

Tidy Towns Competition 2006

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Garryspillane** Ref: **219**
County: **Limerick** Mark: **210**
Category: **A** Date(s): **30/06/2006**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2006
Overall Development Approach	50	31
The Built Environment	50	32
Landscaping	50	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	17
Litter Control	50	29
Waste Minimisation	20	0
Tidiness	30	14
Residential Areas	40	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	28
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	400	210

Overall Development Approach:

Garryspillane is welcome to the National Tidy Towns Competition 2006. Thank you for the map which was most useful. It is noted that your committee of eight receives support from Limerick County Council, FAS and Ballyhoura Failte Society. And good luck with your fund raising event in November. We wish you well in your future activities.

The Built Environment:

Garryspillane is a small village and the business premises of Henchy's, with its tidy fourcourt, and O'Sullivan's PO and Shop were well presented, as was the Co-op and the Welcome Inn. The ongoing redevelopment work at the bridge in Knocklong had a knock on affect on Garryspillane, with roadwork and diversion signs in evidence on adjudication day.

Landscaping:

The triangular and circular flower beds, with the tree, shrub and summer bedding plantings, were much admired, as were the stone Welcome to Garryspillane signs, and the plantings at the Cross of the Tree. The floral displays at Henchy's and the Welcome Inn were very attractive. Many trees have been planted on all approaches, and many are thriving, but some of the young trees need staking, and some of the mature trees will benefit from the removal of the lower branches. Work was ongoing on improving the kerbing by the green by O'Sullivan's. Note that you have plans for the Holy Well and the development of an amenity area at the Cross. Keep up the good work

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Like many Irish villages, Garryspillane is set in a natural wildlife area, with miles and miles of beautiful

hedgerows. However, we would encourage you to provide a designated wildlife area in the village, like the identification of a piece of land that could be turned into a wildflower meadow.

Litter Control:

Your attention to detail in this category is paying off and congratulations to all concerned in collecting thirty bags of rubbish already this year. It is noted that you are in discussion with the County Council regarding the provision of litter bins at strategic locations in the village.

Waste Minimisation:

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, organized car or van runs to the local Recycling Centres, etc. You may also get some useful information on this category from the Environmental Section of Limerick County Council.

Tidiness:

The derelict building and heaps of gravel are unsightly, but it is noted that you are planning to resolve this problem. Weed control was behind schedule in some areas, and the yellow and black safety markings on the triangular bed need repainting.

Residential Areas:

As noted in last year's report, Garryspillane, which is located on one very long, busy main road, has a sprinkling of fine private dwellings, new and old, and many possess fine mature gardens.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The roads were fairly quite on the day of adjudication, as traffic diversions were place because of the already mentioned development work in Knocklong. And your lovely landscaped features were somewhat hidden by all the roadwork signage. However, the road surfaces and signage were in good order.

General Impression:

The village, as mentioned, is on a very busy road, and you are to be admired in the way you have turned Garryspillane into an attractive place for everyone to appreciate. And by the amount of new dwellings in the area, many have been attracted to set up home in the village because of all your efforts.