

# Tidy Towns Competition 2005

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Multyfarnham**

Ref: **540**

County: **Westmeath**

Mark: **209**

Category: **A**

Date: **19/07/2005**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	34
The Built Environment	40	33	33
Landscaping	40	32	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	27	27
Tidiness	20	14	13
Residential Areas	30	20	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	27
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>208</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Many thanks for your application form and map. However, your submission should have included a schedule of work completed for the year and a brief three-to-five year Development Plan. This plan will help you identify what can be done to improve the village over the next few years and the resources you will require. In addition, the works-completed schedule will allow you to monitor your achievements on a regular basis.

### The Built Environment:

An Tintain restaurant, Lennon's Shop and Weir's Pub are fine examples of commercial premises at their best. The Garda Station was neatly maintained. The Parish Church and its grotto are also nicely presented. The forge was nicely painted and the adjudicator noted the site notice on this historic building. The stone walls at the Franciscan Friary are well maintained and are a nice feature. The GAA clubhouse is a credit to the community.

### Landscaping:

The floral arrangements throughout the village serve as a reminder of the efforts made by the community to maintain a picturesque village. Since winning the Endeavour Award 8 years ago it is evident that the community has not rested on its laurels! The Village Green is well-kept, and the

landscaping at the Lisaney / Bunbrosna junction was pleasing to the eye. As mentioned last year, it would be nice to see the stone work on the bridge continued as far as the Friary wall. Some flower tubs were in need of planting, but overall Multyfarnham continues to do well in this category.

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

The wildlife park, as noted last year, remains in need of interpretation and the adjudicator looks forward to its completion. The riverside is an ideal wildlife habitat and should be exploited as such.

### **Litter Control:**

Litter control in the village centre was relatively good, but the recycling area was very untidy and the river and its banks at the bridge were badly littered. This was noted with disappointment by the adjudicator, as Multyfarnham, with a little more effort, should score highly in this category.

### **Tidiness:**

Wirescape is not a issue in Multyfarnham and the service pole-mounted street lighting is unobtrusive. Most businesses have kept the exterior of their premises litter free and neat but some attention to weeding is required.

### **Residential Areas:**

Some lawns in the holiday home area were in need of attention. The standard in the main street area was high and the displays of flowers added a perfusion of colour to the village. The terrace was well presented, and it's residents are to be lauded for their efforts.

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

All approaches to the village were of a high standard, half barrels of flowers provided a colourful welcome and the signage was clear. The mature trees on the Bunbrosna approach enhance this road, as did the stone wall on the Crookedwood approach. The road surfaces were poor in places, no doubt to the heavy traffic to and from the quarry. Some footpaths were also in need of maintenance.

### **General Impression:**

Multyfarnham is certainly moving in the right direction. The pending Village Enhancement Plan should have a huge impact on the area. It is only with such a plan that the community becomes single-minded in its effort to attain set goals. The adjudicator wishes you all the very best of luck in this endeavour.

### **Second Round Adjudication:**