

Tidy Towns Competition 2006

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Effin - Garrienderk** Ref: **449**
County: **Limerick** Mark: **203**
Category: **A** Date(s): **28/06/2006**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2006
Overall Development Approach	50	27
The Built Environment	50	33
Landscaping	50	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	17
Litter Control	50	27
Waste Minimisation	20	0
Tidiness	30	14
Residential Areas	40	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	27
General Impression	10	6
TOTAL MARK	400	203

Overall Development Approach:

Effin-Garrienderk is welcome to the National Tidy Towns Competition 2006. I think the absence on comments on Garrienderk in last year's report can be explained by this adjudicator in that the two centres are so far apart. The comments below will, in some categories, refer to each centre separately. Out of the ten categories in the Entry Form, there were only comments in two sections, and it would seem that you have no planned projects for either centre, and have not received and sought support from any outside agencies. To progress further in the competition these matters need to be addressed.

The Built Environment:

Effin: The Church and Grotto were both well presented, but the statues in the Crucifixion need attention. The Cemetery was also in good order. Scoil Náfiunta looked well cared for, as was the Community Hall, but as mentioned in last year's report, the jubilee sign should be restored to its former glory. The old Creamery building was well maintained. The GAA club is commended for the manner in which their premises, playing area, parking, and fences are maintained. The new Ashfield engineering premises was under construction

Garrienderk: This Church was also in good order. The business premises of Crown Furniture, Crown Carpets and Dermot Kelly Motors also looked well.

Landscaping:

The conifer planting across from the Church was maturing well, and complimented by a backdrop of native thorn trees. The flower containers at the Church were admired, as was the lovely array of window boxes in the bungalow beside the Church. The tree planting by the boundary fence at the GAA Club is maturing well. In Garrienderk line of varying types of Maple trees was lovely in the Church grounds, and the adjoining house

had a lovely mature garden. Indeed, many of the private dwelling, both new and old, on the roads to and from the two centres had lovely gardens.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

There are miles, and miles of hedgerows, full of wildflowers, all around the two centres, and when the native thorns are in full bloom it must be a wonderful scene. Have you considered entering the Limerick County Council's Golden Mile Competition?

Litter Control:

Hedge and verge cutting had commenced, which in turn exposed all the old litter that had gathered on the roadsides over the previous months on many of the approaches to Effin. The centre of the village fared better. Garrienderk presented well in this category.

Waste Minimisation:

You make no reference whatsoever to this category in your entry form. This is a new category for 2006, and your committee needs to study the Race Against Waste booklet which gives information on composting, recycling clothes, the schools Green Flag project, etc. You may also get some useful information on this category from the Environmental Section of Limerick County Council.

Tidiness:

Both centres presented well in this area, but the boundary walls and outside area of Dermot Kelly Motors needs attention. The car park area of the Community Hall would be much improved if the loose gravel was removed. A few of the farm entrances also need attention.

Residential Areas:

There are many fine private dwellings, old and new, dotted along all approaches to both centres, and almost all are maintained to a very high standard. Being such a rural location, there are almost as many farms in the area, many of which are well maintained, but a few are in need of attention.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The road surface the approach from Kilmallock is poor. As noted in last year's report, the absence of 'Welcome to Effin' signage is confusing to the uninitiated. The sign posts on both approaches to Garrienderk are in good order, and being on the main Kilmallock to Charleville road, the surfaces were also good.

General Impression:

Effin Garrienderk, as you state, is a much dispersed parish with no visible connecting points, and also are miles from one another. As recommended in last year's report, the addition of some complimentary signage for both centres may improve this situation. We wish you well with your endeavours.