

Tidy Towns Competition 2005

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Cullyfad**

Ref: **126**

County: **Longford**

Mark: **183**

Category: **A**

Date: **01/07/2005**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	24	24
The Built Environment	40	26	23
Landscaping	40	32	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	14
Litter Control	40	30	30
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	15	15
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	23
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	183	174

Overall Developmental Approach:

Cullyfad is welcome to the 2005 National Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your submission. We note the absence of a three / five year plan and urge you to submit one for next year's competition as it is difficult to make substantial progress without one. The village is located off a busy thoroughfare in woodland countryside so there is plenty of opportunity to develop woodland nature trails and other wildlife projects. We note from your submission that such a project is in the pipeline. Cullyfad looked wonderful on the day of adjudication and everyone responsible is to be commended.

The Built Environment:

The clubhouse in the sports grounds (Emmet Óg) is well painted and the Community Hall looked good with its floral displays in hanging baskets and its seating. Pride of place must go to your beautiful church which had been meticulously painted and its grounds presented to the highest standard, well done.

Landscaping:

Your landscaping programme is impressive, particularly for such a small village. You have relied mostly on permanent planting such as trees and shrubs with not too much emphasis on flower

displays, which is good as their visual impact is not as long lasting. Grass verges had been recently trimmed and were being nicely maintained. Trees of various ages ensure a heritage for future generations and indeed the saplings on the high ditch along the perimeter of the sports grounds hopefully will thrive to maturity. The hedgerow to the concrete post fencing to the field beside the church has established itself well and the hawthorn hedgerow to the timber post fencing has also been noted. It will be an important wildlife habitat. Pride of place under this heading must go to the old school garden with its beautifully landscaped areas, its excellent maintenance and its attractive gates of black and gold. Landscaping across from the Mill Bridge was noted also and the picnic table here is a nice touch. The village has been considered for a landscape award.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

At the time of adjudication the boundary wall leading to the cemetery had been breached. If there are any further developments here perhaps these could be included in next year's submission. We wish you well with your woodland wildlife project and would like to have more information in this respect. As noted earlier, Cullyfad and its environs will be rich in wildlife habitats given its location in a woodland area.

Litter Control:

Litter control was excellent at the time of adjudication, well done. You should submit details of your litter management strategy and your every day litter activities as these can be a source of additional marks.

Tidiness:

The derelict remains beside the Millbrook Bridge could well be problematic but the area was reasonably tidy and so perhaps adds to the rustic charm at this location. A recycling point had not been noted within the village, perhaps this is something that can be considered for next year, given that the village is in for rapid growth? A number of weedy areas were noted which you should work to eliminate.

Residential Areas:

Some boundary walls to gardens were in need of cleaning and / or repainting. The majority of dwellings were attractively presented. We note what appears to be two new housing developments, one located across from the Community Hall and another opposite the entrance to the woodland area on the Ballinalee Road. Do try to integrate new residents into the cultural life of the community as this will help to get them involved into the village and ultimately help Cullyfad to achieve a higher standard in the Competition.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

A fingerpost sign should be placed on the Ballinalee Road for Cullyfad, well done on the one located on the roundabout in Longford town. Nameplates at both ends of the village looked well. The chain link fencing to the grassed area at the Ballinalee entrance to the village should eventually be replaced with a low natural stone kerb. Stone walls were nicely presented and the carpark at the Community Hall looked well also. Field gates painted bright red were noted and admired. At some stage in the future you might approach the Council to have the overhead service cables ducted and service poles replaced with attractive lampstandards.

General Impression:

Cullyfad is a most attractive village and it is presented to a standard that belies its tiny size. Everyone involved is to be commended and we look forward to charting your progress through the competition in the years to come and to seeing how well the new residential areas have become

integrated into the village.