

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Marlfield Village**

Ref: **58**

County: **Tipperary South**

Mark: **216**

Category: **B**

Date: **20/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	37	36
The Built Environment	40	27	27
Landscaping	40	30	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	25	24
Litter Control	40	26	23
Tidiness	20	14	13
Residential Areas	30	25	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	24
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	216	208

Overall Developmental Approach:

Your co-operation and co-ordination with South Tipperary County Council, the 2 Bridges Partnership and indeed, the content of your own plan speaks highly of the present and proposed Tidy Towns effort which was to be seen in Marlfield on adjudication day. In addition your ongoing negotiations with the South Regional Fisheries Board are to be commended and the Adjudicator looks forward to seeing the results of all these activities in future years. Thank you indeed for all the information sent with the entry form and the map which was most useful on adjudication day. Your own 3 to 5 year plan contains many substantial projects the completion of which will very much involve other bodies. It is suggested however that your committee should also look at more home based projects which might be undertaken under the various headings of the competition which would have the effect of, in the immediate term, gaining you extra marks in the competition e.g. landscaping, litter control, further improvement to Residential Areas etc.

The Built Environment:

The gates of Marlfield House and their surroundings again looked well this year. Unfortunately some graffiti was to be seen which took away from an otherwise overall nice effect. The road to the Church was very nicely presented having recently being mown. Unfortunately the avenue to the Church is somewhat overgrown and, as mentioned last year, the tomb stones at the car park are completely overgrown and look even worse than last year.

Landscaping:

Some very nice planting was to be seen throughout the village particularly on the approach from Clonmel. The pump in the centre of the village is a nice feature. Unfortunately, on adjudication day, the planting mentioned in your report at the GAA Centre was not seen. Perhaps it has taken place inside. The grass verge on the road opposite the pitch was however nicely trimmed and looked well. In your future planning perhaps you might be able to identify further areas where the planting of trees and shrubs could take place. Trees planted in the past look very well and are maturing very nicely. Do endeavour to plant more of these. Future generations will thank you for them.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Marlfield Lake is a beautiful tranquil place. It has been well maintained and your future plans for this whole area have been noted. St Patrick's Well and its surrounding lakes is also a lovely facility to have and, if you have not already done so, perhaps you might consider introducing some ducks and swans to that facility which would greatly enhance it even further.

Litter Control:

The centre of the village was litter free on adjudication day. Congratulations to all concerned. However there was some littering to be seen at the Mountain View Estate which, to some extent, took away from the overall appearance of the village. Perhaps a few extra litter bins in that area might help.

Tidiness:

The village was once again presented in a very neat and tidy manner and great credit is due to your residents for this.

Residential Areas:

Houses throughout Marlfield are being extremely well kept, many with beautiful gardens which were in full bloom on adjudication day. This added greatly to the overall landscaping of the village and its ambience. Mountain View Estate houses are also being well looked after and the open space there was nicely presented. It is unfortunate about the litter.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

There was some weeding to be seen at the verges of the approach roads and in the vicinity of the entrance to the GAA Park. Generally speaking however approach roads looked very well particularly the one from Clonmel. Road surfaces and pathways are in good condition and appear to be well maintained.

General Impression:

As usual, Marlfield looked very nice on adjudication day with its many landscaped areas looking lovely in the June sunshine. If following your negotiations with the various bodies mentioned some of your plans come to fruition please do mark these specifically on your map when sending in your entry next year so that the Adjudicator can have sight of them. Because of your efforts a lovely atmosphere prevails in Marlfield. Long may it continue.

