

Tidy Towns Competition 2007

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Canningstown** Ref: **1420**
County: **Cavan** Mark: **195**
Category: **A** Date(s): **12/07/2007**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	25
The Built Environment	50	25
Landscaping	50	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	25
Litter Control	50	25
Waste Minimisation	20	5
Tidiness	30	15
Residential Areas	40	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	25
General Impression	10	5
TOTAL MARK	400	195

Overall Development Approach:

This area was entered as part of the drive by SuperValu to work with communities to approve the environmental standards of their areas through participation in the National TidyTowns Competition. Areas were entered on the basis that they fall within the catchment area of the nearest SuperValu store and this 'baseline assessment' is intended to provide a basis on which progress could be made over the coming years through partnership with residents, businesses and local agencies. As such it should not be interpreted as a critique of the area but rather an opportunity for everybody to work together to make their hometown a better place to work, live and visit. As part of SuperValu's strategic approach to sustainable development in the area, a nominal mark has been given to reflect this. Further marks will be awarded in future years where more tangible TidyTowns structures are developed and local environmental plans prepared and implemented.

The Built Environment:

This small village is dominated by three extensive enterprises on some of the approach roads. McCabe's extensive agricultural supplies business comprises of a large storage yard, Animal Feed mill, and a large hardware premises. A big saw mills is to be seen on another approach road, and a huge farm building is on the third road.

In the village there is a modern public bar with a big car park, a B&B of similar structure is attached to the bar. A village shop of neat design is across the road and it has a big storage shed attached to it.

Landscaping:

There is little formal landscaping in the village. Of note was a neat cut stone feature in memory of Andrew Montgomery, The Knockbridge poet. Around this feature there were some shrubs that are in need of upgrading as they have a neglected look. A few areas had grass margins trimmed notably across the road

from the car park belonging to the bar. The GAA grounds on the Stradone road was landscaped, but the car park could be upgraded. There is a traditional parish pump neatly preserved.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

A study of the habitats of the wildlife of this area could be very interesting.

Litter Control:

There was litter visible in some areas throughout the village, especially on the verges of the approach roads.

Waste Minimisation:

Without details of ongoing community projects, it was difficult to assess the extent of progress being made under this category and I would look forward to seeing whether progress has in fact been made on future assessments. However taking into account the existing council facilities and SuperValu's own commitment in this area, I believe a nominal mark is appropriate for this year.

Tidiness:

There was a lot of work taking place in the three enterprises and the movement of heavy transport left the places a bit dishevelled. The centre of the village was of a consistent tidy state. There were a few rubbish bins visible in the car park of the bar.

Residential Areas:

Ribbon development of houses are situated on all approach roads. Farmhouses surround the village giving it a distinct rural quality. There are some fine old houses mingling amongst modern designed residents.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

County Council signposts for the village are adorned with flowers growing in painted tractor tyres, and they could be replaced with stone built flower beds. Most of the grass margins are untidy on approach to the village. The Stradone road was the best maintained with some shrubberies making a good visual impact.

General Impression:

The movement of heavy vehicles and the farm work that is ongoing makes it a distinctly rural setting. There is great potential in this hamlet to do well in future in the tidy towns competition