

# Tidy Towns Competition 2005

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Clashmore**

Ref: **42**

County: **Waterford**

Mark: **237**

Category: **B**

Date: **05/08/2005**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	34
The Built Environment	40	34	33
Landscaping	40	31	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	25	24
Litter Control	40	37	35
Tidiness	20	16	16
Residential Areas	30	25	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	26
General Impression	10	8	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>228</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

It is indeed gratifying to read that you continue to have the support of your County Council and your local community for your Tidy Town efforts, the evidence of which was to be seen in the village on adjudication day. What a lovely place Clashmore is and the way the village is being maintained reflects great credit on your residents and their interest in the preservation of their environment. Thank you indeed for all the information sent with the entry form and for the map which was most useful. As mentioned in last years report, do try to plan ahead on a year to year basis what other projects you might carry out under the various headings of the competition which in turn will gain you additional marks. Success in the competition does not come overnight but with careful planning and attention to detail Clashmore could be in the running for County and Regional level Awards within a few years.

### The Built Environment:

Again this year your Church, School, Heritage Centre and Distillery reflect great credit on those who are responsible for them. The Grotto is a lovely feature and the newly painted village pumps were much admired. Existing and newly Build walls throughout the village add greatly to its overall appearance all of which is, in turn, being greatly supported by your commercial interests and residents through the very nice presentation of their premises.

## **Landscaping:**

Wonderful work has been done throughout the village in terms of the provision of trees, shrubs, flowers, window boxes, tubs etc and in the maintenance of open spaces and the areas along the river walk. The Cemeteries and the School Grounds continue to have a high level of maintenance also. Landscaping which has taken place in the housing estates and particularly on the road to the GAA grounds, was much admired. The area around the Grotto is very beautiful indeed and reflects great credit on its caretakers. Do continue to plant trees and shrubs particularly those which will give you some colour on an all year around basis and, most importantly, continue to maintain at a very high level that which you have already achieved and which is the backbone of your effort under this heading.

## **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

The riverside walk and the area of St. Mochuas Well are a wonderful wildlife area and the addition of bird boxes greatly enhances this facility. Perhaps you might consider the provision of a wildlife board in the vicinity of the bridge giving details of the various species which are to be seen locally and which would be of interest to locals and visitors alike. In addition you might consider producing a piece of literature on the same subject which could be distributed at your Heritage Centre, at your Post Office and in local shops. In the event do take the best advice possible and, in this connection, your Tidy Towns Handbook will be useful to you.

## **Litter Control:**

Your Litter Teams are obviously doing excellent work. Clashmore was litter free on adjudication day. This is a remarkable achievement and you are indeed to be congratulated on it.

## **Tidiness:**

The village looked lovely on adjudication day. It was very neat and tidy and, on this occasion, the river was free of debris which took away from it somewhat last year. Well done to all concerned.

## **Residential Areas:**

Housing estates have improved tremendously in the last 12 months and open spaces are being very well maintained. This is an important aspect of the competition and needs constant monitoring particularly during a wet summer. Individual houses are being very well maintained also and practically all had lovely gardens in full bloom which were much admired. This type of collective and individual effort is very important under this heading particularly in a small community. All concerned to be congratulated. As a result of their efforts a lovely overall appearance has been established in Clashmore.

## **Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

Again this year approach roads were nicely presented with trimmed verges and landscaping. You Local Authority is obviously doing excellent work as road surfaces and pathways are in very good condition.

### **General Impression:**

Wonderful work has been carried out again this year in Clashmore which reflects great credit on your residents and their interests in the preservation of their environment. Continue to maintain and indeed improve everything you have at the moment and, in addition, judiciously plan for the future by identifying with your partners what you realistically achieve on a year to year basis within your physical and financial resources. The adjudicator looks forward very much to returning to Clashmore again next year to see further progress made.

### **Second Round Adjudication:**

The Youghal approach roadsides looked rather raw – they had clearly been recently severely cut back. The well painted pumps were favourably noted. The well mown grass of amenity areas and in particular at the beautiful riverside was admired. The colourful buildings contribute much to the village atmosphere. A few shabby buildings and drab boundary walls needed attention, similarly some road signs. Litter commendably was not a problem. The Heritage Centre and the old grave yard were exemplary. There is scope for further maintenance of stone walls. In short you need to achieve a consistent high standard in order to gain a substantial increase of marks.