

Tidy Towns Competition 2007

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Ryefield** Ref: **1422**
County: **Cavan** Mark: **197**
Category: **A** Date(s): **18/07/2007**

	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	7
Tidiness	30	15
Residential Areas	40	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	25
General Impression	10	5
TOTAL MARK	400	197

Overall Development Approach:

Ryefield 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:

The centre of this hamlet is marked at a crossroads by Ramor Inn and O'Dwyers Ryefield Stores which are side by side. Mountconnaught GAA clubhouse is nearby. All around the GAA pitch and business premises there is a large tarmac car park.

Landscaping:

This consists of some shrubs and flowers around the cross roads and there are a few nice trees. Other than the cross roads area the rest of Ryefield consists of the townland of Ryefield, which is a rural setting of farming. The Astra Turf small playing pitch is a nicely maintained facility and looked very well on the day. The GAA grounds were maintained in trim condition and are a fine local amenity for the young people.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

There is a signpost for the Ramor Lake that is a haven for migrant birds, and it could be interesting to so a study of the wildlife habitats of this townland.

Litter Control:

Some litter was dispersed near the bring centre outside the GAA grounds, and other than this there was no other litter visible.

Waste Minimisation:

The bring centre was being used on the day of adjudication and this ensures that the waste is segregated in designated bins for collection.

Tidiness:

This basically is a townland except for the area at the crossroads and the area is maintained clean and relatively tidy.

Residential Areas:

There are a number of farmhouses and farm outhouses in the townland with a selection of individual newer houses built randomly.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Ryefield is hidden on a side road off the main Virginia to Dublin road, but it is not signposted. The roads are good and the roadside hedges are maintained in a trim and neat fashion. You could approach Cavan County Council and endeavour to get signposts erected for the village

General Impression:

This is a splendid place to live in with wide open country surroundings. I enjoyed my visit to the locality. Perhaps you could try to get signposts for the village erected by Cavan County Council.