

Tidy Towns Competition 2006

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Myshall** Ref: **42**
County: **Carlow** Mark: **242**
Category: **B** Date(s): **16/06/2006**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2006
Overall Development Approach	50	39
The Built Environment	50	33
Landscaping	50	35
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	25
Litter Control	50	27
Waste Minimisation	20	4
Tidiness	30	16
Residential Areas	40	29
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	28
General Impression	10	6
TOTAL MARK	400	242

Overall Development Approach:

Myshall is welcome to the 2006 National Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your completed application with its useful back up information this was helpful during adjudication. We note from your submission your plans to develop Sli Na Slainte routes to incorporate old walking routes plus historical sites, as well as the flora and fauna of the area; we wish you every success in this excellent initiative. Your proposed bi-lingual information board with records of old graves for the burial grounds is an excellent idea also; we look forward in charting your progress with these initiatives over the next few years.

The Built Environment:

The community centre looks really well and the church building is charming. The school boundary wall needs to be cleaned and or painted. Public houses would look better without their dated Guinness signs and other premises in some instances are weather stained and would be improved by cleaning or painting. Encourage shops to eliminate posters from their shop windows and doors as they spoil what can be an otherwise good presentation.

Landscaping:

Tobar Bhríde continues to be maintained to a high standard well done for this. Green roadside verges on approach roads and entrances to the town are being neatly maintained and in some instances planted, those responsible are to be commended. Your plan to remove forestry trees and plant native deciduous trees and hedgerow in their place will have far reaching implications for the wildlife status of the area. What a nice idea your school Garden Club is, hopefully this will spread to other towns and villages around country.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Your flora and fauna wildlife panel in your small park has been noted and well done on this initiative. As noted already the planting of native trees and hedgerow will be supportive of wildlife. Perhaps the school children could become involved in a wildlife project such as a bird count or indeed developing a wildlife garden. Your proposal for the planting of a green tunnel play area is intriguing and the adjudicator is looking forward to looking at this when complete; well done to the pupils of the local school for their efforts to achieve their Green Flag which was blowing around nicely on the day of adjudication.

Litter Control:

Litter control was quiet good around the village and on approach roads but was weak outside the Brian Case premises. We note from your submission that the school is involved in the high standard of maintenance of Myshall and their input is acknowledged here, well done also in your participation in the National Spring Clean week and your participation in the Litter League.

Waste Minimisation:

Your recycling point is noted and its standard of presentation was excellent. We note your intention to have street litterbins designed that will segregate waste for recycling and look forward to this development. Congratulations to the school pupils in getting their Green Flag.

Tidiness:

Your work to remove rubble, refuse, and unsightly weeds has paid dividends as Myshall looked really tidy on the day of adjudication. We note also your achievement in cleaning of the area beside St Finians church. The overall appearance of Myshall is one of tidiness, however an untidy site in the heart of the village beside the Brian Case building is a bit of an eyesore, hopefully this problem will be addressed in the not too distant future

Residential Areas:

Older properties within the village are being nicely maintained for the most part. We note a lot of new residential developments which has taken place in recent times in many instances the green open spaces have not yet been developed to a high standard and hopefully this problem will be addressed in a short period of time. Hopefully your new residents will have a strong commitment to the environment, and to the Tidy Towns work in particular, as have residents of old.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

We wish you well in your plans to have ugly service poles removed from the street and replaced with attractive lampstandards and in having your service cables ducted. Some finger post signs are in need of refurbishment. Footpath and road surfaces are generally quite good. Approach road entrances and nameplates were all nicely presented.

General Impression:

Myshall is a charming village located in wonderful countryside against the backdrop of gentle hills and countryside; the village is going through a transitional period which when passed will bring Myshall to new heights in the competition with new hands on board for the Tidy Towns effort.