

Tidy Towns Competition 2005

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Dualla**

Ref: **694**

County: **Tipperary South**

Mark: **213**

Category: **A**

Date: **20/07/2005**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27	27
The Built Environment	40	31	30
Landscaping	40	29	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	13
Litter Control	40	36	36
Tidiness	20	18	17
Residential Areas	30	22	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	30	29
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	213	209

Overall Developmental Approach:

Dualla Community Association certainly seems to be a large one, with twenty committee members, given the village's size! The adjudicator was disappointed to see that you had not yet formulated a three to five year work programme. You should do this before next year's competition. This document need only be one two to three pages long, outlining your plans and objectives for the village's future and setting a timeframe against their implementation. As mentioned by last year's adjudicator, there is a high level of expansion within the village and it is undergoing many changes. The adjudicator looks forward to seeing your new sports and community facilities which will be a marvellous asset for the village to have.

The Built Environment:

The simple modern church looked well although a little staining was evident to its pebble-dashing. The community centre looked well and the attractive plasterwork around the doorway was admired. The school looked very fresh and its grounds were well maintained. The charming pub on the Cashel Road was admired, as was the Horse and Hound which was beautifully fresh and nicely maintained, with its creeper clad facade. The broken sign should either be removed or replaced before next year's competition. A curved roof to a tin shed should be painted up before next year's competition.

Landscaping:

The attractive incidental landscaping at the Horse and Hound was greatly admired, as was the attractive permanent planting to the front of the church car park area. Perhaps a little more landscaping could be considered in this area and also to the new housing estates? The colourful flowers at the well maintained grotto were admired.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

In last year's submission, you mentioned that you were intending to incorporate a wildlife habitat in the national school grounds. As no reference was made to this with this year's entry, the adjudicator was wondering whether this had been completed or whether you have any other wildlife projects in the pipeline?

Litter Control:

The standard of litter control on the day was extremely good. However, there were a number of problem areas, which were all the more prominent given the size of the village. One or two papers were evident on the Cashel Road, a single paper was spotted in the hedgerow on Killenaule Road, a bottle was spied in the car parking area of the school and church and more were spotted along the street. However, despite this, the village was generally good from a litter point of view and your voluntary clean up evenings are obviously paying off.

Tidiness:

The recycling area recessed into the boundary wall of the community centre was admired. Perhaps you could consider blending it more discreetly still into its landscape by means of a low stone wall to the front or some planting around it? The derelict cottages on the Killenaule Road looked unfortunate and the adjudicator wondered was there any possibility of restoring these as a fine example of the village's heritage?

Residential Areas:

An untidy yard area to a house on the Cashel Road should be screened from public view - a boundary wall on this road also appeared somewhat neglected. The new pebble-dashed houses with a brick trim and stone wall to the front were admired. A new development was underway - Lios Dubhaile. Perhaps additional landscaping could be considered in these locations in order to soften their somewhat bare effect? The B&B's of Tir na nOg and Dualla House contribute well to this category of the competition.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The Cashel Road sported some well cut grass verges and attractive signage - this is a long lead into the village. The Killenaule Road also sported well cut grass verges, although the odd patch of dead grass should be removed when grass cutting is complete.

General Impression:

Dualla is a most attractive centre in close proximity to Cashel. It looked well on adjudication day and the adjudicator wishes you every success with your future endeavours.