

Tidy Towns Competition 2007

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Cappawhite** Ref: **635**
County: **Tipperary (South)** Mark: **238**
Category: **B** Date(s): **04/07/2007**

| | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 2007 |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Overall Development Approach | 50 | 36 |
| The Built Environment | 50 | 33 |
| Landscaping | 50 | 38 |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 50 | 19 |
| Litter Control | 50 | 29 |
| Waste Minimisation | 20 | 4 |
| Tidiness | 30 | 16 |
| Residential Areas | 40 | 25 |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas | 50 | 31 |
| General Impression | 10 | 7 |
| TOTAL MARK | 400 | 238 |

Overall Development Approach:

Welcome to the 2007 National Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your detailed submission, which included a three year work plan, and a detailed map of the village highlighting the work areas, which was of great assistance to the adjudicator.

Cappaghwhite is a charming village situated in gentle rolling countryside. Its layout consists of a central triangular space with streets radiating out from it. This historical village displays its amenities and facilities well.

The Built Environment:

Like many Irish villages, Cappaghwhite gets its own unique character from the pattern and shape of its own unique location. It was noted that within the village there were a number of both residential and commercial buildings ready for redevelopment. It would be a well worthwhile undertaking for the committee, to have these buildings architecturally assessed with a view to their proper conservation and regeneration. Existing features such as doorways, sash windows, chimney stacks and railings should be particularly noted. Last year's report highlighted many of the commercial premises in the central core and all of these premises again were nicely presented. The Credit Union and Health Board opposite were admired. The school and its grounds, boasting a Green Flag, looked particularly well and the ramps and railings were all well presented as was the nearby Garda Station with its flower displays. The interesting information plaque on Jimmy Shand was noted.

Landscaping:

The town square has a high quality landscape surface set off by some attractive flower displays and high quality street furniture. A strand of deciduous trees if introduced along the car park of the Church, would give

further enclosure to the village square. Well done to the committee on the replacement of damaged trees on Main Street. We look forward to the completion of the submitted programme on landscaping.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The Doon Road wildlife area indeed looks impressive and the sculptural deadwood pieces are an attractive feature. The nesting boxes were noted and a detailed information board on wildlife located here would add depth to the venture.

Litter Control:

Your co-operation with Youthreach and the National School pupils on regular "pick-up" days is obviously paying dividends. The village was litter free on the day of adjudication except a small area on the Doon Road close by the village.

Waste Minimisation:

Your initiative on having the CCTV cameras placed at the Resource Centre was a good one and has paid dividends as this centre was neat and tidy and well appointed on the day. We wish you well in your continuing programme on this venture. It is to be hoped that this programme will be further developed in the coming years and that more initiatives in the Race Against Waste booklet will be adopted in the future

Tidiness:

It was noted that painting of the railings at the old Church had not yet been carried out. A further improvement here would be the repainting of the boarded windows. Weed control throughout the village was excellent and overall the appearance was one of tidiness, excepting the properties earlier mentioned awaiting redevelopment.

Residential Areas:

Cappaghwhite has a large number of residential areas and overall these areas are well presented. Fr Callanan's Estate looked particularly well and the green area was neatly trimmed. The copper beech trees are maturing well and some private gardens were admired. The housing opposite has a nice stone wall to the front and a tree-lined avenue to the rear and the adjacent timber yard looked well and was neat and tidy and well presented. The Crescent scheme is particularly nicely laid out consisting of two courtyards joined by a winding avenue. The landscaping and planting is of a high quality and the mounding to the front green was particularly admired. We look forward to the completion of the new housing scheme opposite.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The village road surfaces and footpaths were in generally good condition and the completion of new constructions will further strengthen this aspect of the village. The approach road from Anacarty is most attractive lined with stone wall and strands of mature trees from the announcement sign to the village proper. Roadside margins in this area were neatly trimmed and simply presented. The Doon Road entrance is spectacular and the Grotto and raised bed planting here was admired. The announcement name sign here needed cleaning. The Tipperary Road entrance again looked well. The filling station and shop were neat and tidy.

General Impression:

Cappaghwhite is a unique village containing all the best characteristics and features of traditional Irish villages and the hard work of the committee will pay huge dividends if this tradition is preserved.