

Tidy Towns Competition 2006

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Shanahoe** Ref: **162**
County: **Laois** Mark: **232**
Category: **A** Date(s): **07/08/2006**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2006
Overall Development Approach	50	32
The Built Environment	50	33
Landscaping	50	33
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	17
Litter Control	50	37
Waste Minimisation	20	6
Tidiness	30	15
Residential Areas	40	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	33
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	400	232

Overall Development Approach:

Many thanks for your submission, which was helpful on the day. Do you have a work programme? This would be of great benefit to you, as you could clearly set out your plans for the village and also in order that you can see your work develop as the years go by. It would also be helpful to the adjudicators in order that they can assess how you are progressing with your objectives. You would appear to have a good working relationship with local schools and Laois County Council.

The Built Environment:

The national school looked very fresh although its boundary wall could possibly be painted before next year's competition. The mural looked very bright and cheerful. The modern church was admired. The work you have performed in this area is to be applauded. The shop with the old - fashioned petrol pumps, which had been freshly painted, created a positive impact.

Landscaping:

Rose beds on approach roads created a cheerful display and were most welcoming. The planted bed in the vicinity of the church was admired. Attractive clematis to a wall in the vicinity of the shop looked very elegant. Planting of trees is always applauded, as they will be an investment for future generations.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The ongoing maintenance of the existing wildlife area is laudable. What is the nature of your project opposite the graveyard? Have you considered any other wildlife projects? Many towns and villages find it useful to draw up a survey of wildlife habitats in the locality. The local school can be useful in this regard.

Litter Control:

A single plastic yoghurt carton was noted on the Mountrath Road and another item of litter on the far side of the village on the Abbeyleix road. But otherwise the village was to a high standard. The participation of the local school in Laois Clean Up Week is to be applauded.

Waste Minimisation:

Recycling bins at the graveyard were well maintained. This category of the competition relates to waste management, segregation, recycling and composting issues. Do read your Tidy Towns Handbook for ideas for furthering this aspect of your submission. The Race Against Waste Brochure also contains some good ideas. Are the local schools participating in the Green Flags initiative? If so, they could be of great assistance to you in relation to these issues.

Tidiness:

The large outbuilding in the centre of the village should be freshly painted before next year's competition. Work in relation to weed control and road signage obviously was helpful as these were well presented on the day.

Residential Areas:

Houses and gardens along approach roads and in the village centre were generally well maintained on the day. Do ensure that any new houses are finished to a high standard from the point of view of landscaping and materials. They should also be of a style that is in keeping with the character and style of the village.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The approaches to the town were well maintained on the day with mature trees overhanging the roadsides and attractive displays of roses in stone beds. Stone walling created a good impression. We look forward to seeing your new footpaths for next year's competition.

General Impression:

This was the first time the adjudicator had the pleasure of visiting Shanahoe. It is an attractive village and made a good impression.