

Tidy Towns Competition 2005

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Glasson**

Ref: **501**

County: **Westmeath**

Mark: **246**

Category: **B**

Date: **10/08/2005**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	44	44
The Built Environment	40	33	33
Landscaping	40	34	33
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	22	22
Litter Control	40	34	33
Tidiness	20	17	16
Residential Areas	30	22	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	32	32
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	246	243

Overall Developmental Approach:

The adjudicator would like to thank the Committee for the completed application form and map. The roses look really well and are becoming more and more effective as they mature. It is good to see so much involvement with the local community, school, FAS, businesses, etc. well done. The adjudicator looks forward to receiving the new long term plan next year.

The Built Environment:

Overall the village looks very well - the buildings are very well maintained. Despite very heavy traffic through the centre of the village all buildings are very well maintained and presented. The Health Centre still needs some work however. The Village Restaurant looked particularly well on the day of the visit. The Garage at the junction of Benown and Ballymahon roads has really improved - well done.

Landscaping:

The Rose Garden and landscaped area on the Moate road is maturing well. The bench and it's granite base are a lovely addition. The issue of cars kill the grass along the verge remains however. Some strimming is needed around the "Welcome" sign on the Moate approach road and in keeping with the rose theme it is suggested that the base of this sign be planted with roses. Overall very

effective verge maintenance and weed control throughout. The predominant use of red and pink roses is very effective.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

No additional information was supplied in this category on the application form. The adjudicator looks forward to receiving the proposed 'Wildlife Plan' referred to in the overall 5 year plan. Additional bat boxes should be encouraged.

Litter Control:

Litter control is excellent in Glasson village and there was no litter present on the day of inspection.

Tidiness:

Glasson has a very tidy appearance overall. The 'Unique Bathrooms' car park area has improved substantially, the oil tank area still needs some improvements and try to keep pallets screened away-keep up the good work!

Residential Areas:

Residential areas in Glasson are of a very high standard. Local pride clearly in evidence throughout, continued good work!

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Some marginal verge cutting need on the Moate approach road. All other approach roads were maintained to a very high standard, well done to all involved.

General Impression:

Glasson is a most attractive village. The range of support from the various community representatives is commendable and clearly paying dividends. Well done!

Second Round Adjudication:

There was a great display of colour during the second adjudication on a quiet Saturday in August. You are to be complemented for coping with such busy traffic and at the same time presenting your approach roads to such a high standard. The Mill Stream Park at the bridge is really sweet and relaxing. The grassed area of the Heritage Centre was below standard and needed attention. The building itself will only look its best if the environs are presented to a high standard. The lock up garages opposite the Heritage Centre need painting on this focal point together with the gable end of the corner house. We notice your five year plan is due to expire in 2006. Ideally you should revisit the plan and try and fill in any gaps not yet achieved. We commend you on the high standard of hedge cutting and grass margins in particular, interspersed with attractive roadside rose displays. A really fine performance from Glasson, well done.