

Tidy Towns Competition 2005

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Clonmany**

Ref: **23**

County: **Donegal**

Mark: **193**

Category: **B**

Date: **06/07/2005**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	25
The Built Environment	40	33	32
Landscaping	40	24	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	12
Litter Control	40	28	27
Tidiness	20	16	15
Residential Areas	30	26	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	23
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	193	186

Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for your entry form, a map would be most welcome for next years application.

Clonmany is making steady progress but you now need to produce a three to five year plan in support of next years application. In this regard you should read page 14 of the Tidy Towns Handbook relating to the creation of such a plan. Keep your objectives realistic and carefully consider the observations contains in this and last years report.

You are still very much at the planning stage, keep up the enthusiasm and you can look forward to a productive 2006 campaign.

The Built Environment:

Clonmany has an attractive setting greatly admired by the adjudicator.

St. Mary's Hall, Medical Centre and the Village Diner presented well. The market square is progressing well and a lot of excellent work as been achieved to date. The derelict building adjacent to the Market house requires some attention and the door of the market house requires a fresh coat of paint.

Very disappointed to see the Garda Station in a state of neglect - with weeds growing and the need for a general up-grading in overall presentation. Also the area around Clonmany Fireplace Centre is untidy in presentation.

The private houses along the street are prominent in presentation and enhance the landscape. The new car park opposite the village Diner is awaited with interest and the use of stone is commended. Make the built environment a priority in next years work programme.

Landscaping:

The Tidy Towns Committee are progressing well under this heading - keep up the good work. The car park on the entrance to Clonmany, landscaping needs to be completed on the extension to the car park.

Private houses on the main street and the many flower tubs add to a nice display of color. The trees planted on the Manmore Gap Road are maturing nicely - the adjudicator would encourage an extension of this programme. Planting trees is looking after the environment for the next generation. Native trees such as oak, birch and ash are more beneficial for wildlife than more ornamental and introduced trees. Carrying out a local tree survey can help to determine the type of trees to plant and where.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The guidelines in the Tidy Towns Handbook will assist in helping you to identify suitable projects. The river is a wonderful amenity which could gain you marks under this heading. As recommended in last years report see the advice of a wildlife expert and encourage local school children to become involved in research.

Litter Control:

There was no litter evident on the main street however the area around the recycling bank lets you down this year again. Remain vigilant in this area.

Tidiness:

Overall, on first impression, Clonmany has a tidy and well kept appearance, however as already mentioned the area around the recycling bank has a large amount of black bags deposited and requires constant attention. Also care should be taken to ensure the river remains litter free.

Residential Areas:

The terraced houses in the village are nicely presented and show community spirit in the participation of the Tidy Towns Competition. The completion of the Riverside Park development is awaited with interest and it is hoped that when work is finished that landscaping will be kept in keeping with planning requirements. The use of stone in this development is commended and adds to the character of the village and should be encouraged further especially in new developments.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The approach roads in general are well presented with well trimmed verges and suitable planting. The signpost for Clonmany on the Ballyliffin approach requires cleaning and the sign posting on the Manmore Gap Road requires attention. Also there was litter evident on the Binnon Bay Road - remain vigilant under this heading.

General Impression:

You are progressing steadily, attention to detail is now required .

Your five year plan will benefit the town and is awaited with interest. Continue to harness the

support of the FÁS workers and more importantly Donegal County Council and the local community.

A lot done - more to do!