

Tidy Towns Competition 2005

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Annestown**

Ref: **386**

County: **Waterford**

Mark: **221**

Category: **A**

Date: **23/06/2005**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	33
The Built Environment	40	30	29
Landscaping	40	29	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	19
Litter Control	40	33	34
Tidiness	20	17	16
Residential Areas	30	25	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	27
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	221	217

Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you indeed with all the information sent with the entry form which was most useful on adjudication day. The profile of Annestown and the Annestown Development Group and its achievements, made very interesting reading as did your future proposals. The great strength of your Tidy Towns effort in the past has been a very high level of maintenance and this was evident again this year. It was gratifying to read that you continue to have the support of your local residents and your County Council for all your efforts and long may this continue.

The Built Environment:

The Church and the Sports Centre are the most prominent buildings in the village and, again this year, are being well maintained. The maintenance of the car park at the beach is at a high level as is the Lime Kiln. The lovely walls throughout the village are most attractive and are being extremely well maintained.

Landscaping:

Annestown looks lovely again this year with magnificent displays of flowers throughout the village and on the approaches. The village pump is a lovely feature. Do however give serious consideration to the matters raised in last year's report regarding the future planting of trees and shrubs. The

adjudicator feels that this would even further enhance the lovely atmosphere which prevails in the village and, if judiciously done, require very little maintenance and will be with you on an all year around basis.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Your comments under this heading have been noted. The river which runs close to the village would be an ideal site for a wildlife project which might consist of feeding tables and nesting boxes for birds and a wildlife board giving information on the various species to be seen locally. This could be very interesting for residents and visitors alike.

Litter Control:

Unfortunately there was an amount of litter to be seen at the beach car park on adjudication day. There was also some minor littering in the main street. This was indeed a pity as it took away from what was otherwise a lovely presentation. This important aspect of the competition needs to be monitored regularly.

Tidiness:

A lovely presentation again this year and great credit is due to all concerned.

Residential Areas:

Houses throughout the village are being well maintained and their wonderful displays of window boxes, containers and hanging baskets were much admired. The flower display at the pump is lovely and, once again, great credit is due to all your residents for this lovely effort.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

On adjudication day the verges on approach roads were very nicely mown and created a lovely impression. Road surfaces and pathways are also being well maintained and reflect the good relationship which you have with your County Council.

General Impression:

This year, as in previous years, the emphasis has been on maintenance and indeed you are to be highly commended for this. Maintaining what you have is the backbone of the competition. However, as mentioned in last year's report do try to think of other projects which could be carried out under the different headings in the competition which will not alone further enhance the overall appearance and atmosphere of the village but will also give you additional marks. Just because Annestown is a small village does not mean that it cannot compete with larger centres. The competition is not based on size but on overall appearance and presentation. Do monitor the litter situation which, this year, has been the only weakness in what is otherwise a wonderful effort.