

# Tidy Towns Competition 2005

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Shevry**

Ref: **129**

County: **Tipperary North**

Mark: **188**

Category: **A**

Date: **25/07/2005**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	29	29
The Built Environment	40	20	21
Landscaping	40	29	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	25	25
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	26
General Impression	10	6	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>189</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Shevry Tidy Towns Committee is making good strides in relation to maintaining the fine green spaces in the centre. Your work in relation to providing drainage, in order to maintain these is indeed commendable. As mentioned by last year's adjudicator and that of the year before, twelve on the committee seems extremely large, given the size of Shevry as a centre. Your Three Year Plan was read with interest. However, it is important to state what year we are currently in, in relation to this document- is it Year One, Two or Three?

### The Built Environment:

As Shevry has only two buildings of significance in it, the fact that one of them (the one that is the more prominently positioned, at that!) is in such a state of disrepair is not really helping your presentation! As last year's adjudicator mentioned, is it not possible to persuade the owner to give you permission to paint it for him or her? At the moment, the Mountain Inn looks extremely unfortunate - as it has done for a number of years now! The Garda Station looked well, although its garden gate will need painting before next year's competition.

### Landscaping:

The limestone nameplate in the centre of the large green space was admired. The grassy verges in this location were well maintained and starlings appeared to be having a good feed of worms on the day! The timber rail to the front has rather a temporary appearance - would it be possible to use stone boulders or sphere shaped stone bollards of some variety instead? The new trees that had been planted on the Limerick side of the crossroads were noted and admired. Do ensure that when your grass verges have been cut that the dead grass is removed.

### **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

Foxgloves were noted in the hedgerows of the side roads leading from Shevry Cross. You had indeed replaced the bird table at the green space - another was noted across the road in a garden. Your proposals for putting bird feeders on the trees and planting berry producing shrubs is indeed commendable.

### **Litter Control:**

The standard of litter control on the day was generally quite good, although some litter was noted at the storage area and a single cigarette box was noted on the green space. Even one or two papers in a centre of Shevry's size are all the more apparent.

### **Tidiness:**

Do ensure that tin roofs of outbuildings and sheds are freshly painted up. The forecourt area of the Mountain Inn is still looking unfortunate, as it did last year and the previous year. The council storage area also looks extremely messy and should be screened by means of a wall or hedging. Weeds to the boundary wall of the Garda Station looked unfortunate. The entrance barriers at the lay - by on the Limerick side of the crossroads should be repainted before next year's competition.

### **Residential Areas:**

Houses along approach roads generally looked well maintained - in particular the house at the crossroads was admired.

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

Perhaps you should consider having village nameplates at approach roads, rather than just one large stone in the centre, in order to give the visitor a sense of arrival. The main road was well maintained but the side roads were not in as good condition - the Yield sign on one side of the crossroads was quite faded, as was that opposite the Garda Station. The road running to the side of the Garda Station was in better condition. The Post Box should be painted up before next year's competition.

### **General Impression:**

Shevry is an interesting centre but it is essential at this stage in the competition to resolve your ongoing problem with the Mountain Inn, in its extremely prominent location at the crossroads. Congratulations on all the work achieved in relation to your attractive green spaces. Good luck with your future endeavours.