

Tidy Towns Competition 2005

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Drangan Village**

Ref: **229**

County: **Tipperary South**

Mark: **214**

Category: **A**

Date: **14/07/2005**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	37	36
The Built Environment	40	26	26
Landscaping	40	33	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	17
Litter Control	40	30	30
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	27	26
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	21
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	214	210

Overall Developmental Approach:

Many thanks for your map - perhaps for next year you could draw one with lines indicating positions of roads and buildings. The profusion of notes made it quite difficult to read and clearer diagrams would help to make the map more readable! It was however filled with a lot of useful information. Your application form seemed to have caused problems in terms of space. If there is not enough room on the application form please feel free to extend onto separate sheets. It is good to note that you have a high level of support from the local community and a good workforce. The adjudicator was disappointed to hear about your problems with vandalism of the hanging basket stands. Hopefully the Gardai can help in this regard.

The Built Environment:

The Church and grounds looked extremely well cared for on the day. O'Halloran's and the Post Office looked fine. Do discourage plastic signage and encourage its replacement of signs of a more traditional timber variety. Butler's and Slattery's looked very fresh, the latter being an unusual stepped gabled garage which is quite charming. The Archway looked well with attractive hanging baskets. Maureen's Hair Fashions looked extremely well with its colourful floral display which tonally co-ordinated with the colour scheme of the shopfront. J.D.'s Bar and Lounge was for sale and hopefully will be back open before next year's competition.

Landscaping:

The walls surrounding the Holy Well and pump had been freshly whitewashed and looked quite marvellous on the day, although, disappointedly, the well itself was padlocked. The grotto was well presented with freshly painted statuary and the landscaped beds were admired. The Michael Cusack memorial statue was well maintained and is a major central feature to the village. The beautifully maintained graveyard looked quite magnificent and the stone planted bed in front of Hall was admired.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Your composting bin at the school is obviously a great asset for maintaining the grounds and any planters around the village. Do consider your Tidy Towns Handbook for further potential projects in regard to this aspect of the competition. These could range from the construction and erection of bird tables and nesting boxes to the sowing of wildflower meadows!

Litter Control:

The standard of litter control on the day was generally quite good, although there were a few problem areas. Litter was noted at the grotto and one or two papers were also noted on the Mullinahone Road.

Tidiness:

Do ensure that tin roofs are repainted in their traditional red or green colours - there is one in the centre of the village which would benefit greatly from a fresh coat of paint. The yard area of the concrete works, as mentioned before, looks extremely messy and should be screened from public view and the adjacent house with broken windows looks unfortunate. A wall next to the graveyard was in need of painting and was in sharp contrast to the boundary wall of the graveyard itself.

Residential Areas:

Houses along approach roads and in the village centre looked well. The houses of Hillview Estate were well maintained and the freshly painted single storey houses with colourful hanging baskets adjacent to this looked quite magnificent. The handrail to these houses, however, appeared quite flaky and should be repainted before next year's competition.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The Cloneen Road looked a little overgrown to its grass verges - perhaps their narrow nature makes cutting difficult but you should consider strimming them. Hedgerows had been clipped back but do ensure that you bear in mind nesting times in this regard. On the Mullinahone Road the grassy banks appeared somewhat rough with dead grass being apparent - whether this had been cut and then left or sprayed with weedkiller was difficult to see. The square traditional sign was greatly admired. The Urlingford Road was in better condition although its nameplate appeared quite grubby.

General Impression:

Drangan is a most attractive village with a wealth of charm. Its residents show an obvious pride in their village and this was quite apparent in terms of its presentation on the day. Well done to all concerned.

