

# Tidy Towns Competition 2006

## *Adjudication Report*

Centre: **Enfield** Ref: **578**  
County: **Meath** Mark: **247**  
Category: **C** Date(s): **10/07/2006**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2006
Overall Development Approach	50	43
The Built Environment	50	25
Landscaping	50	36
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	28
Litter Control	50	28
Waste Minimisation	20	5
Tidiness	30	17
Residential Areas	40	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	32
General Impression	10	8
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>247</b>

### **Overall Development Approach:**

The adjudicator would like to welcome Enfield to the 2006 Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for the excellent map that was most useful on adjudication day together with the back-up documentation. The adjudicator notes that you are finding it difficult to recruit volunteers to help with your work and this is a problem that is affecting many aspects of Irish life. Congratulations on being placed 2nd in the Waterways Award and for your participation in the Pride of Place Competition. The Tidy Towns Plan for Enfield was not included with your documentation though the Enfield Environmental Group papers gave a good overall picture of what is happening in Enfield. It is important that your committee prepares a 3 year Tidy Towns Plan that identifies your targeted projects each year. It is useful to add an indicative cost figure for each project together with potential supporting partners.

### **The Built Environment:**

The adjudicator was quite surprised at the level of heavy traffic moving through Enfield despite the bye-pass. This makes the presentation of buildings difficult. However Enfield has quite a number of buildings that seem to fit well to the built environment and these included Flattery's. An excellent colour scheme was noted here using green and black, and good signage. However there are still a number of large projecting signs that detract from the linear view down either side of the long main street. Plastic signs were also noted and the use of plastic for such signs is now out of date. Can you committee do some further work further on these two problems? Some cables have been put underground and this makes a big difference to the overall appearance of Enfield. The work carried out by your Committee at the Station is commendable and the results speak for themselves in terms of visual impact.

**Landscaping:**

The Canal Leisure Park is really superbly presented; the grass areas were very neatly cut and the beautiful trees and canal water combine to provide a beautifully relaxing location. At the Dublin road roundabout the adjudicator would like to have seen some added colour as the large centre area looked a little dull. Generally the landscaping on approach roads reached a high standard especially on the Trim approach road where the standard of maintenance was extremely high. Near the Station entrance the Boxwood 'Enfield' looked so well and is a fine feature of the town.

**Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

Some of the points that you identified in your Entry Form in respect of this category seem to have been presented last year as well. The programme of signage replacement with Waterways Ireland is welcomed and we look forward to seeing the results of that next year. The Millennium Wood as always is a well presented amenity of high public value.

**Litter Control:**

What is your litter control plan apart from the involvement with the school and the all important talks to the classes at the school? On adjudication day litter control was excellent. The Leisure Park where there were problems in 2005 in respect of litter did not have the same difficulty on adjudication day this year.

**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 Enfield 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 in Enfield to encourage them to reduce unnecessary waste. The mulch bank and the segregation of litter after collection is a worthwhile contribution to waste minimisation in Enfield.

**Tidiness:**

Apart from some small casual untidy areas along the main street Enfield was found to be quite tidy on adjudication day. One cottage was noted that may have been derelict. The projecting signs referred to elsewhere in this Report do not project a tidy image and hopefully you can make progress here.

**Residential Areas:**

The housing estates in Enfield were presented to quite a high standard and the adjudicator was of the view that New Inn and Inn Wood were exceptional in terms of the well thought out integrated approach to landscaping. Individual residents on these estates have also made a major contribution to presentation. Many other private houses in Enfield have also set their standards target at a high level and achieved their aim. In summary in terms of residential presentation there is a feeling in Enfield that people really care about how others see them.

**Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

The presentation of the main approach roads was very good and reflected the approach found in a number of the housing estates visited – an overall approach to the best presentation of all aspects of the individual road. On the Dublin road some uncut verges reduced the overall impact somewhat, while on the Edenderry road grass verges were ready for a cut.

**General Impression:**

Enfield is an attractive busy town that has a good atmosphere and where the Tidy Towns Committee has adopted a holistic approach to presentation. Good luck with your 2007 projects.