

Tidy Towns Competition 2007

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Sallynoggin**

Ref: **1335**

County: **Dublin (Dun
Laoghaire-Rathdown)**

Mark: **166**

Category: **F**

Date(s): **19/07/2007**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	25
The Built Environment	50	20
Landscaping	50	20
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	20
Litter Control	50	15
Waste Minimisation	20	5
Tidiness	30	13
Residential Areas	40	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	25
General Impression	10	5
TOTAL MARK	400	166

Overall Development Approach:

The adjudicator would like to welcome Sallynoggin to the 2007 Tidy Towns Competition. Your participation is important to the competition. It is recommended that the first thing that the new Committee might do is to agree on the boundaries within which you will work for Tidy Towns. Normally this is about 1 km from the entry centre but in the your area it will be necessary for your Committee to research the official boundaries of Sallynoggin and work within these. The supporting documentation for this might then be submitted with your 2008 entry. It is suggested that at an early date that your Tidy Towns Committee considers the preparation of a simple 3 Year Tidy Towns Action Plan that would detail year by year the projects that you wish to undertake for Tidy Towns. When preparing the Plan it would be helpful to talk to any local organisations or agencies that may have an interest in the Competition.

The Built Environment:

To a certain extent Sallynoggin still has a village feeling in some areas. Much development work was underway in Sallynoggin on the day of adjudication especially along Pearse Street. Demolition work was also in progress at the large roundabout in the centre of Sallynoggin, presumably to make way for further development projects. The Catholic Church opened in 1955 has some landscaped areas in the grounds and is a key building in Sallynoggin. The various retail areas were visited and it is unfortunate that so many of these premises are shuttered when closed. This gives a very negative feeling to these areas when the shuttering is closed. Shutters have also attracted much graffiti. At the curved retail area opposite the Church the retail signage here is generally uniformly low key and all the more effective because of that. Congratulations to the retailers involved. In the main shopping area at the Pearse Street / Sallynoggin Road junction very bad litter and graffiti featured.

Landscaping:

Little artificial landscaping was noted in Sallynoggin and this is something that the new Tidy Towns may wish to consider. It is not essential to provide hanging baskets and flower tubs. Carefully chosen colour schemes can be even more effective. If you are considering developing new landscaped areas in Sallynoggin do keep the issue of on-going maintenance in mind. Ideally you should consider year-round planting that will look well at any time of the year. Some good landscaping was noted at the Maxol Garage on the Sallynoggin Road.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The various playing fields give cover and feeding for wildlife. Marks area available in the Competition for the research and promotion of local wildlife and the Tidy Towns Committee should consider what role if any they can take in this. There might be a possibility of generating some interest in this through the local schools.

Litter Control:

Based on the evidence on adjudication day very poor litter control is one of the two main problems in Sallynoggin. The other is graffiti discussed below. It is recommended that the Tidy Towns Committee try and review with the Local Authority the provision of litter cleaning facilities in Sallynoggin in terms of frequency and the provision of litter bins and the emptying schedules for these.

Waste Minimisation:

This is a new category in the Tidy Towns Competition first introduced in 2006. The purpose of this new category is to encourage Tidy Towns Committees and the local community to get involved in projects that will reduce waste and encourage recycling. Marks can be gained by Sallynoggin for the promotion of best practice. This can include community guidance on methods of reducing waste such as segregating litter during clean up events. The organising of a Workshop on waste minimisation in the Sallynoggin area or in combination with other nearby Tidy Towns Committees is another initiative that you might consider. This could be held on a waste minimisation community awareness day as part of a series of local initiatives. Your local schools should also be involved with their own waste minimisation projects. You could also consider a partnership with local firms and businesses in the Sallynoggin Office Park to encourage them to reduce unnecessary waste. In regard to waste minimisation it is important to remember that quite small actions can sometimes have a significant waste reduction impact. The Bring Centre visited was in a very poor state. Very bad graffiti and littering was noted here and there is nothing in regard to this Bring Centre that would encourage its use by local Sallynoggin residents.

Tidiness:

As indicated above graffiti is the second of the main problem areas noted in Sallynoggin. This was seen as being especially bad on closed shuttering and on timber barriers at development works. Again this is an issue that might be discussed with the Local Authority who have been very helpful to Tidy Towns in this context in another nearby area. A very untidy grass area was noted at the junction of Rochestown Avenue and Sallynoggin Road.

Residential Areas:

Much of the housing in Sallynoggin seems to date from the 1940s and 1950s. Some very attractive brick cottages were noted in the area of Sarsfield Street and these may have formed part of the early housing development in Sallynoggin. A key task of your Tidy Towns Committee is to get the residents of the various estate working together to make their place a better place. The following recommendations are offered by the adjudicator who suggests that the Tidy Towns Committee bring these points to the attention of all estates in Sallynoggin.

- Road boundary walls will probably need to be painted twice each year especially on busy roads.
- Gable end walls though sometimes difficult to paint should be painted when the rest of the house is being painted.
- Timber fencing will require treatment at least twice per year.
- All estates in Sallynoggin should be encouraged to provide entrance name signs and directional signage within the estate.
- Green open space grass areas will need to be cut frequently if a quality presentation is to be achieved. Remember that grass will probably have to be cut back from the top of kerbing by hand. The provision of a few well chosen trees can often transform an open space.
- Areas to the back of estates can sometimes become dumping areas for cut grass and other

materials.

- Simple landscaping at individual houses can often be very effective if the proper trees and shrubs are planted.
- By their nature estates can sometimes have litter control problems and this must be addressed by each individual estate in the town.

It is suggested that your committee might like to consider the possibility of running a Tidy Estates Competition involving the estates in the Sallynoggin area. It is likely that you will be able to find a local sponsor or sponsors who would be prepared to fund the prize fund. The prizes should ideally be in the form of vouchers for estate maintenance equipment or for landscaping.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The best presented of the approach roads was Sallyglan Road where the mature trees good roadside walls and grass margins created a good impression. The roundabout at the end of this road at the Church Road junction was also neatly presented. The Sallynoggin road from the Rochestown Avenue junction towards Sallynoggin was not well presented and the roadside banks needed much work. Along Rochestown Road prolific weed growth coming through roadside timber fencing near the turn to Sallynoggin Road needed some attention.

General Impression:

The main problem areas in Sallynoggin seem to be litter control and graffiti and the resolution of these problems will need a carefully planned approach and time. The adjudicator would like to wish you well with your work for Tidy Towns in 2008.