

# Tidy Towns Competition 2007

## *Adjudication Report*

Centre: **Derrylane** Ref: **1396**  
County: **Cavan** Mark: **173**  
Category: **A** Date(s): **13/08/2007**

|                                | Maximum<br>Mark | Mark<br>Awarded 2007 |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Overall Development Approach   | 50              | 25                   |
| The Built Environment          | 50              | 20                   |
| Landscaping                    | 50              | 18                   |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 50              | 12                   |
| Litter Control                 | 50              | 25                   |
| Waste Minimisation             | 20              | 5                    |
| Tidiness                       | 30              | 13                   |
| Residential Areas              | 40              | 25                   |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas  | 50              | 24                   |
| General Impression             | 10              | 6                    |
| <b>TOTAL MARK</b>              | <b>400</b>      | <b>173</b>           |

### **Overall Development Approach:**

Derrylane is welcome to the 2007 National Tidy Towns Competition. Derrylane is a charming rural parish located in beautiful countryside overlooking gentle rolling hills which feature attractive field patterns. Its setting is totally natural and your involvement in the Tidy Towns should enhance this rather than change it. Prepare a planned work programme covering a time span of at least three years and submit this together with an accompanying rural place map identifying areas you wish you have adjudicated in future years.

### **The Built Environment:**

Your cut stone church is beautiful and its grounds are nicely enclosed by a handsome stone wall. The hall is an attractive building also however the curtilage area here may need to be resurfaced and the out-building re-whitewashed.

### **Landscaping:**

Identify incidental sites that could benefit from landscaping which would involve some planting and perhaps the installation of bench type seating. Proposed landscaping should be kept as natural as possible, avoid ornamental species and ensure that all plants chosen are native to the area.

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

A wildlife survey of the flora and fauna of the area should be undertaken in the interests of promoting an awareness of wildlife as well as protecting their habitats in the event of future development. A nature trail to Sli na Slainte standards might be considered. The church burial grounds are being beautifully maintained.

**Litter Control:**

Litter control was excellent at the time of adjudication, well done. Submit details of your litter management activities such as regular litter patrols, participation in the National Spring Clean, segregation of litter for recycling etc. as these can attract extra marks.

**Waste Minimisation:**

Nominal marks have been awarded under this heading as a recycling point has not been noted in the area. Some consideration might be given to the need for a recycling point and other waste minimisation initiatives such as community composting and the undertaking of a community waste audit with a view to reducing waste output. It is this type of initiative that will attract marks under this heading.

**Tidiness:**

The curtilage area to the hall was quite weedy on the day of adjudication and a number of untidy field entrances could be improved also. There aren't any more serious problems under this heading.

**Residential Areas:**

All dwellings in the area are one off properties on their own site as of yet there are no residential estates within the parish area. Those houses that were observed are nicely presented in terms of maintenance to both the building and gardens. Roadside boundaries looked well also. Encourage residents become involved in the Tidy Towns initiative particularly under the heading of landscaping and wildlife and to take responsibility for communal areas.

**Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

Name plates were not observed and the adjudicator presumes that these have not been installed, these should be provided for next year's adjudication. Green roadside verges are nicely presented and look quite natural. Some consideration might be given to encouraging the growth of wildflowers. Road surfaces and edges were quite good, no footpaths were noted.

**General Impression:**

Derrylane is a beautiful parish area located in attractive countryside and should do its best to retain its rural charm.