

# Tidy Towns Competition 2007

## *Adjudication Report*

Centre: **Greenore** Ref: **496**  
County: **Louth** Mark: **258**  
Category: **A** Date(s): **03/07/2007**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	42
The Built Environment	50	34
Landscaping	50	34
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	20
Litter Control	50	35
Waste Minimisation	20	6
Tidiness	30	17
Residential Areas	40	29
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	33
General Impression	10	8
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>258</b>

### **Overall Development Approach:**

Greenore continues to make noticeable improvements in this competition. This improvement is illustrated by the increase in the marks obtained. The Tidy Towns Committee are congratulated on their hard work and the continued enhancement of their village. The level of participation in the tidy towns competition appears good with 10 members on the committee and good contacts are being made with Louth County Council. Has contact been made with LEADER, Fas and any of the local businesses? It is acknowledged that it is not possible to engage with schools as there are none in Greenore, but are there any other groups (scouts, cubs, sports clubs, etc) that can be used to make contact with younger people? Regarding the issues with the Port, the letter submitted with the entry form is noted and it is acknowledged that there are ongoing issues to be resolved. The adjudicator would like to thank the Committee for submitting all the detailed plans and documentation with their entry form. The action plan is most impressive and the committee is reminded that in order to improve their performance in this category, it must continue to adhere to the plan and update the adjudicator each year of progress made in each of the projects.

### **The Built Environment:**

It is noted from your action plan that Greenore is a Victorian Railway village. The Built Environment of Greenore is particularly attractive due to the age, consistency in design and architectural styles of the buildings. The consistency in building materials and finishes add further character to the village. Some buildings are of particular importance. The chalets on the way into the village are very striking and they represent excellent examples of Victorian architecture. The Post Office is a lovely building and it is heartening to see that it is in such good condition and that it accommodates a beneficial use. The perfectly preserved terraces of two storey dwellings make a lovely contribution to the streetscape and the intact stone walls of Euston Street are also very attractive. The lamp stands are also attractive and are suited to the architecture and it is a pity that the new phone box cannot be switched with the older version as it is much more in keeping

with the street. Buildings such as the Co-op and the pub add further interest. Minor problems with derelict sites persist, with the Beach Café detracting from the visual amenity of the waterfront area. It is noted from your entry form that you have approached the owners and it is hoped that these representations will be successful.

### **Landscaping:**

The hard work of the Committee is reflected in the lovely landscaping projects that can be throughout the village. The mature trees on the approach road in are a fantastic asset to the village while the planting on Euston Street is very attractive and complements the historic buildings on either side. The planting scheme also adds lovely summer colours to the street scene. The planting around the seating area is also very effective. The seating areas on the waterfront are also planted and this provides for a very attractive environment for walking, seating, etc.

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

The foreshore of Greenore is a fantastic amenity that is home to a rich and diverse range of plant and animal life. It is noted that the potential of this is to be explored with the completion of the wildlife audit that is currently being carried out on the shore front in conjunction with Coastwatch Ireland. The results of this are awaited with interest. It is further noted that this information is to be used for the creation of information boards that will be of interest to users of the waterfront. Actions such as these will help to improve the performance of Greenore in this tidy towns category as well as improving the amenity of the foreshore.

### **Litter Control:**

A high standard of litter control is being achieved in Greenore. On the day of adjudication, only very small amounts of litter were evident and this reflects the work of the Committee in organising and undertaking regular litter patrols. Have you considered taking part in the National Spring Clean event? Some litter was noted at the seating area at the end of Euston Street as well as on the beach.

### **Waste Minimisation:**

The category of waste minimisation was introduced in 2006 and it is increasing in importance each year. It is an excellent opportunity for Greenore to improve their marks and the Committee is encouraged to research this category in order to improve their performance in future years. The current performance is relatively good as actions are undertaken that include waste segregation. However, other actions like identifying potential sites for a bottle bank, producing information leaflets and running an awareness campaign of reducing, reusing and recycling at a local level and investigating the provision of composters to individual houses in the village should be prioritised. The Committee is also encouraged to prioritise providing a composting area in the Golf Club and the resulting compost can then be used in their ongoing landscaping projects. Actions such as these will significantly improve your performance in this category in future years.

### **Tidiness:**

In general, it is considered that a reasonably good standard of tidiness has been achieved in Greenore. On the day of adjudication, the village was very tidy and the Committee are to be commended on their hard work in achieving this. On the foreshore walk, the paving stones were in need of weeding and some of the verges between the kerbs and the roadside were also untidy.

### **Residential Areas:**

The residential areas in Greenore are of a very high standard, both in terms of their architecture and their maintenance. The planting and the maintenance of their green areas is also of a high standard and full credit should go to the property owners.

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

The approach roads to Greenore are of a high quality and the verges appear well maintained. It was noted that Euston Street appears to have been resurfaced since the last adjudication. The paving on the footpaths is also very attractive and appropriate to this context.

### **General Impression:**

Congratulations to Greenore for another good performance in the tidy towns competition. The adjudicator is confident that through their hard work and commitment, they will continue to make progress in the years

ahead.