

# Tidy Towns Competition 2006

## *Adjudication Report*

Centre: **Hospital** Ref: **456**  
County: **Limerick** Mark: **205**  
Category: **C** Date(s): **30/06/2006**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2006
Overall Development Approach	50	28
The Built Environment	50	31
Landscaping	50	36
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	15
Litter Control	50	21
Waste Minimisation	20	4
Tidiness	30	12
Residential Areas	40	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	26
General Impression	10	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>205</b>

### **Overall Development Approach:**

Hospital is welcome to the National Tidy Towns Competition 2006. The map was useful, thank you. Noted that your committee has increased to four this year, and perhaps one or two of the residents of the new housing areas may be interested in joining for next year. It is noted that the Limerick County Council and FAS support your activities, and you organize a Church gate collection for funding.

### **The Built Environment:**

Again this year The Church and Grotto, Scoil Tsogáin Ospidéal looked well, as did the Pobalscoil Eoin and the Health Centre. A number of public buildings are weather stained, including National School, and the Credit Union and adjoining buildings need attention. The Community Hall was very well presented. Some of the business premises looked well: O'Neill's, Gannon's, Donies, Post Office, Scoby's and Dawsons. Both garages need refurbishment, and the Jimmy Carroll and Davern's premises are unsightly. Consideration could be given for a whole new look for the main street with a new, cheerful colour scheme to brighten up the area.

### **Landscaping:**

Some of the landscaped features about the town were admired, including the oxeye daisies that have self-sown amongst the hypericum, spirea, wygelia, etc planting on the Limerick approach; the planting by the wall on the Kilmallock Road, as was the under planting at the sign, and the beds of marigolds by the Community Centre were very attractive. Noted that the area around the base of many of the trees has been tidied and the tree plantings about the village, but particularly en route to Galtee View are maturing very well, and the hedging screening the business park is coming on nicely. The fine shrubbery at Pobalscoil Eoin needs attention. Compliments go to the owner yellow bungalow on the Emly Road for the lovely display of handing

baskets and window boxes. And the display of hanging baskets at Molly Dawson's was admired, and other business owners should be encouraged to follow this example.

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

The adjudicator visited the river area by the Church Car Park, but construction work was ongoing, and litter and an old bollard was in the river. The hedgerows on all approaches were in full bloom, with an array of poppies, buttercups, oxeye and poppies to name but a few. Have you considered participating in the Limerick County Council's Golden Mile Competition? You don't mention any plans for development in this category, but would encourage you to give consideration to some suitable venture which could involve the schools in the town.

#### **Litter Control:**

Litter was noted along the Emly and Limerick approaches, by farm gate entrances, in the housing estate at the back of the Business Park, and on the Main Street. There are several litter bins and all should be encouraged to use them.

#### **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 and the schools Green Flag competition, etc. Your bring bank containers were needed cleaning, but some waste is being recycled in the village. Unfortunately, you mention in the submission that there is much apathy in this area. You may also get some useful information on this category from the Environmental Section of Limerick County Council.

#### **Tidiness:**

Weed control was behind schedule, with weeds noticed all along the pavements and roadsides. The old wooden pallet holding up the sign at the pedestrian crossing is very untidy, as is the yard beside Fitzgerald's garage and the area around the Bring Bank. Noted one of the old properties on the Emly Road is for sale, and this, in time should improve this unsightly area.

#### **Residential Areas:**

Many of dwellings in the Galtee View area, and other housing estates looked well, but some of the outside and gable walls need attention. The houses in Glenaire were in good order, one with a particularly fine floral display. The housing development by the Convent looked very well, and Mill Farm deserves special mention. Many of the private dwellings also presented well. The new housing development on the Emly road is still under construction, but the colour scheme is very tasteful.

#### **Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

Many of the signs on the approach roads need attention, in particular the one on the Knocklong road as do the signs at the Killeely junction. The road surfaces were mainly good, but needs attention at the Emly junction. The car park at the Church had recently been resurfaced, and the new pavement by the Church/School.

#### **General Impression:**

Hospital is a fine village, with an interesting history, and it is unfortunate that there is a general lack of interest in your endeavours withing the community. Please continue to involve as many of the interested citizens of the village to help with your work in improving the village as a place for all to enjoy.