

# Tidy Towns Competition 2007

## *Adjudication Report*

Centre: **Anacarty** Ref: **629**  
County: **Tipperary (South)** Mark: **223**  
Category: **A** Date(s): **03/07/2007**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	30
The Built Environment	50	31
Landscaping	50	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	21
Litter Control	50	29
Waste Minimisation	20	3
Tidiness	30	15
Residential Areas	40	28
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	33
General Impression	10	5
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>223</b>

### **Overall Development Approach:**

Welcome to the 2007 National Tidy Towns Competition. Again this year, very little detail was provided with your work programme. We would encourage you to provide a three year work programme and maybe follow up on the suggestion of an interpretive panel that would add interest and context to your village.

### **The Built Environment:**

The school was again well presented and its grounds well maintained. The perimeter trees are beginning to mature and look very well. A number of houses in the village need repainting and one strategically located corner building opposite the shop would be a highlight if repainted. The Church and its grounds were a highlight.

### **Landscaping:**

Anacarty is substantially situated in a woodland setting and the committee should consider additional tree planting throughout the village core. The flowerbeds at the Church, and flower stands outside the old parish hall, in addition to other flower displays in the village, gave an attractive appearance on the day of adjudication.

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

The provision of bird boxes at the school grounds was noted. Perhaps a survey of the wildlife of Anacarty and its hinterlands would be a good educational research programme. The results of this study could then be illustrated on a wildlife information board providing another interesting information point in the village. The Busy Bee childcare centre located at the parish hall, was admired. The children were on a field trip at the time of adjudication and this activity is to be commended.

**Litter Control:**

Litter control has improved in the village. However, it would aid adjudication if the committee were to include a litter control programme with next year's application.

**Waste Minimisation:**

The centrally located Bring Centre adjacent to the entrance of the GAA pitch was noted. This conveniently located facility was well presented and neat and tidy on the day of adjudication. Perhaps the committee would give information on proposals to improve waste minimisation in the village. It is to be hoped that this programme will be developed in the coming years and that more initiatives in the Race Against Waste booklet will be adopted in the future

**Tidiness:**

Overall the appearance of the village was one of tidiness, but a number of properties required painting. Last year's report suggested that creepers might be planted along the boundary wall of the GAA pitch. This would have a softening effect and add hugely to the aesthetics of the village and would also be a good location for information boards.

**Residential Areas:**

Work is in progress on a new housing scheme close by the Church. The residences were substantially completed and site works had commenced. The new stone boundary walls looked well and footpath links to the existing will provide a good finish. It was noted that a new crèche is being constructed on this site adjacent to the school. We look forward to its completion. A planning permission was observed outside the site adjacent to Kate's Pub and some activity and site clearance appear to have started here. The village contains some nice private residences but some garden walls still require to be cleaned or painted

**Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

The Cappaghwhite approach road is particularly attractive and contains some fine strands of mature trees. Hedge cutting was in progress here on the day of adjudication. The Oglai na h-Eireann memorial plaque to Brigadier Denis Lacey was nicely presented. The area opposite the Church with the ivy covered wall looked particularly attractive. The boundary wall opposite the memorial by Kate's Pub was being painted on the day of adjudication.

**General Impression:**

The quiet, rural village of Anacarty looked busy on the day of adjudication with housing construction in full swing, FÁS workers attending to their work and painting being carried out to the private wall. The prominently located castle ruins overlooking the village looked splendid.