

# Tidy Towns Competition 2007

## *Adjudication Report*

Centre: **Fenagh** Ref: **429**  
County: **Leitrim** Mark: **204**  
Category: **A** Date(s): **23/06/2007**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	27
The Built Environment	50	28
Landscaping	50	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	16
Litter Control	50	31
Waste Minimisation	20	9
Tidiness	30	13
Residential Areas	40	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	28
General Impression	10	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>204</b>

### **Overall Development Approach:**

The adjudicator would like to welcome Fenagh to the 2007 Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for the copy of your Development Plan 2006 to 2008. This is an excellent document that details your vision for Fenagh over the next few years. At the end of this year you should revise the Plan to cover the period 2008 – 2010. You have a large committee of 15 and this is indicative of the strong support that there is in Fenagh for your work for Tidy Towns. It is good to see that you are also involved with the School.

### **The Built Environment:**

The stone faced Visitor Centre looks well in its completed state and the adjudicator was glad to have the opportunity of visiting it. They also make good coffee and sandwiches! The completed handball alley roof next door has been a major project. It is recommended that if possible the high concrete wall to the road be plastered and perhaps painted. At the School it is suggested that the gate be painted and also the low block walls that support the tank to the side. The Information Panel at the School car parking area is really interesting and a tribute to the children who were involved in this project. The presentation of the roofless building at the T junction from the Mohill road looks a little unfortunate and perhaps there are plans to re-roof this building. The roof of the corrugated iron building behind this would be improved if painted a dark green.

### **Landscaping:**

There are a number of small but effective landscaped areas in Fenagh. You have not over done the question of artificial landscaping and this often happens in Ireland. The tree planting on the Cloone road is an excellent investment in the environment of the future here. The flower tubs on the Carrick-On-Shannon road and the small triangular bed near the 80KPH signs all add to the presentation if this approach to Fenagh. Additional landscaping was noticed on this road closer to the village centre. The landscaping at the Bring Centre helps to brighten what is often an uninspiring facility. A small landscaped area was again examined at the entrance to

the Abbey and Graveyard. It is noted that you have decided to plant for year round effect and this is a wise decision and more appropriate for such a rural area.

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

The cleaning of the river seems to be a long project as it was mentioned in the 2006 Report also. Presumably you are getting professional advice if there is any possibility of interference with fish stocks. The flora and fauna survey carried out by the children in 2006 sounds interesting and it would have been nice to have had an opportunity to read the results. The provision of bird boxes may help to attract additional wildlife to Fenagh. Have you considered erecting some information panels dealing specifically with the wildlife in the general Fenagh area?

#### **Litter Control:**

Again this year the Adopt a Road scheme seems to be working for you and the neat panels were noted around the village. It is noted that the Tidy Towns Committee have adopted the Bring Bank. At the Bring Bank the official signage was missing and a little litter was noted here. Litter was also present on the Carrick-On-Shannon approach road. Otherwise litter control was good and your marks in this category are high.

#### **Waste Minimisation:**

Congratulations to the school on their Green Flag achievement and their role in composting is important. 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 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 your community 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. You could also consider a partnership with local firms and businesses 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 Race Against Waste booklet circulated to all Tidy Towns Committee in 2006 has many ideas on waste reduction that may be of help to your committee.

#### **Tidiness:**

At what appears to be the School Bus parking area on the Carrick-On-Shannon road a lot of weed and grass growth gave the area a rather untidy appearance. The Church of Ireland church is an attractive building but the entrance gates need to be painted. The same applies to the Abbey / Graveyard gates. There is a lot of untidiness due to the present roads works that appeared to be underway on adjudication day. Your marks have not been affected in a negative manner because of these works.

#### **Residential Areas:**

The commitment received by the Tidy Towns Committee that all property frontages would be looked at by June this year is important and generally private properties were well presented. At the new St. Caillin's estate unfortunately the new stone road boundary walls are totally at variance with the old traditional stone walls in the village which are of Limestone.

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

The adjudicator understands the problems that you are having in regard to roads in the village which are in a shocking condition. Hopefully the County Council will resurface all these roads without delay as the village deserves nothing less. Good verges and fine trees are a feature of the Carrick-On-Shannon approach road. The beautiful trees of the Mohill approach were much admired and just a little extra work was needed on this approach road in terms of verge and bank presentation. The Cloone verges seemed to have been cut recently and the young trees were admired here.

#### **General Impression:**

Fenagh is an attractive village with an interesting history. The adjudicator would like to wish your committee well in your projects for Tidy Towns in 2008.