

# Tidy Towns Competition 2005

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Loughnavalley**

Ref: **353**

County: **Westmeath**

Mark: **170**

Category: **A**

Date: **09/07/2005**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	25
The Built Environment	40	23	23
Landscaping	40	26	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	10	10
Litter Control	40	23	22
Tidiness	20	12	11
Residential Areas	30	18	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	25
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>166</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

The adjudicator would like to thank Loughnavalley Tidy Towns Committee for their report and for all the work during the year. Continued progress is being noticed. On arrival the overall impression is of a well cared for village. The Adjudicator looks forward to receiving the 5 year plan for the village. This will be very helpful in focussing the committee and the wider community in the overall objectives

### The Built Environment:

As mentioned in the application form there is a lot of construction underway in Loughnavalley, as this nears completion the overall appearance of the approach roads will improve. It is good to hear of the restoration work underway in the centre of the village. The stone grotto at the Church will also be a nice feature when completed.

### Landscaping:

Loughnavalley is tastefully landscaped throughout and looks very well. the flower beds are really well maintained and there is a lovely mix of colour as one passes through the village. The trees have matured really well and the hanging baskets are very attractive throughout. One looks forward to receiving the 5 plan to hear the longer term objectives in this area. A good category for the

village-keep up the good work.

### **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

The graveyard continues to be well maintained. It is good to hear the school teachers and pupils are enthusiastic about a wildlife garden. The Adjudicator looks forward to hearing more about developments in this area.

### **Litter Control:**

Little or no litter was in evidence on the day of inspection. The recycling bin area was very neatly maintained-well done.

### **Tidiness:**

The village is very attractive and tidiness prevails throughout despite the amount of construction and restoration work underway. The wider village area will improve greatly when this work is complete.

### **Residential Areas:**

The standard of the residential areas continues to be high in the village. Local pride is very evident and residents are clearly focussed on growing the village into the 'hamlet' referred to in the application form. Continued good work to all.

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

Verges are very well maintained throughout the village with each approach road welcoming the visitor with a lovely selection of maturing trees, shrubs and floral features. Overall a very attractive village which will do very well in this category as the construction/restoration work nears completion.

### **General Impression:**

The village is really very attractive and the efforts of the committee are clearly paying dividends. Concentrate on developing the longer term plan and building on the existing levels of awareness, interest and support amongst the diverse interest groups and your work will pay dividends. Keep up the good work.

### **Second Round Adjudication:**