

# Tidy Towns Competition 2006

## *Adjudication Report*

Centre: **Pike of Rushall** Ref: **737**  
County: **Laois** Mark: **182**  
Category: **A** Date(s): **05/08/2006**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2006
Overall Development Approach	50	25
The Built Environment	50	22
Landscaping	50	21
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	18
Litter Control	50	27
Waste Minimisation	20	7
Tidiness	30	11
Residential Areas	40	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	23
General Impression	10	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>182</b>

### **Overall Development Approach:**

Pike of Rushall Tidy Towns Committee is indeed welcome to the competition. You would appear to have a high level of support from the local community and the benefit of their participation. The involvement of local business people and strong communication with the local school will also be of great benefit to you. It is important at this stage to formulate a work programme. This document need only be a few pages long outlining your plans for the village and setting a timeframe against their achievement.

### **The Built Environment:**

A tin roof of a very prominent outbuilding on the main road was in need of painting on the day, and should be repainted in its traditional red colour. The school was admired but it was felt some landscaping would improve the somewhat harsh appearance of its grounds. It sported its Green Flag proudly on the day. The simple church was most charming and fresh. Its grounds and graveyard looked well but its boundary wall was in need of attention. Your plans for the improvement of the graveyard and the construction of a footpath to the school are looked forward to.

### **Landscaping:**

The attractive landscaping of petunias and pansies and roses in front of a house on the main road was greatly admired. The plans you have for work in the vicinity of the school and church were noted and are looked forward to. Tree planting is a good idea as it will be of benefit to future generations.

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

Plans in relation to organising a wildlife survey with the help of the local schoolchildren are commendable. The rare bat species certainly sounds very interesting. Good luck with plans to research of red squirrel and barn

owl.

**Litter Control:**

The standard in this category of the competition could have been better on the day. The odd paper was evident on the main road and quite a lot was evident on the road Camross road leading to the school. Your plans in relation to litter patrols should improve this situation, as should the placing of litter bins in judicious locations.

**Waste Minimisation:**

The Green Flag was noted at the school. This category of the competition relates to waste management and general recycling issues, both domestically and business wise. Do read your Tidy Towns Handbook and Race Against Waste brochure for ideas for furthering it. They have suggestions on organising seminars and workshops in relation to recycling and composting.

**Tidiness:**

The boundary wall of the car parking area was badly in need of painting on the day. Weed control was needed at the front of the school. Your plans in relation to footpaths and signage were noted. Good luck with your efforts to lobby local politicians.

**Residential Areas:**

An attractive garden with cheerful red poppies was admired on the road to the school. Most houses in the area are individual premises. Your plans in relation to this category appear to be sensible and achievable.

**Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

Grass verges on the approach from Castletown were generally reasonably well maintained but could have been neater. That from Camross was quite overgrown and had cow parley and thistles. Road surfaces were quite rough.

**General Impression:**

Pike of Rushall is a small hamlet, which has the potential to perform well in the competition. Good luck with your work in relation to the quarry.