

Tidy Towns Competition 2007

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Feakle** Ref: **798**
County: **Clare** Mark: **233**
Category: **A** Date(s): **02/07/2007**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	35
The Built Environment	50	31
Landscaping	50	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	18
Litter Control	50	34
Waste Minimisation	20	9
Tidiness	30	12
Residential Areas	40	27
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	27
General Impression	10	8
TOTAL MARK	400	233

Overall Development Approach:

Thank you for your completed application form. Again, as requested last year, a sketch map of the village and the area would have been of help to the adjudicator in identifying areas in and around the village. A three year plan would also be of benefit as it allows one to have measurable benchmarks to work to.

The Built Environment:

The standard of presentation of buildings is rather mixed. Any committee is dependant on the co-operation and good will of local owners to keep premises well maintained. Getting people to address issues such as dereliction is always a delicate operation. On the positive side a number of both commercial and private residences were very well presented and maintained. These include the Post Office in pristine condition, Bohan's Bar and J Moloney's premises. The Cottages were looking lovely on approach road from Tulla. Peppers on the outskirts of the village school and church graveyard were also in pristine condition.

Landscaping:

All approach roads were presented very well, with one exception, the approach road to Limerick, where the planting area was rather sad looking with no planting present in the long stretch alongside the Failte Sign. A Wildflower Garden would be an option for this area. The paved square, being the local point of the village, was looking very well on the day of adjudication. The potted planting complemented the beautiful stonework.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Feakle is a very pleasant village and has the added advantage of being part of the East Clare Way, which is a haven for wildlife and is a great natural amenity to the area. Continue with your efforts to highlight this wonderful amenity.

Litter Control:

Litter control was excellent on the day of adjudication. Well done to all involved it was a pleasure to see the great fruits of your work to date. Continue to preach the good message.

Waste Minimisation:

The bottle bank by the graveyard was very well presented neat and tidy on the day of adjudication. However a wash down of same would help. You also have the wonderful facility of Scarriff Recycling on your doorstep. This also adds greatly to waste minimisation. It would be advisable to engage with the school on the Green Schools programme. It is very important the younger generation become involved in the Race Against Waste Campaign.

Tidiness:

The standard in this section was very good. Please continue with your efforts through the Rural Social Scheme and Clare County Council in keeping all areas clean and tidy. Most local house owners have definitely got the message in this area. Reference was made earlier to some derelict properties that exist in the village. Getting people to address issues such as dereliction is always a delicate operation and you are encouraged to continue with your efforts to date. Kerbside weeding needs attention.

Residential Areas:

Feakle has seen many new housing developments over the last number of years. There were a number of individual gardens in pristine condition including the wonderful cottages on approach road from Tulla.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The novel Failte Signs on all approach roads were admired, in keeping with your unique heritage / culture. As mentioned previously the area of the Famine Memorial needs attention and has great potential. Again planting would help.

General Impression:

It is nice to visit Feakle again on just one of the few lovely summer evenings this year. The village continues to do well in the competition but the committee, no doubt, realises there is always more to be done. Keep up the good work.