

Tidy Towns Competition 2005

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Clogheen**

Ref: **531**

County: **Tipperary South**

Mark: **212**

Category: **B**

Date: **17/07/2005**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	29
The Built Environment	40	30	29
Landscaping	40	29	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21	20
Litter Control	40	30	30
Tidiness	20	16	16
Residential Areas	30	24	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	25
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	212	207

Overall Developmental Approach:

Clogheen Tidy Towns Committee appeared to have a good relationship with local statutory bodies, which must be most helpful in your ongoing work. You have a large committee and the inclusion of the young people in terms of school children and youth club members is highly commendable. Many thanks for your submission - the documentation was most useful on the day. The adjudicator was pleased to hear you had formulated a three year plan which will be very helpful to yourselves to monitor your progress as the years go by. The adjudicator was also pleased to note that your problem with vandalism appears to be subsiding due to Garda presence.

The Built Environment:

Both public and commercial premises generally looked well on the day. The AIB looks very imposing in stone and the colourful fruit and vegetable shop looked quite charming. Do discourage projecting plastic signage and curved canopies. These should be replaced with signage of a more traditional timber variety and traditional fabric awnings. The Fire Depot is a very charming building, although its door will need repainting before next year. The yard area to the adjacent area appeared rather weedy. The Church and grounds looked quite magnificent and Halley's was very fresh. One grubby property in the village centre looked unfortunate but the adjudicator was pleased to note it still retained its original timber sash windows. The School looked well, with marvellous grounds and the magnificent mature lime trees to the roadway and parking area outside. The Health Centre was quite fresh but the Garda Station will need repainting before next year's competition. Wyse's garage is a

charming building, but its curved roof should be painted in its traditional red colour before next year's competition.

Landscaping:

Numerous hanging baskets along Main Street gave it a rather cheerful appearance. Incidental landscaped spaces throughout the village looked extremely well - in particular that on the village side of the bridge leading to Cappoquin. The new lighting on the bridge was noted and admired. The globes are an attractive simple design and therefore resists the risk of appearing "twee"! Residential properties and housing associations contribute well to this category of the competition, as witnessed elsewhere in this report.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Your provision of wildlife areas such as that at Dinsdale's Plot are commendable. The bird table at this location was noted, as was the wildlife board which would benefit from some attention. Your provision of a fish pond at the school is a commendable one. Do consult your Tidy Towns handbook for ideas for promoting further projects in this category of the competition.

Litter Control:

Your work in relation to this is commendable, such as the provision of rubbish bins outside shops when the County Council ones are too small and also the boxes provided to the pubs for cigarette ends. However, litter was apparent at the junction of Main Street and the Cappoquin Road and further along this road. Litter control was also a problem on the road to the GAA pitch.

Tidiness:

Although the village gave a generally neat and ordered appearance, there were problem areas. The entrance to the Mill Walk appeared very overgrown and neglected and the entrance to the GAA fields would also benefit from further intervention. Dereliction was a problem in some locations, such as in the village centre, on the Cappoquin Road and a very derelict cottage on Cockpit Lane. The timber post and rail fence in this location should also be repainted before next year's competition.

Residential Areas:

Your work with residents associations is to be commended and is obviously paying dividends! The Paddocks was beautifully maintained as was Lios Mhuire with its attractive seating and large green space. The garden with the topiary was particularly admired! The Hermitage was quite charming and an attractive house at the bottom of Main Street by the bridge had a very cheerful display of red poppies. The attractive houses and gardens on the Cappoquin Road were admired as were those at Father Sheehy Terrace. Some very colourful houses on Convent Road, near the junction with Main Street were admired, as were the properties on Cockpit Lane. The houses at Poul Bui were also well maintained and a magnificent garden with freshly whitewashed entrance area at the end of the laneway by the GAA pitch looked extremely well.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The new lighting at the bridges has been mentioned previously. Weed control was a problem in a number of locations - on kerbsides on the Ardfinnan side of village and on the Ballyporeen Road. Directional signs in the village centre were rather grubby at the junction of Convent Road. Roadworks were taking place on the Ballyporeen Road and the stone walls either side with valerian

overflowing their copings, were greatly admired. The walling was damaged in some places and should be repaired before next year's competition. This is a magnificent entrance to the village, with its marvellous view to the mountains beyond. On the Cappelquin Road the relatively new ash trees were coming along well.

General Impression:

Clogheen is a very attractive village, whose residents show obvious care in its future. Well done to all concerned for the magnificent work that you have done and good luck with your future efforts.