

Tidy Towns Competition 2006

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Bealnamulla** Ref: **311**
County: **Roscommon** Mark: **204**
Category: **A** Date(s): **02/07/2006**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2006
Overall Development Approach	50	28
The Built Environment	50	26
Landscaping	50	33
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	14
Litter Control	50	29
Waste Minimisation	20	0
Tidiness	30	15
Residential Areas	40	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	29
General Impression	10	6
TOTAL MARK	400	204

Overall Development Approach:

Thank you for the entry form and the note describing the difficulties resulting from the vast changes in the village and the huge building developments that have taken place and are continuing to take place. This was expressed last year and the situation is understandable. Hopefully in time there will be a new impetus when all the area has settled into a new style and a new regime. The old elements of the village are so important to retain and maybe "old village core" would be something to consider for the future.

The Built Environment:

The school is looking in excellent condition despite all the work that has gone on this school continues to be smart and crisp and to have lovely surrounds. The Mill house and restaurant is also looking very well and contributes to the original value of the village greatly. The garage is also well presented.

Landscaping:

Good efforts are made at the school end of the village and the fine displays give a nice entrance to the village. The broad sweeps of roadside verges are well planted with shrubs and look very well. The seating placed along these verges look well. Many gardens on the roadside are well cared for and so appear well contributing greatly to the overall landscape of the village. Residents associations should be formed in each of the new estates to ensure that their estates are well cared for. At present there is a variable standard of entrances and open spaces within estates

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

No comment is made in the entry form under this heading and presumably with a committee of three it is difficult to promote this aspect. However opportunities may arise as soon as the dust settles in the village. It is important to keep the committee active and to recruit new members – maybe from the new estates as continuity is all so important.

Litter Control:

There is good control although some litter was noted blowing about mainly from the open topped litter bin on the green in front of the school. The school children seem to play an important role in keeping the litter controlled according to your comments and this deserves great credit.

Waste Minimisation:

No comment was given in the entry form in relation to this aspect. This aspect of the competition is about concentrating both on the need to choose materials and methods that avoid producing waste and to consider environmentally friendly ways of dealing with the waste that is generated. A campaign of awareness with both homeowners and business people needs to be started to give an understanding of the importance of waste management and recycling. Compost heaps can be made for green materials, avoidance of using materials that do not degrade easily and separation of the various materials so that they can be recycled.

Tidiness:

The areas towards the schools and girl's soccer club seem to be more tidy than the Athlone side. The building developments in their unfinished state and the ill defined road verges are unhelpful in presenting a tidy appearance. The marvelous walls give a great tidiness to the village where these are in place.

Residential Areas:

The old residences are well tended and appear attractive by the sides of the roads. The new estates look in general look well in structure. There is a wide variation the upkeep and care of individual gardens and open spaces through these estates and a coordinated approach and policy should ideally be developed by residents associations. The associations could then liaise with the tidy towns committee and an overall promotion campaign for improvement could be established.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The road through the village is in good condition. Traffic tends to travel a little fast and extra slowing down mechanisms would be welcome. The roadside wall as mentioned above looks extremely well with the stone material and gradual curve in the shape. Lamp standards look well and the absence of overhead cables is very positive. Roadside definition is difficult in some places and the verges tend to waver.

General Impression:

Hopefully as the situation settles down in its new form a continuation of the tidy towns entry will be seen and eventually the village will emerge from all the turmoil with a rebirth.