

Tidy Towns Competition 2005

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Tarmonbarry**

Ref: **25**

County: **Roscommon**

Mark: **210**

Category: **A**

Date: **01/07/2005**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35	35
The Built Environment	40	30	29
Landscaping	40	32	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	18
Litter Control	40	26	24
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	19	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	30	30
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	210	203

Overall Developmental Approach:

Tarmonbarry is welcome to the 2005 National Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your submission which included your plan for the next few years, it made interesting reading. The committee is aware of Tarmonbarry's magnificent location and wonderful heritage and is set on capitalising on these assets. Well done on your fund-raising to a weekly lotto draw and on your work with statutory bodies such as the two County Councils, Roscommon and Longford, together with LEADER, Waterways Ireland and FAS. The committee would appear to have good community support and commitment, well done.

The Built Environment:

The majority of buildings are presented to a high standard and we note the excellent presentation of the Garda station as it has been recently painted by the time of adjudication. Well done also on the replastering of the boundary walls at St. Barry's GFC. Are they now to be painted or planted? Most properties enjoyed an excellent presentation and these include Shannonside, Crosby's, Keenans and the Londis forecourt area. The grotto looked well also.

Landscaping:

Roadside verges inside the nameplate on the entrance to the village from the Rooskey Road were a

little overgrown, however other approach roads were well presented at their verges. It is anticipated that the site at the first nameplate on the Strokestown Road will be successfully landscaped when construction work on the new residential development has been completed. The mature shrubbery at the second nameplate is wonderful. Flower displays and hanging baskets and other containers were noted and add profuse and welcome colour. Well done to all involved in planting of wire and post fencing, walls and concrete fencing on the Longford side of the village. It will take some years for this to mature but it will be well worth the effort.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Wild grasses and flowers were noted on the verge along the Rooskey Road. There is a plethora of wildlife in the immediate environs and the committee is aware of this, well done on seeking expert advice on the designation of the island as a wildlife sanctuary. We look forward to developments in this respect. The presentation of the quayside is excellent.

Litter Control:

Litter control was excellent, commendations to everyone involved in this. The designation of responsibility to different people for different areas in an effective strategy, we would love to know of your other litter management control activities. Do keep us informed.

Tidiness:

The recycling point at the Londis forecourt was neat in presentation. A few scraps of litter were noticed on the grassed area here around the picnic tables, no doubt left by diners, however it did not present a serious problem. Construction work in progress was noted at several sites around the village and these have an overall untidy appearance and are visually disruptive due to the nature of the work, however it appears not to have spilled out into the village itself which is good. Your initiative regarding working with developers on containing the disruption caused by their activities is commendable.

Residential Areas:

Older residential units continue to be presented to a high standard. There are many new residential developments which have yet to be completed, hopefully upon completion the new residents will be integrated into the community and take responsibility for the presentation and the maintenance of their own areas and join in the Tidy Towns effort.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Approach roads to the village looked quite well with the possible exception of the Rooskey Road which was a little overgrown. Street furniture in general was well presented. Lamp standards look exceptionally well and it was good to note the wirescape free aspect of the village centre. At the time of adjudication the railings on the bridge had not yet been painted, perhaps this will be accomplished for next year's presentation.

General Impression:

This year's adjudicator concurs with last year's that this is a time of unprecedented growth for Tarmonbarry and that it takes a lot of commitment on the part of the community to ensure that standards don't slip. Well done on a good increase in marks this year.

Second Round Adjudication:

