

Tidy Towns Competition 2005

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Raharney**

Ref: **282**

County: **Westmeath**

Mark: **199**

Category: **B**

Date: **21/07/2005**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	38	38
The Built Environment	40	29	29
Landscaping	40	31	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	15
Litter Control	40	24	23
Tidiness	20	12	11
Residential Areas	30	19	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	23
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	199	196

Overall Developmental Approach:

Many thanks for your application form and detailed map. As your development plans nears an end it is clearly evident that much of the proposed work has been carried out with excellent results. It goes to show how such a plan can focus the minds of the community.

The Built Environment:

Raharney is a fine example of what can be done with a little community effort. The village is very well presented and the new park is a credit to all concerned. The Granite blends well into its surroundings and it's car park was well maintained. The Church looked well and the bell tower and railings were nicely painted.

Landscaping:

The hybrid roses in front of the park add huge colour to what is likely the focal point of the village. The park area is wonderfully kept, as is the grotto. Flowers throughout the village are a nice touch, and residents and business owners alike are to be congratulated for their effort. The Grand Gates and Milk Stand are also very well maintained, although some weed control at the base of the Milk Stand wouldn't go amiss!

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The area around the grotto on the banks of the river is an ideal wildlife habitat. The development of this area is subtle yet obvious. Continue to keep it as clean as it was on the day of inspection and in no time the rewards will be evident.

Litter Control:

Raharney is an excellent example of how litter control measures can pay dividends. Only the smallest scatterings of litter were visible on the day of inspection. The recycling area was excellent, and the ample car park at this area was litter free and in excellent condition.

Tidiness:

An extremely tidy village. Kudos to the community!

Residential Areas:

The houses were, almost without exception, immaculately maintained and presented. The stone façade at Ashcroft Park looked particularly well. Some of the footpaths were in need of a little attention, but otherwise, a good category for Raharney

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Attention needs to be paid to the trimming of verges on most approach roads. The potted flowers provided a colourful welcome and the signs were nicely maintained. If I may suggest, would it be possible to provide public seating and landscaping at the wide roadside spaces on the Delvin approach?

General Impression:

Credit where credit is due- the Raharney community has done an excellent job on their home. Well done!

Second Round Adjudication: