

# Tidy Towns Competition 2005

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Legan**

Ref: **449**

County: **Longford**

Mark: **200**

Category: **A**

Date: **01/07/2005**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	
The Built Environment	40	25	
Landscaping	40	30	
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	
Litter Control	40	28	
Tidiness	20	14	
Residential Areas	30	20	
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	32	
General Impression	10	7	
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>200</b>	

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Legan is welcome back into the National Tidy Towns Competition. You did not include a planned work programme. You will need one to pass this point in the competition. A substantial increase in marks was awarded this year because of the dramatic change in the appearance in the village since our last visit in 2003 which was due to substantial capital investment on the part of Longford County Council as well as good community and Tidy Towns work. Well done on your fund-raising activities, particularly your sponsored nature walk for children. We would be interested to have details of this so that we can pass on the good news. Your Legan information panel located on the footpath near the school was interesting and informative and your heritage signs for Legan Rock and Foxhall Stoneman are interesting, perhaps details of distance could be placed on them also.

### The Built Environment:

The majority of buildings were presented to a very high standard indeed and the church with its boundary walls was perhaps the most attractive, looking as though it had been recently painted, as was Whytes Supermarket Checkout and Smyths Bar which looked quite new. Other well presented buildings included the national school and the T. Kiernan premises. The Aurora Hall is a little weather stained to its roadside facade. The stone boundary wall to Legan Sarsfield GFC together with the clubhouse must be one of the best to be seen anywhere in the country. Your thatched cottage is charming.

## **Landscaping:**

Neatly maintained grass verges lined with maturing trees and neat hedgerow, together with mature shrubberies at various locations around the village and not least of all, the colourful and profuse flower displays, all add up to give Legan a garden effect and the look of a community that is deeply committed to their environment. Your landscaping programme should be extended now to the large green open spaces in Foxhall Crescent residential development. The flower boat presented by the Legan Inny Anglers Development Association is a nice touch and the flower hand cart nearby complements it beautifully. What a pity we missed the five thousand daffodils in bloom in the Spring.

## **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

As already noted the boundary wall and clubhouse of the sports grounds is presented to an excellent standard and the sports grounds themselves looked well. The riverbank is a most attractive development at the handball alley and the bridge here looks well also. The small stream running alongside Foxhall Crescent was clean but very overgrown. Have you conducted a wildlife survey? Perhaps you could link up with the findings of the sponsored nature trail and feature some wildlife panels at various locations around the village.

## **Litter Control:**

Litter control was excellent. You appear to be keeping it under control, well done to all the volunteers who help in this respect. Please submit details of your overall litter management strategy together with any litter management activities you engage in as these can be a source of additional marks also.

## **Tidiness:**

The overall appearance of the village was one of tidiness, however there are a few problematic areas, the graffitied bus shelter being one, the derelict remains with the half of a corrugated roof is an eyesore and weedy kerbs at a number of places, most notably in Foxhall Crescent should be eliminated altogether.

## **Residential Areas:**

Residential developments are attractive, well planned and landscaped and their grassed areas are being maintained to a high standard. Hopefully this maintenance will continue into the future. Foxhall Crescent was admired for its stone boundary wall as was Smithfield Crescent, however landscaping here obscured the name stone. Some boundary walls in the latter development could be improved. The small unidentified development behind the church is most attractive. It should now be given a name stone.

## **Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

All approach roads to the village were neatly presented at their verges and featured planting of one kind or another ranging from trees to shrubs to mature hedgerow, well done. The nameplates and name stones were clean and legible. It was a nice touch to have all gates on approach roads painted a bright red as well as the water pump as this gives a co-ordinated appearance between the village and its immediate hinterland. The road surface throughout the village is excellent and the wirescape was not unsightly. Well done on this. New modern lampstandards were noted. Footpaths were beautifully surfaced, however as noted above, some featured sprayed weeds.

## **General Impression:**

Legan was presented to a standard of excellence this year and has made a substantial leap forward in the competition. The task ahead now will be to maintain this standard whilst at the same time taking on new projects to take you to higher levels in the National Tidy Towns Competition. Well done to all.