

Tidy Towns Competition 2005

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Tinryland**

Ref: **597**

County: **Carlow**

Mark: **194**

Category: **B**

Date: **10/07/2005**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	30
The Built Environment	40	26	26
Landscaping	40	30	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	15
Litter Control	40	22	22
Tidiness	20	16	15
Residential Areas	30	22	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	25
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	194	187

Overall Developmental Approach:

Tinryland Area Development Association has a large membership in order to spread their workload! Although a map and work programme were mentioned in last year's report, none appeared to have been submitted this year. It is essential that you submit your work programme and map each year, in order that the adjudicator can see the progress of your plans since the previous year. The adjudicator was pleased to note that you had received a grant for your work at the handball alley and, although this was mentioned in last year's report, no work seemed to have taken place. This restoration is eagerly anticipated - when is it due to happen?

The Built Environment:

The handball alley is very dominant in the centre of the village and therefore its restoration is eagerly anticipated, as previously mentioned. The church looked well but will need repainting before next year's competition. Gala was well presented. The National School looked quite charming in stone. You mention a Heritage Brochure that you have distributed to local B&Bs and hotels. Perhaps this could also be available in local shops and do submit it with your entry to next year's competition!

Landscaping:

The village pump was simply presented with a granite wall surround. However, it will need repainting before next year's competition, as will the adjacent post box. The new car park with its inset brick space markers, granite bollards and balls and associated planting and trees looked extremely well. The 1798 monument was admired and well maintained. There is scope for additional incidental landscaped spaces throughout the village. Perhaps you could look at this before next year's competition.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

New hedging on the Carlow side of the village was admired, as was the wildlife information board in the car park area. You mention that you have erected bird and bat boxes and this is to be commended. Consult your Tidy Towns Handbook for information regarding additional projects you can undertake in order to supplement this category of the competition.

Litter Control:

On first impression, the village seemed free of litter. However, a light scattering was evident throughout and created a bad impression. Rubbish was evident in the hand ball alley. Even one or two papers are all the more evident in a village of Tinryland's size.

Tidiness:

The recycling area was extremely neat. Perhaps you could consider planting a hedge or building a fence or granite wall around the bins themselves in order to integrate them more successfully with their surroundings. The village generally looked quite neat, although weeds to kerbsides opposite the new car park created a bad impression.

Residential Areas:

The new housing estate looked well and the planting at its entrance area was admired, although the wall appeared somewhat harsh in its fresh state and hopefully it will tone down in time! A house opposite the church was admired for its attractive planting and St. Martin's Avenue was well presented. The attractive cottages opposite the car park were also greatly admired.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Village nameplates on approach roads appeared quite grubby on the day and create a bad first impression of the village. On the Nurney Road, the village nameplate was totally obscured by overgrowth, as was the children crossing sign. Hedgerows along this road were extremely overgrown. The Carlow Road was in a similar condition, although the new hedging was admired. Do ensure that you achieve a natural balance to the presentation of your approach roads, as these are the first impression the visitor has of the village. The approach roads should appear natural, without looking wild and neglected.

General Impression:

Tinryland has certainly improved a great deal since this adjudicator's last visit to the village. Keep up the good work!

Second Round Adjudication:

