

Tidy Towns Competition 2005

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Castledaly**

Ref: **275**

County: **Westmeath**

Mark: **209**

Category: **A**

Date: **07/07/2005**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	
The Built Environment	40	31	
Landscaping	40	28	
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	
Litter Control	40	27	
Tidiness	20	15	
Residential Areas	30	20	
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	
General Impression	10	7	
TOTAL MARK	300	209	

Overall Developmental Approach:

The completed application form and map were helpful to the adjudicator, however as suggested in the last report, a five year plan would help in identifying areas that need attention and would keep the committee and wider committee focussed.

The involvement of the young people in the community is very commendable and will pay dividends in the future. Congratulations in assisting the National School to achieve the Green Flag Award. It is also good to see cooperation between the GAA, School children, Senior Citizens, pioneers etc. With this increased level of cooperation and involvement the committee should strive to develop a longer term plan to focus the entire community. Good Luck in your endeavours!

The Built Environment:

As identified in the application form the abandoned shop and surrounding grounds in the centre of the village is tragic in every sense. The GAA grounds while generally neatly maintained need some work. The walls are discoloured and while it is noted that some of these are planted overall the impression is not good. Fitzgeralds Pub continues to look very well with wonderfully maintained floral features. The School and Church are very well presented – the flat roof at the left of the school could do with some attention though. The Community Centre development commendable-it is looking really well. The stone walls, seating area and additional planting's are a wonderful addition and add to it's overall attractiveness. Well done.

Landscaping:

Strimming and verge maintenance was evident in most areas. It was clearly underway at the time of inspection as there was still some overgrowth on the Athlone approach roads. Grass collection is also crucial to the overall impression of tidiness on arrival in the village. As suggested in last years report the planting of similar tree species would help to unify and link what is a dispersed and spread out village.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The information submitted on local wildlife was not very informative. More details and evidence of work underway in this area is necessary if marks are to be gained in this category.

Litter Control:

Litter control is very good throughout the village and little or no litter was present on the day of inspection. Well done!

Tidiness:

Further verge cutting and grass collection would add to the overall impression of tidiness throughout the village but the adjudicator has made allowance for the fact that the village is sprawling by nature and that this is therefore a challenging category for the committee.

Residential Areas:

Residents clearly take pride in the appearance of their homes and most are very well presented. Continued good work!

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Some areas were neatly cut back while others need some more attention. The Athlone road is well presented as is Castledaly Manor and its yard. Some overgrowth is noticeable on the Ballinahown road. The two minor roads around the Community Centre have improved substantially and this adds greatly to this general area. There is clearly restoration work underway in the graveyard and the adjudicator looks forward to improvements in this area. Apart from the shop area in the centre of the village, roads, streets and back areas are generally well presented.

General Impression:

The wildlife category needs to be addressed as done the issue of developing a longer term plan. Overall Castledaly is improving well, keep up the good work and rewards will follow!