

Tidy Towns Competition 2007

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Chapelizod** Ref: **166**
County: **Dublin (City)** Mark: **246**
Category: **C** Date(s): **12/06/2007**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	40
The Built Environment	50	34
Landscaping	50	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	26
Litter Control	50	25
Waste Minimisation	20	10
Tidiness	30	15
Residential Areas	40	27
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	32
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	400	246

Overall Development Approach:

Chapelizod is welcome to the 2007 National Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your excellent submission with support material which facilitated adjudication. It is good to note the excellent level of awareness of the heritage of Chapelizod and the activities of community members to preserve and promote this heritage. We note from your submission that you work on a partnership basis with statutory bodies, the local community and business interests and that local schools are visited to promote the Tidy Towns' agenda. No doubt this is responsible for the evident commitment of the community to their home place, Chapelizod.

The Built Environment:

As always the Mullingar House enjoys an excellent in its presentation and it is wonderful to see the work in progress on redeveloping corner sites in the village centre which have been an eyesore up until this year. No doubt the service pole at the redevelopment site on the corner in the village centre will be removed as part of the work here. Hopefully the roadside façade of the Variety Tiles premises will be improved. Encourage retailers to keep signs on their premises to a minimum; there were far too many signs on the Kelly Grocer premises. The committee is well aware of the village's heritage buildings, listed buildings and of course of vacant buildings and have taken steps to address problems associated with these; we wish you every success in your endeavours.

Landscaping:

The entrance to St. Laurence Grove together with the attractive name stone was greatly admired. We look forward to the completion of the Liffey Valley Linear Park. No doubt with the standard and diversity achieved for this excellent amenity an award-winning status will be the norm. Flower beds were admired at several locations together with container planting and the large expanse of grassed area with its magnificent sculpture

continues to impress.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Congratulations to the children of St. Laurence's National School for the development of nature areas to which has been added a wormary, a butterfly garden, a ladybird house, three nesting boxes, a bird feeding station and potato viral, this in addition to work already achieved is impressive. The students St. Patrick's National School are acknowledged this year for the maintenance of established flower beds. We wish you every success with your feasibility study to establish small islands where sluice gate, turbines etc would benefit by including them in the proposed National Heritage Area. It is good to note the permanent pedestrian access from the Mainstreet to the river where a variety of birds can be sighted together with clutches of young duckling. The installation of fishing stands in the proposed Liffey Valley Linear Park will enhance the recreational amenity value of this wonderful natural amenity yet further. We look forward to the results of the photographic competition. Well done also to the committee for the provision of templates for titbox and hedgehog habitats. We wish you every success in your participation in the Biodiversity Project.

Litter Control:

Litter control was good overall, there were a few small lapses which included a couple of polystyrene coffee cups near the Liffey Bridge and some plastic bottles in the village centre near the shops. We acknowledge your clean up days and your encouragement to shop owners to take responsibility for the area outside of their premises. No doubt litter collected is segregated for recycling.

Waste Minimisation:

Well done to the two schools in the area for their various waste management projects. The monthly green bag collection by Oxigen makes an important contribution to your waste management efforts. We note the Bring Centres used by the community both in Ballyfermot and Lucan and wish you well in your endeavour to find a suitable site for a Bring Bank within the Chapelizod area. Perhaps a waste audit would be a worthwhile initiative to establish the volume of waste generated by the community and to identify a strategy to minimise this.

Tidiness:

A single frame could be located on the wall marking the entrance to the Chapelizod Industrial Estate to accommodate signs for all of the premises within; the existing situation is most untidy with the plethora of signs on the wall. Well done on work achieved for maintaining kerbsides free of weed growth and eliminating graffiti as it appears. Your work also on vacant/derelict premises is acknowledged. Overhead service cables are visually obtrusive in the Liffey Terrace development, however, we acknowledge that this is outside the scope of the committee to address alone. Do discourage the placement of oversized advertising hoardings within the village.

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Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

At the time of adjudication the old style telephone kiosk had still not been refurbished but we note the commitment by Eircom to do so. Most items of street furniture look well especially name plates. We note the implementation of your village development plan and as a result of which some roads have yet to be resurfaced. We commiserate with the community on the issue of high volumes of through traffic and the situation regarding parking within the village and hope that your proposed traffic management plan will help to improve both situations.

General Impression:

As in previous years Chapelizod is a beautifully presented urban village with substantial amenity areas

offering the community and the visitor opportunities to be in touch with nature. We wish you every success for the future.