

Tidy Towns Competition 2006

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Clonmany** Ref: **306**
County: **Donegal** Mark: **222**
Category: **B** Date(s): **16/06/2006**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2006
Overall Development Approach	50	25
The Built Environment	50	37
Landscaping	50	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	12
Litter Control	50	35
Waste Minimisation	20	10
Tidiness	30	18
Residential Areas	40	27
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	24
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	400	222

Overall Development Approach:

No map of the village was provided with your excellently completed entry form. We hope we have not missed seeing any important features or sites, but if so it will be due to not having the guidance that a map provides. Your comments about developers and planners are appreciated. It was lovely to see children undertaking lollipop duty outside the school - this gave a very pleasing impression of the spirit of the people of Clonmany.

The Built Environment:

The built environment is unusually unscathed in this attractive village. The church and the graveyard around it were well presented at the time of the visit. St Mary's Hall, the School and the Heath Centre looked very smart indeed. (At the latter the adjudicator was given immediate attention, having been bitten by a cur in Malin!) The Firepalce Centre looked well with its whitewashed walls. The Market House - if that's what it is, we had no map to consult - forms a most attractive centrepiece to the formality of the village; a pity that there is a conspicuously vacant building adjacent. All business houses were well painted and many had been re-roofed.

Landscaping:

The new central garden, with its excellent boundary walls, had been tastefully installed since last year. This feature gives a new focal point to the square, complementing the architectural feature which is the Market House. Tubs and other floral decorations were seen at a number of points throughout the village. The sports field was well cared for.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

This mark is a notional one, and is quite low - perhaps unfairly so, but you have not given any information on your entry form. It is possible that there are ongoing school projects under this heading - they are most

desirable. In a locality where there are so many wild life resources there must be ways in which you can encourage the local public and visitors to the region to enjoy them. The guidelines in the Tidy Towns handbook should be of assistance. Your tree planting record is certainly good.

Litter Control:

Litter control was very good on the date of the visit. The only place where conspicuous litter was seen was on Binan Bay road (the spelling may be incorrect). Congratulations to the FAS workers for doing so well.

Waste Minimisation:

This is an above average mark in the first year of this new category - a category which will increase in importance as time goes on. It is excellent that use is being made of the recycling station at Carndonagh, which had been inspected on the same day.

Tidiness:

Clonmany is also very tidy. Only one untidy site was noticed - adjacent to the Fireplace Centre - and the vacant houses in the square and opposite the church.

Residential Areas:

The houses in the centre of the village are what gives Clonmany its unique charm. As most of the village is residential the remarks made under 'Buildings' above also apply. Riverside Park impressed, with its neat stone porches and pitched roofs. The neatness and homeliness of the settlement beside the Health Centre is a tribute to those who run it. There are ample opportunities for further tree planting in recent developments.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The undergrounding of cables and the provision of superior lamp standards has made an immeasurable difference. The new car park was well kept at the time of the visit. Road surfaces and paving are generally good.

General Impression:

This has been a most pleasant village to visit and enjoy. The people who have their homes here are to be envied, and also to be congratulated on the manner in which they keep their properties. Some of the marking is low - for example, under Wild Life, where initiatives appear to be failing - but most are well above average. Best wishes for the continued good work.