

# Tidy Towns Competition 2005

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Cloneen**

Ref: **306**

County: **Tipperary South**

Mark: **205**

Category: **A**

Date: **14/07/2005**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35	30
The Built Environment	40	28	28
Landscaping	40	26	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	14
Litter Control	40	31	31
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	23	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	25
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>198</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Cloneen Tidy Village Association is one that shows an obvious care and concern for its environment. You appear to draw a lot of practical support and assistance from the local community, which is helpful to your work. You have a great pride in the heritage you have within the village such as the oldest school in Ireland! Your three year plan clearly identifies areas within each category of the competition where you plan to make improvements over the next three years. Many thanks for your map which was most helpful on adjudication day.

### The Built Environment:

Work to the Thatched Pub was ongoing on the day and is commendable. Do ensure that it is finished correctly from a conservation point of view. At the moment stonework is exposed but this adjudicator feels that research will reveal that it was originally rendered in finish and this would be more appropriate. The Post Office was fine as was the church. However, some rust staining was evident beneath the projecting metal angle on the gable wall and its boundary wall will need painting before next year's competition. The gate of the graveyard and its entranceway and boundary wall will also need painting before next year's competition. Perhaps some landscaping could be considered at Kiely's Garage to soften the existing somewhat harsh appearance that its forecourt area currently has. Anglim's Pub looked very well and was extremely fresh with a couple of benches outside - this must be a pleasant place to sit and watch the world go by. The Millenium Bowl monument was noted and admired.

## **Landscaping:**

Your work on the old village pump with its attractive stone wall surround was noted, it having being restored to its former glory. However, perhaps the pump itself could be painted next year as it was looking slightly neglected in comparison to its surroundings. The attractive planted bed at Drangan crossroads with its marigolds, snapdragons, pansies, geraniums and cape daisies was greatly admired.

## **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

This is a category of the competition in which you evidently show a great interest. Your plans for this year include bat boxes at Noonan's Store, bird boxes and wildlife signs at the school. Your proposals for the children to conduct bird counts and floral identifications are commendable and your sponsorship of them to conduct a project and create a wildlife habitat within the school grounds are highly commendable. Good luck with your own work identifying habitats within the village and its environs.

## **Litter Control:**

The standard of litter control on the day was generally good although a couple of papers were noted on the Drangan Road and the door was missing from the litter bin in the centre of the village by the school.

## **Tidiness:**

The boundary wall and entrance area to the playing field was in bad condition and its pillars appeared very flaky. As this is in such a prominent location, it will need essential work before next year's competition. The recycling area opposite the graveyard at the entrance to the housing estate was neatly presented on the day. Perhaps you could consider some landscaping surrounding this area in order to blend the bins in with their surroundings more successfully? You could then consider nominating it for the new recycling area award next year.

## **Residential Areas:**

An attractive garden to a house in the centre of the village adjacent to that which is having major work conducted to it was admired. Rosemount looked extremely well with its attractive and charming raised garden. And a new housing was underway on the Drangan Road.

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

The standard in this category of the competition was generally quite good. The Fethard Road affords the visitor a marvellous view to Slieve-na-Mon. The grass verges had been cut and hedgerows were well maintained. The cheerful display of snapdragons at the village nameplate was admired. On the Mullinahone Road the grassy banks had been cut and verges were fine - the surface of the side road, however, was in bad condition. The Drangan Road was to the highest standard of all the approach roads. Its grass verges were well cut and hedgerows were quite neat.

**General Impression:**

Cloneen is a charming Irish village which continues to make steady progress in the competition. Good luck with all your future work - your plans, as outlined in your development plan, make very interesting reading. The adjudicator looks forward to seeing their progress in the years to come.