

Tidy Towns Competition 2005

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Marlfield Village**

Ref: **742**

County: **Tipperary South**

Mark: **220**

Category: **B**

Date: **21/06/2005**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	37	37
The Built Environment	40	28	27
Landscaping	40	30	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	25	25
Litter Control	40	26	26
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	27	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	24
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	220	216

Overall Developmental Approach:

Many thanks to Marlfield Village Association for their very detailed submission. Your Five Year Plan made very interesting reading and such activities as a garden competition, plans to improve signage (including promotion of the Irish language) and cleaning up the graveyard are all commendable! For next year's competition perhaps you could just include one map clearly marking the main features of village such as roads, buildings and waterside area, marking in areas on which you have concentrated over the last year in order that the adjudicator can clearly see where work is completed? Your work in relation to the restoration of the church is highly commendable. You mention a daily litter patrol of the lake which is highly commendable. Perhaps you could also consider something similar at the riverside area as this was a problem on the day?

The Built Environment:

The entrance to Marlfield House is an imposing one. Weeds had been sprayed at the entrance area but, unfortunately, the dead weeds had yet to be removed and the gates will need painting before next year's competition. In terms of items of street furniture, the post box and phone box looked well and the freshly painted pump in blue looked extremely well. New gates were admired at the entrance to the GAA pitch, although the entrance area itself appeared extremely weedy. The church is a magnificent asset for the village to have it has a most attractive and dramatic lead up to it through a stone Gothic archway and a long avenue of trees.

Landscaping:

The seating and picnic area by the riverside was well maintained on the day, apart from a distinct litter problem. The blue village pump was mentioned previously. You mentioned planting at the entrance to the GAA pitch last year but last year's adjudicator had noted none to be apparent and it appeared to be a similar story this year! The many magnificent gardens and houses along approach roads contribute strongly to this aspect of the competition.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Your list of wild fowl and wildlife in the area was very interesting. Your inclusion of a bird sanctuary within the confines of the village is highly commendable. The adjudicator would like to wish you all the best with your new wildlife area - presumably it will be open to the public and accessible to the road? Your strong relationship with Coilte will hold you in good stead in this regard and provision of wildlife boards and riverside walks will be a marvellous asset for all.

Litter Control:

The main roads of the village were generally free of litter, but the road leading down to the Church and the water's edge was quite littered and it was extremely littered at the recycling area in this location and along the green grassy banks of the river. You do say you are liaising with a litter warden and hopefully this will resolve some of the problems that you are having in this regard!

Tidiness:

As previously mentioned, elsewhere in this report, the recycling area at water's edge was not the tidiest! Building materials had been apparently abandoned at the roadway leading down - these should be removed once construction work is complete. Weed control was a problem at the entrance to Marfield House and the GAA rounds as previously mentioned.

Residential Areas:

This is an aspect of the competition in which you excel! There were some magnificent gardens on display on the Patrick's Well Road. The attractive green open spaces to housing estates along this road were well maintained. The original traditional houses with their sash windows near the village centre were greatly admired as was a magnificent cottage garden near the crossroads with the Patrick's Well Road. The charming houses on the road leading down to the church and the water's edge looked magnificent, as did some marvellous examples which extended their areas of interest to the roadside - one in particular with a wonderful display of Easter lilies. Another attractive garden was admired opposite the entrance to Marfield House.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The Patrick's Well Road is an attractive entrance into the village with its stone walls overhung by valerian. The grassy verges on the road leading to the church and the riverside were well maintained. The grass verges on the road containing the GAA pitch were also well maintained but dead grass had yet to be removed in places. The road to the bird sanctuary was also well maintained.

General Impression:

Marfield is an attractive village which must be an absolutely magnificent place in which to live. Good luck with all your future work in relation to the promotion and maintenance of this pleasant place.

