littering in the housing estate off the Enniscorthy Road. This is an important part of the competition and needs constant monitoring.

Tidiness:

The village was presented in a very neat and tidy manner and reflects greatly the interest which your residents have in their environment. However, the area to the left and behind the pub is somewhat untidy and takes away from what is otherwise a very nice ambience.

Residential Areas:

Individual houses and those in the housing estates are being well maintained. New house building was noted. This will lead to some untidiness in the short term and has been allowed for in the adjudication. Many houses had lovely gardens in full bloom on adjudication which were a joy to behold and created a lovely atmosphere in the village. The thatched cottage is a lovely attraction. This type of support from your residents is very essential if you are to succeed in the competition. Well done to all concerned.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Road surfaces are reasonably good and pathways are being well maintained. Approach roads looked nice. It is important to keep these trimmed and presentable as they tend to set the tone for the rest of the village. Do bear in mind however the notes in the Tidy Towns Handbook regarding the preservation of wildflowers and wild bird habitat.

General Impression:

Monageer is a very attractive in a gentle rural setting and with careful planning and attention to detail can continue to do very well in the competition. The adjudicator looks forward to returning to Monageer again next year to see what further progress has been made. In the meantime keep up the good work.