

Tidy Towns Competition 2005

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Dysart-Westmeath**

Ref: **423**

County: **Westmeath**

Mark: **172**

Category: **A**

Date: **18/07/2005**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	31
The Built Environment	40	22	22
Landscaping	40	24	23
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	13
Litter Control	40	28	28
Tidiness	20	10	10
Residential Areas	30	19	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	19	19
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	172	171

Overall Developmental Approach:

The adjudicator would like to thank the Committee for the completed application form and map. With only three members you have achieved a lot. A brief 3/5 year plan would be helpful to the committee and adjudicator, this need only be a brief outline for future plans for the village.

The Built Environment:

The Church and grounds are well maintained. The entrance to the house beside the Church is quite weedy. The recycling bins are a welcome addition but this area needs to be tidied up. Big long concrete slabs are unsightly here. Work was noted at the derelict building as outlined in your application form, however additional planting of roses or other suitable flowers is needed. The stone wall is attractive as are the barrels and tresses. If attention is not paid to the old school it will fall into disrepair. The pump is located in a focal point and stonewalls here are very attractive. The Country Inn would benefit from well planted window boxes and painting.

Landscaping:

The planted trees will look well when they mature. The trees planed at the Millennium stone are well secured with attractive posts. This is a lovely feature for the village, the planting is lovely and very colourful. The shrubberies outside of the Church were well maintained and are now maturing

nicely.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The grassed areas are sensitively cut to allow for wildlife. Dysart offers excellent wetland, hedging and grassland habitat for wildlife development and in this regard the Committee should contact Enfo and also refer to some of the publications they produce on wildlife conservation. (Tel: 01/8883910).

Litter Control:

There was very little litter in evidence on the day of inspection. It would be nice to see involvement of the local school children in a litter awareness programme.

Tidiness:

Sprayed dead weeds need to be removed in a number of areas as this creates an untidy appearance. The Church and grounds are exceptionally well maintained as is the amenity area. The signs throughout the village are clean

Residential Areas:

Most of the residences are well presented. As mentioned the entrance of the house adjacent to the Church was most untidy. Floral displays and hanging baskets were evident in most of the houses surrounding the village and nice to see some work has been completed on the derelict building.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Work was carried out on all approach roads and they gave a welcoming feel to the village. Although some roads had been sprayed the dead grass remained. Problems with shop and buildings have been noted and we wish the committee well in overcoming these in time to come.

General Impression:

Dysart is a small village which on the evening of adjudication looked well. The Committee definitely need the support of the whole community, this would pay dividends and help achieve valuable marks. A tremendous amount of work completed with only three members - well done.

Second Round Adjudication: