

Tidy Towns Competition 2007

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Clonbullogue** Ref: **618**
County: **Offaly** Mark: **280**
Category: **B** Date(s): **02/07/2007**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	43
The Built Environment	50	36
Landscaping	50	38
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	27
Litter Control	50	38
Waste Minimisation	20	10
Tidiness	30	17
Residential Areas	40	27
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	35
General Impression	10	9
TOTAL MARK	400	280

Overall Development Approach:

Thank you for the comprehensive completed entry with carefully drawn map. It would be good to see an updated work plan outlining goals for the next 3-5 years. Clonbullogue is an attractive, welcoming village with good evidence of strong support from within the community and the parish, as well as links with other organizations.

The Built Environment:

There is much care taken in the appearance of the built environment overall. The Parish hall looks very well with its fresh coat of paint,. A very noticeable feature is how well st. patricks bridge is maintained. At the village green end, the stores could do with a paint. Richies lounge looks very well. Most buildings in village are satisfactory with some exemplary efforts made to enhance the appearance of individual private residences.

Landscaping:

The floral displays are striking on entry into the village. There is much colour with the summer bedding, particular outside our shop. The residential area opposite this shop – woodlawn – has a beautiful landscaped green with really colourful beds and gorgeous mature trees in front.

The national school is quite neat and tidy, with a good garden area in front. Is it a green-school?

It is important to take account of year round interest and to plants and shrubs that provide food for wildlife. The hedge planted at figile walk is in keeping with traditional hedgerows so good from this point of view.

The village green is also well kept and an overall very tidy appearance and obviously much pride taken in this area.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

This is a fine river walk, very welcoming and clearly signed at entrance and good gravel path down, planted lots of hedging. Really pleasant waterside stroll. There's some space for parking at both ends. The bench is a bit shabby, however. There's a path over bridge so safe for pedestrians.

Leaving space at roots of hedges for bioactivity will help the wildlife that live in the area. Has there been a survey done?

Litter Control:

Clonbullogue was totally litter free on inspection – a very clean, presentable place. The litter control measures in place are obviously working and it's great to see such high level of involvement to enable daily litter picks. Keep up the good work.

Waste Minimisation:

This is an area where more points can be gained. Is there waste information provided to householders? Are people composting? Could good composters help beginners? There are ideas for waste prevention and recycling projects in the Race Against Waste guide

Tidiness:

The approaches are all good, particularly from Tullamore with the neat path all the way in with lovely tidy hedge all the way in along it and a tidy grass verge opposite. Someone was out strimming at the time. Very pretty village, paving very good, recent done with bollards. The paving and bollards style is very suitable here – grey large squares definitely suits it. However, some paving on the other side towards the end of the village, coming up to McEvoy's stores is broken and cracked – is this part also due for improvements seeing as all the other side has been done? Good luck with talks with Offaly Co Co for an underground ducting programme

Residential Areas:

Woodlawn, as already mentioned, has an extensive green and impressive landscaping. Generally all fine in residential areas with trimmed verges, and some rock beds, some fine private residences, paths are clear. A relatively new housing estate – Figle Manor - hasn't matured yet like the others but the red brick used on houses is very attractive and the area is presentable. Signage to include history will be interesting addition.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Fine approaches from all sides with nice clear signs and all neat and tidy. Overall the road surfaces were good. All approaches are welcoming and enhanced with summer bedding

General Impression:

A very attractive, rural village which has high level of involvement and community spirit going strong over 35 years in the competition which shows the dedication of those involved.