

Tidy Towns Competition 2005

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Clonoulty**

Ref: **30**

County: **Tipperary South**

Mark: **204**

Category: **A**

Date: **27/07/2005**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26	25
The Built Environment	40	30	29
Landscaping	40	30	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	16
Litter Control	40	26	26
Tidiness	20	17	16
Residential Areas	30	22	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	29	28
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	204	196

Overall Developmental Approach:

Clonoulty Tidy Towns Committee would appear to have a widespread community support from residents in the village and surrounding areas. Your attention to detail, in relation to the weekly mowing of green spaces and the daily attention to the bottle banks is to be highly commended. The worries you expressed in relation to the driving of cattle through the village in the morning and evening were noted but it didn't seem to cause too much of a problem on the day - the village looked well. Do try to formulate a three to five year work programme in order to plan your steps for the ongoing development of the village, particularly in the light of the large number of new houses that will be built in the not too distant future.

The Built Environment:

The Tipperary Furniture Company was well maintained with an attractive handwritten timber sign. The timber signage to the post office will need repainting before next year's competition, as it appeared quite flaky. The stone church in the centre of the village was well maintained. The community centre looked well with its attractive hanging baskets outside. The school looked extremely cheerful with its flower painted windows. The garage on the Thurles side of the village will need repainting before next year and don't forget its curved tin roof. Mulhalls was fine and the Church of Ireland adjacent to the graveyard was greatly admired.

Landscaping:

The graveyard was well maintained but its wall will need re-whitewashing and the railing above it was appearing rather rusty and causing staining to the coping stone below. Incidental landscaped areas throughout the village were admired, such as that beyond the graveyard on the Thurles side of the village with snapdragons and cape daisies and the attractive planted trough beside the Tipperary Furniture Company. The recessed beds in the stone wall which were filled with roses and pansies were also greatly admired. Churchview Tennis Club was well presented.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The school was proudly flying its Green Flag on the day and its composting bin and battery recycling bins were visible in the grounds. The adjudicator is looking forward to your joint wildlife project with the school, which involves the creation of a wildlife area. What type of project is this and where is it located? Hopefully you will have it in place for next years competition!

Litter Control:

The standard of litter control on the day was quite good although a light scattering of litter was apparent along the roadside on the Thurles approach.

Tidiness:

The yard area between the church and Tipperary Furniture Company looks a little neglected although the rose bushes planted behind were admired. On the Thurles Road, an attractive stone outhouse was admired and its curved tin roof should be repainted in its traditional red colour. The timber post and rail fence to the open space on this road should be re-whitewashed before next year's competition. The recycling area looked well on the day and there were no signs of the problems mentioned in your application form, so hopefully these have been resolved.

Residential Areas:

An attractive stone boundary wall to a house on the Dundrum Road was admired, as was the magnificent garden beside the Post Office. The attractive window boxes and hanging baskets to a house on the Thurles side of the village looked very well. The charming thatched house was admired particularly in regard to its retention (or more probably re-instatement) of its timber sash windows! Well done to those concerned. An attractive house with pansies either side of its entrance way on the Thurles side of the village was admired, although a grubby boundary wall in this location created a bad impression. The large number of houses under construction opposite the graveyard will make an immense impact on the village. Do ensure that the design of these houses does not detract from the unique charm and character the Clonoulty has. Ensure that it is well finished in terms of its choice materials and its landscaping in order that it may blend seamlessly with its surroundings!

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

On the Dundrum Road the grassy verges were well maintained and the relatively new trees behind a wall on this approach road were coming along well. On the Thurles Road, the grass verges had been cut but the dead grass had not been removed. This grass cutting appears to have revealed some litter in this location. In terms of street furniture, the bin and bench at a road junction on this side should be repainted up before next year's competition. Benches on either side of the entrance to the graveyard were also in need of attention as they appeared somewhat flaky.

General Impression:

Clonoulty is a most attractive and peaceful village, whose residents show an obvious pride of place. Well done on your significant increase in marks and hopefully you will continue to make distinct

progress in the competition in leaps and bounds. Well done to all concerned parties.