

# Tidy Towns Competition 2006

## *Adjudication Report*

Centre: **Annagassan** Ref: **487**  
County: **Louth** Mark: **198**  
Category: **A** Date(s): **10/08/2006**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2006
Overall Development Approach	50	29
The Built Environment	50	28
Landscaping	50	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	15
Litter Control	50	29
Waste Minimisation	20	0
Tidiness	30	13
Residential Areas	40	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	25
General Impression	10	5
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>198</b>

### **Overall Development Approach:**

The adjudicator would like to welcome Annagassan to the 2006 Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for the simple but effective map and all locations indicated thereon were visited on adjudication day. Again this year the adjudicator noted that a Tidy Towns Plan had not been submitted with the Entry Form. This Plan prepared by your Tidy Towns Committee should cover a 3 – 5 year period and details the projects that you will undertake each year. It would have been helpful if a little more detail was provided about your various projects on the Entry Form. In respect of most of the recommendations made in the 205 Report little if any action appears to have taken place on the ground. The Entry Form did not indicate if these recommendations had been considered and rejected or considered for implementation in a future year.

### **The Built Environment:**

The presentation of the old Fish House was improved. Your Entry Form states that the building has been 'restored' but what is the new use for this restored building? On the fine road bridge the weed growth on the outsides of the bridge needs to be removed using the necessary safety precautions. At the Credit Union the overall presentation would be improved by the painting of the railing perhaps in black and the screening of the steel container at the back of the property. The O'Neill pub was neatly presented and this is an attractive building in stone and red brick. The property beside the Bakery needs to be painted as does the long concrete building beside the Slans property. The plastic containers used for the flowers at the flower boat area do not look well and this point was raised in the 205 Report. The sea wall on strand road is still in the same condition as noted in 2005 – unfinished and the long weed and grass on the seaward side gets longer. What is the Harbour Project as reference to this was noted on an old sign at the derelict building at the harbour area. Derelict buildings continue to be a problem for Annagassan.

### **Landscaping:**

The new trees in the amenity park are coming on well but the grass in this area needed attention. The grass area below the bridge on the harbour side had been roughly cut and the cut grass not removed. This area has the potential to be quite attractive. The Stoney Garden was quite well presented and this is an attractive roadside area. The other landscaped areas in the village were quite well presented.

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

No action of any sort appears to have been taken on the recommendations contained in the 2005 Report.

#### **Litter Control:**

Litter control was not as good as that noted on adjudication day in 2005. Litter this year was noted in the following areas –

- Road to the harbour
- Across from the Fish House behind the stone wall
- Along the grass margin near the Saltings housing estate
- On the landscaped area with the flower boat
- On Farm Road
- At the Stoney Garden and on the Togher road
- On the Balterstown road

Your Tidy Towns Plan needs to have a section on litter control and the measures that you can take to reduce the present problem.

#### **Waste Minimisation:**

This is a new category in the Tidy Towns Competition introduced in 2006. The purpose of this new category is to encourage Tidy Towns Committees and the community that they support to get involved in projects that will reduce waste and encourage recycling. Marks can be gained by Annagassan for the promotion of best practice. This can include community guidance on methods of reducing waste, segregating litter during clean up events. You could also consider a partnership with local firms and businesses to encourage them to reduce unnecessary waste.

#### **Tidiness:**

The presentation of the harbour area was not as good as that experienced during the 2005 adjudication. The verges on the approach road had been very roughly cut but grass and weed growth was noted all over the harbour area. Weed and grass growth was especially bad around the two white steel units in this area. On the small road to the harbour area if possible the field gates should be painted. The area opposite the Fish House behind the gap in the stone wall was quite untidy.

#### **Residential Areas:**

Residential areas were quite well presented though at the Saltings the internal road needs to be resurfaced. Houses along the Strand Road were well and some good landscaping was admired. Again this year An Riann shows how landscaped areas should be presented – well done to all the residents here. The presentation of the town houses opposite would be improved by the removal of the weed and grass growth at the roadside kerbing. This area also needs trees.

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

The Castlebellingham approach road presentation had improved over that noted during the 2005 visit. The presentation of other roads was at the best the same as last year but generally the presentation of these roads was below that noted during the 2005 visit.

#### **General Impression:**

The Tidy Towns priorities for Annagassan remain the same as noted in the 2005 Report with the addition of litter control –

- Preparation of Tidy Towns Plan
- Approach roads
- The Harbour area
- Derelict buildings
- Wildlife and natural amenities
- Litter control.

