

# Tidy Towns Competition 2007

## *Adjudication Report*

Centre: **Arghavas** Ref: **1398**  
County: **Leitrim** Mark: **171**  
Category: **A** Date(s): **08/08/2007**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	20
The Built Environment	50	24
Landscaping	50	18
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	15
Litter Control	50	22
Waste Minimisation	20	7
Tidiness	30	13
Residential Areas	40	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	24
General Impression	10	5
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>171</b>

### **Overall Development Approach:**

Aughavas is welcome to the National Tidy Towns Competition. The village is located on a busy road the R201 Mohill to Killshandra and Belturbet Road. The village is located in scenic countryside and set against a backdrop of woodland areas which gives it character. All of your tidy town's activities should respect your natural setting and work to enhance what you have rather than to change it. Prepare a planned work programme spanning a period of not less than three years and submit this together with a rural place map of Aughavas identifying your accomplishments for the year. We wish you every success in the future.

### **The Built Environment:**

McCaffrey's Bar and Grocery in the village centre is nicely presented and white washed walls at the telephone kiosk are a nice touch. The Corduff National School 1841-1894/Aughavas 1983 is nicely presented as is the church and its grounds. Eventually a footpath should be provided linking the various parts of the village together; it is acknowledged that this will necessitate moving field boundaries back.

### **Landscaping:**

The steep grass banks located across from McCaffrey's could be landscaped to good effect together with the green open space which separates the R201 from the Corrawaleen Road. The grotto located near the church is charming. The grass in the school grounds is a bit long but landscaping here is acknowledged. The church grounds are nice. The two corners which mark the road junction for the church on the R201 should be landscaped. Ensure that plants are native to the area as these will be supportive of local wildlife.

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

The stretch of hedgerow located beyond McCaffrey's is likely to provide wildlife habitats for a variety of species, this could be investigated. The clubhouse and playing fields are beautifully painted and the burial grounds enjoy good maintenance but the weather stained boundary wall could be improved. Perhaps the stream which runs alongside the church could be investigated for its flora and fauna. These surveys might be undertaken in conjunction with school children. Some consideration might be given to planting hedgerow along the timber post fencing of the sports grounds.

#### **Litter Control:**

A small amount of litter was noted but was not large enough to present a problem. Submit details in future years of your litter control activities such as litter picking routines, participation in National Spring Clean and litter segregation for recycling as these can attract additional marks.

#### **Waste Minimisation:**

The Bring Bank on the road to the church presented a problem in that some litter was noted together with weeds and building materials and it also lacked a sign. Congratulations to the school on its Green Flag status, however it could be replaced as it is worn along the edge. A community composting initiative might now be considered.

#### **Tidiness:**

Open storage in the curtilage of the public house might be relocated in the interest of visual amenity. Derelict premises out the Corrawaleen Road could be maintained as neatly as possible pending redevelopment. Weed growth should be checked both at the water pump and on curbs outside the school. A number of untidy field entrances were noted.

#### **Residential Areas:**

The majority of dwellings are maintained to a high standard and some are very well painted indeed. A dwelling on the Corrawaleen Road was admired in respect of its hedgerow boundary but some adjacent high walls were a bit weather stained and could be improved. Grassed roadside areas to the boundary walls of dwellings beyond the sports field were admired. A number of roadside areas to boundary walls between the church and the school could be presented to the same standard. A beautifully maintained roadside verge was noted to the second house on the right after the junction to the church when traveling back towards the village and the verge located on the left is being well maintained also.

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

Roadside verges are neatly presented both leading up to and beyond the Post Office, they appear to have been recently cut but are a little rough in appearance, a neater finish is suggested for the area between name plates. Seating might be provided at the telephone kiosk. The stonework of the small bridge on the road to the church should be revealed and highlighted as a feature. A road edge located across from the cemetery might be resurfaced together with the church car park. Some road signs are in need of refurbishment.

#### **General Impression:**

Aughavas is a charming village with some handsome features and we look forward to charting your progress in the competition.