

Tidy Towns Competition 2007

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Clonoulty** Ref: **528**
County: **Tipperary (South)** Mark: **214**
Category: **A** Date(s): **09/07/2007**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	26
The Built Environment	50	30
Landscaping	50	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	17
Litter Control	50	28
Waste Minimisation	20	3
Tidiness	30	17
Residential Areas	40	26
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	30
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	400	214

Overall Development Approach:

Welcome to the 2007 National Tidy Towns Competition and thank you for your application. We would urge the committee to give some consideration to the production of a three year plan that would be beneficial in focusing the efforts of the committee for the future. Well done on your public meetings to publicise the Tidy Towns competition.

The Built Environment:

It was noted that the school was presently undergoing reconstruction. This will be a fine addition when completed. The roadside boundary of the school grounds has a well maintained hedge which visually links with the Parish Hall and the pub beyond. This forms a strong formal edge to one side of the street. The opposite side is more informal whilst having the very attractive furniture store complex in addition to the village focal point, the Church. The furniture store complex would be hugely enhanced by some freshening up, perhaps a colour scheme while the Church and its grounds are beautifully presented. The nicely trimmed hedge and stone Grotto were admired. The hard landscaped tennis court between the nicely presented Parish Hall and the school are a nice centre piece. Tennis Coaching was in progress on the day of adjudication. The well proportioned fascia board of the pub opposite the Post Office offers a great opportunity for good quality hand painted sign writing.

Landscaping:

The planted areas carried out over the last few years again looked well. The grounds of the Mortuary were simply presented to a high standard and the stand of mature trees between the two burial grounds looked magnificent. The memorial plaque to Connie Ryan, set dancer, created a nice point of interest and story boards such as this enliven the village. The traditional village pump on the Rossmore Road was noted. An enhancement scheme here would be a nice addition to the village.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The committee has already made contact with the local school in relation to a wildlife project and it is to be hoped that they can now build on this contact. The results could then be illustrated on bi-lingual, wildlife boards providing a further interesting information point in the village. This would integrate with the bird boxes already erected on the school grounds. We look forward to the completion of the sewerage scheme and the possibility of Tipperary County Council making available an area for the advancement of this project.

Litter Control:

On the day of adjudication some litter was to be seen in a number of areas in the village, a cardboard box at the Cashel / Tipperary junction and the litter bins adjacent to the school were overflowing. The remainder of the village was litter free.

Waste Minimisation:

The recycling bins are well appointed and well located in the village centre, and were neat and tidy on the day. As pointed out in last year's report, perhaps the committee could develop some further ideas from the Race Against Waste booklet in the years ahead.

Tidiness:

Some areas of the village were in need of weed control but the general appearance of the village is one of tidiness. No doubt the completion of construction at the school will enhance the village core.

Residential Areas:

The new housing being constructed opposite the Mortuary is well located and should considerably add to the physical structure of the village centre. We look forward to their completion. It is to be hoped that they will be landscaped to a high quality with trees and shrubs. The existing scheme of red brick houses on the Cashel Road was well presented and some gardens were admired. Individual private residences also looked well with some very well presented gardens. Reference has previously been made to attention to roadside boundary walls.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Verges on the Thurles approach road were neat and tidy and well presented. The garage here could do with a repaint to match the brightly painted adjoining residence. Both the Cashel and Tipperary approach roads, while generally looking well, were in need of some verge cutting and weed control. The plant box at the announcement sign needed weeding

General Impression:

Clonoulty is a developing village, and with the completion of some additional housing and the new sewerage scheme, the possibilities for the future look bright.