

# Tidy Towns Competition 2007

## *Adjudication Report*

Centre: **Cloneen** Ref: **557**  
County: **Tipperary (South)** Mark: **220**  
Category: **A** Date(s): **02/07/2007**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	36
The Built Environment	50	29
Landscaping	50	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	19
Litter Control	50	32
Waste Minimisation	20	4
Tidiness	30	14
Residential Areas	40	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	27
General Impression	10	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>220</b>

### **Overall Development Approach:**

Welcome to the 2007 National Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your submission and report, which gave a clear outline of your future programme. Cloneen is an attractive village located at the gateway to the Slievenamon Drive. The committee have outlined a programme for the future that will compliment this unique setting.

### **The Built Environment:**

Cloneen has a number of attractive vernacular buildings located around the village centre. The new house which closes the vista from the Mullinahone Road looks well and re-establishes the village core. The thatch building, a protected structure, adds great character to its location. The simple form of the barrel roof store opposite the Post Office is somewhat unique in its location and its character is one of the many charming features of the village. The older buildings when being renovated should retain their original sash windows. The prominently located school was magnificently presented and brightly painted. The Church opposite and its adjoining cemetery have achieved a very high standard of presentation.

### **Landscaping:**

The village street was attractively presented with a variety of hanging baskets and flower boxes. The flower stands at the gable of the store looked particularly well, as did the stands on the school grounds. These in turn enhanced the attractive window box displays which adorned the school. Your comment regarding the village pump is noted and the response would be that the advice of the Local Authority specialist should be taken. The hard landscaping of the Jubilee memorial continues to be a highlight and the street furniture looks well. Generally speaking, your village has a wonderful legacy of mature native trees and this legacy should be reinforced whenever possible.

**Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

Your plan to erect a bilingual illustrated information board on the wildlife of the area is to be commended. This board would have a great educational value in addition to heightening awareness of wildlife issues. Congratulations on having already carried out the information survey. It is to be hoped that your grant application will be successful.

**Litter Control:**

It is noted that your initiative regarding regular litter patrols is continuing. This is obviously very successful, as your village was litter free on the day of adjudication. The adjudicator looks forward to hearing the results of your school initiative over the coming years.

**Waste Minimisation:**

Recycling bins were prominently located at the side of the open space, adjacent to the new housing, opposite the cemetery. This very suitable location was clean and tidy and neatly presented on the day of adjudication. Congratulations on your engagement with local businesses and school on this initiative, and to the village householders who have provided their own composting units. As stated in last year's report, perhaps further initiatives in the Race Against Waste booklet will be adopted in the coming years.

**Tidiness:**

The overall appearance was one of a well kept village and the car park adjacent to Anglim's Bar, with its bright flowerbed on one side and seating on the other, had a definite aura of tidiness. It is accepted that a number of developments are undergoing construction or have planning permissions lodged. It is to be hoped that when these are finished, particularly on the Killusty Road, that the existing stone walls will be retained or rebuilt. Screening is required to a site on the Fethard Road as noted in a previous report.

**Residential Areas:**

The large house at the village cross roads has now been completed and makes a very strong statement. Developments opposite the GAA grounds have yet to be completed and with suitable planting will add further to the urban character of the village. The housing opposite the cemetery has yet to be named and a name sign here would enhance the entrance. The scheme itself is well presented with lawns neat and tidy, and contained some well presented private gardens. One garden at the entrance was particularly admired. The open space in this scheme is an ideal area for substantial tree and shrub planting around this perimeter.

**Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

Verges on the approach roads were generally neatly presented, however, on the Fethard approach road some trimming and weed control was needed. On the Killusty approach road, there was an extremely attractive wide verge, containing three newly planted copper beech trees, delineated by an extremely attractive stone wall, bounding a private residence. One of the highlights of all approach roads to Cloneen was its announcement signs with particularly attractive planted stone boxes underneath. Your representations to Tipperary County Council to have a new footpath from the Thatch Pub to the laneway is to be welcomed.

**General Impression:**

Cloneen at present is undergoing much new development which when completed will enhance its existing attractive character.