

Tidy Towns Competition 2007

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Clooneagh** Ref: **1399**
County: **Leitrim** Mark: **174**
Category: **A** Date(s): **09/08/2007**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	25
The Built Environment	50	22
Landscaping	50	20
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	12
Litter Control	50	25
Waste Minimisation	20	5
Tidiness	30	13
Residential Areas	40	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	24
General Impression	10	5
TOTAL MARK	400	174

Overall Development Approach:

Clooneagh is welcome to the National Tidy Towns Competition. Clooneagh is a townland dispersed around a crossroads and enjoys a charming rural setting and character. It is also located on the Lough Lynn Drive and the Lakelands Drive and so has considerable amenity potential. It is important to identify the boundaries of your townland area; this can be achieved by the appropriate placement of name plates and name stones at a number of locations. In future adjudications the adjudicator will need to know boundaries so as to identify what is to be incorporated into the adjudication process. It is important that you work to a planned work programme and so you should compile a plan spanning a period of at least three years and submit this with a rural place map identifying areas you want considered in the judging. We wish you every success in the future.

The Built Environment:

Boornacoola Community Centre looks well. Boornacoola National School is an attractive building also. No other public buildings were noted in the area, however these may be developed in due course. It is important that the curtilage areas of buildings are presented to a high standard as well as the buildings themselves.

Landscaping:

Handsome stands of mature and young trees were noted throughout the townland area and the entire area has a natural appearance, it is important to retain this natural ambience, this can be achieved by ensuring that future landscaping features native plants which of course are supportive of wildlife. Identify a number of incidental sites that would benefit from landscaping, these may be located at crossroads or road junctions or corners. The use of identification stones is landscaping design is suggested also.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Wild hedgerow and grasses are a natural feature of your townland area. It is suggested that you undertake a survey of the flora and fauna of Clooneagh; this could involve the school children also. The survey can be used to promote an awareness of wildlife and of course to protect it in the event of future development. Another initiative might be to create a nature trail of interesting trees in the townland area.

Litter Control:

Congratulations on an excellent standard of litter control, none was noted on the day of adjudication. In future years submit details of your litter management activities as these can be a source of extra marks, activities include participation in the National Spring Clean, details of litter picking rotas and segregation of litter for recycling.

Waste Minimisation:

A nominal mark has been awarded under this heading as there was no evidence of recycling facilities anywhere in the area. You might consider having a recycling point located if you think there is a need for it. Other initiatives include a community composting initiative and a waste audit to identify how much waste is produced in Clooneagh with a view to reducing this.

Tidiness:

It is important that the curtilage areas of all buildings whether these are public buildings, commercial buildings or indeed private dwellings are maintained weed free and in a tidy manner, this is as important as the building itself.

Residential Areas:

The majority of dwellings are dispersed and most have colourful and well maintained gardens. Encourage residents to take responsibility for their boundary walls and roadside areas to these. Residents can also be encouraged to become involved in the landscaping and wildlife activities for the competition.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The sign post at the Mohill/Rooskey junction is in need of straightening and the Rooskey detour signs are in need of attention also. Road surfaces appear to be reasonably good, no footpaths were noted and as stated above name plates have not been installed, try to have these for next year's presentation. Your landscaping and wildlife activities might also include the provision of some seating in the form of benches at various points around the area.

General Impression:

Clooneagh lacks a strong physical identity because of the lack of name plates however the social/cultural identity is acknowledged by the adjudicator and hopefully this will manifest itself in the physical setting with some of the activities suggested in this report.