

# Tidy Towns Competition 2006

## *Adjudication Report*

Centre: **Feenagh** Ref: **450**  
County: **Limerick** Mark: **227**  
Category: **A** Date(s): **13/06/2006**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2006
Overall Development Approach	50	32
The Built Environment	50	31
Landscaping	50	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	18
Litter Control	50	36
Waste Minimisation	20	5
Tidiness	30	13
Residential Areas	40	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	30
General Impression	10	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>227</b>

### **Overall Development Approach:**

Thank you for your entry form, with useful map, and you are again welcome to the National Tidy Towns Competition for 2006. Your committee of ten is commended for involving so many of the community, including the youth of the village, in your activities. It is noted that you are receiving support from the several agencies, including Limerick County Council, Eircom, GAA, Community Council, ICA and some individuals.

### **The Built Environment:**

The village fared better in this category this year, as some of the business premises had been freshly painted. The School and grounds, Library and Community Centre also looked well. Two FAS workers were busy painting the walls and railings of the Church, but the Church itself is still badly in need of power-washing, or painting. The Central Stores also needs painting, and the old sign above the Butcher's needs attention. The old building awaiting redevelopment is now in an even worse state of dereliction, with broken windows, but hopefully this will be resolved soon. We wish you well with progress on the new Sewerage Treatment Plant.

### **Landscaping:**

Noted the lovely new ½ barrels and planters, planted with some lovely New Zealand Flax, perennial Geraniums, Ivy together with healthy summer bedding. The planting at the Millennium feature could be improved with some colourful planting, and the back wall needs painting. Noted the new trees had been planted inside the wall opposite the Millennium stone, but some are not thriving and need proper staking. As mentioned in last year's report, many of the trees planted along the pavement are still in a very poor condition, and some of the dead. Please note that Prunus (Cherry) is not a good tree to plant in pavement areas, as they have a very high root system and in time will damage the pavement. Consideration could be given to planting some ivy plants to screen the breeze block wall at the GAA club.

**Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

The name Feenagh (woodland place) speaks for itself – a natural wildlife habitat. You mentioned in the report the purchase of some new bird tables, but the school yard had only one little bird table which was still in need of repair. Perhaps, in cooperation with your new Walking Club, you will in time develop some marked/mapped nature trails, which visitors and locals could enjoy.

**Litter Control:**

Litter was noted all along the parking area by the GAA club, and had also gathered by some of the old access gates to farmlands. But the centre of the village was in good order.

**Waste Minimisation:**

Pleased to note from your report that the school operates a litter segregation programme, and that a local gentleman collects bottles and cans for recycling. As this is a new category for 2006, your committee needs to study the Race Against Waste booklet which gives information on composting, recycling clothes and the participation of the School in the Green Schools initiative, etc. The Environmental Section of Limerick County Council may also provide some useful information.

**Tidiness:**

The hedges had been trimmed. At Recycling Centre there were a number of cans at the base receptacle. A number of old gates into some of the fields need replacing. Pleased to note there had been an improvement to most of the entrances to the farms. But the farmyard by the blue metal gate gives a poor impression. And the Eircom Kiosk had further deteriorated. Even though outside the village, Donegan's Garage on the Ballyagran approach needs a facelift. You could approach the County to place the Bring Bank containers on a concrete base which would make it easier to keep clean and tidy.

**Residential Areas:**

There are no housing estates in the village, but as reported last year, Feenagh has several very fine two-storey farm dwellings, and many were admired. Some other dwellings could be improved by painting. Keep encouraging private dwellers to improve their buildings, and thus increase your mark in this category.

**Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

The welcome sign on the Kilmeedy approach was obscured by overgrown hedging and the same applies to the sign on the Ballyagran approach. The road surfaces were good and the pavements were also in good order.

**General Impression:**

The committee has obviously worked closely with the community over the last year to improve the village, which is of benefit to all concerned. We wish you well with your endeavours, and keep up the good work and advance your standing in the competition.