

Tidy Towns Competition 2006

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Tinryland** Ref: **47**
County: **Carlow** Mark: **208**
Category: **B** Date(s): **28/06/2006**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2006
Overall Development Approach	50	31
The Built Environment	50	27
Landscaping	50	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	17
Litter Control	50	25
Waste Minimisation	20	3
Tidiness	30	16
Residential Areas	40	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	27
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	400	208

Overall Development Approach:

Tinryland enjoys a beautiful setting amongst gentle rolling hills and could rightly be describe as part of hidden Ireland. We note that you have not included a planned work program with your submission and urge you to do so for next year to help you make further progress. Congratulations on your Trail Finder panel for your heritage sites together with your wonderful and most useful brochure; both really help to understand Tinrylands most magnificent heritage. The village looks magnificent with its high stone walls and old stone buildings, which indicate its long history. Tinryland is most welcome to the National Tidy Towns Competition.

The Built Environment:

We wish you well with the redevelopment of the community hall and look forward to visiting it over the years. The Gally Shop is beautifully presented with its very neat curtilage area. The high stone walls and old stone buildings of Tinryland give it an air of seclusion and privacy which is very pleasing. We wish you well also on the restoration of the Handball Alley and congratulate you on the funding from Carlow county council for same.

Landscaping:

Landscaping through out the village is a successful mix of plants ranging from colourful container bedding plants through to permanent shrubs and a variety of young and mature trees, this is a fine achievement for such a small village, newly planted hedgerow was noted also. Public art in the Dun A Ri residential development is a fine example of hard landscaping. Some roadside verges have been roughly cut and need a little more attention to detail and general maintenance, this was specifically the case within the environs of the 1798 memorial and the tennis courts. Bear in mind the need of wildlife in future landscaping work.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Your wildlife panel is appropriately located in the car park and so successful for all and is both attractive to look at and informative, well done on this initiative: do keep us informed on other activities under this heading. The status of the tennis club house and its courts is ambiguous due to the club house being boarded up and the amount of weed growth around the environs of the courts themselves.

Litter Control:

Litter control was good through out the village centre there being virtually no litter to be seen, however verges on the road edges on entering the village were spoiled to a certain extent by soft drinks cartons, plastic bottles, sweet papers, and crisp wrappers; these could have been quite recently on the cutting of verges, however either way its something that needs constant vigilance. A little litter was notice on the green at the car park.

Waste Minimisation:

Well done on the recycling bins they were neatly presented. To perform well under this heading you will need to engage in waste minimisation activities in addition to recycling perhaps brochures and leaflets distributed to the community on the importance of minimising waste would be a good place to start, you should also try to involve businesses and the farming community also.

Tidiness:

The overall appearance of the village is one of tidiness however as noted previously some road edges looked quiet rough and the growth here was quiet stunted; weed growth was noted at a number of places, a little more vigilance may be required in this respect.

Residential Areas:

Residential properties were beautifully presented with few exceptions; a few boundary walls were in need of refurbishment in terms of re-plastering, cleaning and painting. The Dun a Ri residential development was excellent in presentation. Hopefully the proposed new residential development will bring an influx of volunteers onto the Tidy Towns initiative.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Both car parks in village were beautifully surfaced and lined and presented to a high standard. Stonewalls have been referred to and generally speaking are being nicely maintained. Signage is good in the village also, however the welcome to Tinryland sign might be painted a brighter colour as it is easy to miss. Overhead wirescape is still problematic together with service poles, which are less than attractive, however we appreciate that this may take some time before these are ducted. Approach roads are nicely presented and entrances to Tinryland also.

General Impression:

Tinryland is a beautiful village located in wonderful countryside far from the noise of an important national route and could be described as one of hidden Ireland's oasis.