

# Tidy Towns Competition 2006

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Shanagolden** Ref: **467**  
County: **Limerick** Mark: **213**  
Category: **A** Date(s): **20/06/2006**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2006
Overall Development Approach	50	29
The Built Environment	50	29
Landscaping	50	33
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	16
Litter Control	50	28
Waste Minimisation	20	5
Tidiness	30	13
Residential Areas	40	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	30
General Impression	10	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>213</b>

### Overall Development Approach:

Shanagolden is welcome to the National Tidy Towns Competition 2006. It is noted that you receive support for your efforts from Limerick County Council, the Cois Sionna Credit Union and FAS. The preparation of an outline map of the village, marking the projects competed and places of interest would be of benefit for future adjudications.

### The Built Environment:

Among the public buildings, the Church, freshly painted, and grounds looked well, as did the Resource Centre, but the outside walls need attention. The graveyard and surrounding area presented well, but the Parish Hall is in poor shape, but looked as if it was being prepared for painting? Some of the business premises presented well, including McIntyres Garage; Snack Attact (for sale); Bustins; Kiely's; Cois Sionna Credit Union; M A Nolans and Patie Joe's, but please remove the Christmas lights. The area by the plaque erected in 2005, honouring the writer James Clarence Mangan 1803-1849 looked well. The Florist's needs urgent attention; the old Co-op building is deteriorating, and is in such a prominent location; Madigan's signage needs painting, as does the Corner Shop premises. The streetscape by Madigan's Funeral Home could benefit from advice from a colour consultant, as the whole area is now painted grey.

### Landscaping:

The new planting feature, in association with FAS, at the entrance to the Community Field, with its fine selection of shrubs, is most attractive. Note that you have plans to develop a walkway, with seating and lighting in this area. The floral displays at the Resource Centre were admired, as were the raised stone beds at the centre of the village. The green area by Bardin's looked well, as did the display at the entrance to Shanid Gardens. Again this year, the display of flowers at the private dwelling opposite the Corner House was splendid. The tree planting at the centre of the village is very good, but a few of the dead trees on the

green area of Parkview need removing.

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

Noted that work has commenced on cleaning up the entrance to the river by the bridge, and that you have further plans to improve this very attractive area. The village has some lovely hedgerows, and these could be improved by the removal of some of the many nettles, with some other wild flowers such as oxeye daisies, foxgloves.

#### **Litter Control:**

Your litter patrols, the involvement of the girl guides, and the anti-litter awareness programme has obviously paid dividends, as the village has much improved in this category. Well done and good luck with the organisation of the anti-litter competition

#### **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, etc. You already have a bring bank, so some waste is being recycled. Noted that you have plans for an awareness campaign of your recycling facility and are requesting Limerick County Council to expand the facility, thus minimize illegal dumping

#### **Tidiness:**

The parking area opposite the Church needs resurfacing and rubbish had been dumped by the little hut. The galvanized roofs of the buildings at the end of the Grey terrace, mentioned above, need attention. The entrance area to the Enterprise Centre presents badly. The entrance to the village from the Foynes approach has been much improved by the screening of the derelict building, but the weeds need controlling at the base of the stone wall close by, but generally weed control was good.

#### **Residential Areas:**

Many private dwellings had been painted and look very well, but others need attention like the pink house opposite the Resource Centre. Noted that two sites nearby are ready for development, and also other building work is underway on the Glin road. The Parkview Estate looked well, but the standard of the dwellings in Shanid Gardens vary. The Shanid Gardens sign would look better if it was mounted on posts rather than leaning against the flower bed.

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

First impressions are important, and the village would be improved by the painting of your unique Failte signs, as mentioned in the 2005 report. The road surfaces were good. Some of the pavements were in poor shape, but noted you are working with the Council and ESB to improve this situation.

#### **General Impression:**

The village of Shanagolden, just 3kms off the N69, is a lovely village with a fine history. Your committee of ten has done much to improve the village for the enjoyment of locals and visitors alike. Please continue your good work.