

# Tidy Towns Competition 2007

## *Adjudication Report*

Centre: **Clane** Ref: **368**  
County: **Kildare** Mark: **248**  
Category: **E** Date(s): **17/06/2007**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	38
The Built Environment	50	30
Landscaping	50	37
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	25
Litter Control	50	32
Waste Minimisation	20	7
Tidiness	30	15
Residential Areas	40	28
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	29
General Impression	10	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>248</b>

### **Overall Development Approach:**

Clane is welcome to the 2007 National Tidy Towns Completion. Thank you for your excellent submission which contained support material including photographs. It was a pleasure to note your Sli na Slainte walk and your Historic Trail together with the many circulars that have been distributed to the local community in addition to letters to Kildare County Council Engineering department. Well done also on your yearly visits to schools and the associated poster competition. Thank you for your plan, we wish you well with its launch if this hasn't been undertaken yet.

### **The Built Environment:**

Manzor's gift shop and public house was admired for its excellent overall presentation. A word is necessary concerning solid security shutters, these have a deadening effect on the streetscape when used at night, however the need for security is appreciated. There are alternative type shutters which if used in conjunction with internal lighting at night not only facilitate window shopping and are good for business but also enhance their streets. There is still a large amount of above fascia signage so do keep working away at trying to reduce this. Many of your older buildings have great character and are being well maintained. We wish you well in your endeavours to eliminate unauthorised and inappropriate signage as well as dealing with maintenance issues to private properties. It is good to note your awareness of the need to salvage stone from existing walls where these are being demolished.

### **Landscaping:**

Flower displays were in full bloom during adjudication and looked especially well particularly on your historic site to the roadside of the church (Bullaun Stone). Your many stands of mature trees are complemented by

younger trees planted in a variety of locations which will ensure an important legacy for future generations to enjoy. Landscaping to the roadside boundary to the Tesco premises will give visual enclosure when it matures. Landscaping to the school grounds and the general hospital on the Prosperous Road is visually stunning. The entrance to Conneff Park sports grounds was a little overgrown. Your 'Adopt a Flowerbed' programme is commendable. We wish you well also with the enhancement of the Monastery Grounds/Garden of Remembrance and the provision of a playground at Stream Park.

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

Well done on the presentation of the Community Park and your awareness of its wildlife significance. It is good to note that the committee adopts a wildlife friendly approach to all works in the park. Your bird feeders and bat boxes are an important initiative. Perhaps the next appropriate step would be to undertake a species count of birds and a bat survey. The planned information board on the wildlife of Clane for 2009 is welcomed.

#### **Litter Control:**

Litter control was very good during adjudication, well done. No doubt your daily litter patrols and pick ups together with your participation in the Annual Spring Clean is effective in maintaining this high standard of maintenance. The provision of Pooper Scoopers in green areas and along approach roads is commendable. We wish you well also with the acquisition of new bins and notices. Well done on the segregation of waste.

#### **Waste Minimisation:**

Your composting initiative together with waste segregation are two valuable activities under this heading. We wish you well with the new style recycling facilities to screen bins.

#### **Tidiness:**

The main issue under this heading is development work related untidiness which we know is a temporary problem; upon completion of construction work this element of untidiness will disappear. It was good to note the wirescape free aspect of the Main Street which enhance its visual amenity.

#### **Residential Areas:**

Housing estates on all approach roads are presented to the highest standards and form an excellent introduction to Clane. Apartment developments on the Prosperous Road are an attractive feature and hopefully new apartments planned just off the Main Street will be to a similar high standard. Your checklist for residents association is an excellent idea and will be most effective in improving the appearance of residential areas, well done.

#### **Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

The Kilcock Road looked wonderful with its excellent green open spaces being neatly managed together with landscaping. The Celbridge Road was a little less attractive but the roundabout here looked very well indeed. The seated amenity area at the telephone kiosk on the Main Street is a nice touch and car parking was orderly in the town centre. The road out by the HSE premises was quite badly potholed. Some stretches of footpath looked really well and street furniture is attractive particularly your street lighting.

#### **General Impression:**

Clane village is nicely presented; it has attractive features and offers good amenity opportunities to the community. The village appears to be assimilating its new residents in its stride.