

Tidy Towns Competition 2007

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Tinryland** Ref: **47**
County: **Carlow** Mark: **225**
Category: **B** Date(s): **25/06/2007**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	35
The Built Environment	50	28
Landscaping	50	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	20
Litter Control	50	25
Waste Minimisation	20	7
Tidiness	30	16
Residential Areas	40	27
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	27
General Impression	10	8
TOTAL MARK	400	225

Overall Development Approach:

Tinryland is welcome to the Tidy Towns 2007. Well done on your work. You are a busy group which we note meets fortnightly. Well done also on your business sponsorship and your contact with schools and newspapers.

Tinryland is very beautiful in lovely countryside, but the obvious immediate challenge you face is the building of the new dual carriageway road which already intersects the Nurney road and has caused a diversion through the village with all the attendant traffic, noise and dust. This was evident on the day of our visit.

The Built Environment:

The village has an attractive townscape with a fine church with railings and a very handsome school built in stone. The work at the Wexford road entrance was very attractive as was that at the Tinryland cross. We wish you well with the ball alley project, because it is next door to the church, as is the near derelict stone building on the other side. There is also a beautiful landscaped graveyard around the church. Several spaces and buildings are nearly derelict, mostly in part the tennis club and the right of way behind the boundary wall of the Dún a Rí, development which has very attractive, traditional gates and posts. There is a fine stone wall all along the road from the church. Dual language signage is very good. There is a good stone memorial and seat at Wexford Road and a lovely sign at the cross roads.

Landscaping:

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Good work has been undertaken at the Wexford road junction, that on the day of the visit was very busy with traffic noise and dense planting would help with this.

This junction and the Tinryland cross are both well laid out and attractive. Well done also on the memorial and the excellent planting in Dún a Rí estate. Planting and new lighting could enhance the car park outside Gala stores and make a better feature of the old pump.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Well done on the stile formed for access to fields for walking or jogging along a new Slí na Sláinte route through church land. Well done also on the bird boxes ideas, but open untouched areas and retention of hedgerows are also important as boundaries rather than walls. We read your nature boards with interest.

Litter Control:

This was good throughout the village with some litter on the approach road. However all the housing areas were litter free too. The Bring Banks were in the park and were clean and well signed. Well done on separating graveyard waste into green waste and plastic.

Waste Minimisation:

To perform to a high standard under this heading it is necessary too encourage all sectors of the community to survey the amount of waste generated by themselves and to formulate strategies to minimise the amount produced, as opposed to simply collecting waste for recycling. We anticipate a performance of excellence under this heading in the years to come given your track record to date in every other respect. The Race against Waste booklet included in this year's Tidy Towns pack contains a number of good ideas on this. Well done on the school getting the Green Flag. We note your composting efforts.

Tidiness:

We note the new stone sign at Tinryland cross which looks very attractive. We appreciate the difficulty in the face of all road construction work, and the village was tidy throughout on the day of inspection. Stone signage is well maintained and generally suitable. The park area was well presented. The information board needs repair.

Residential Areas:

These are all individually named attractive developments including local authority houses. Greens and gardens were in the main very attractive, most notably the Dún a Rí with good landscaping and street furniture. Its public art piece was admired.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Due primarily to the diversion of construction traffic working on the new dual carriageway outside the village, a lot of traffic is passing through and it is dirty and noisy. Approach roads, despite this, are still being maintained along the verges. There are opportunities for connecting laneways beside the Dún a Rí development.

General Impression:

We feel that works normally taking place during your Tidy Town's activities would normally have come to a halt during such operations. It is very much to your committee's credit that village enhancement work is proceeding. This will also be a great challenge to you in the coming years.

It will take time to settle down after such disturbance and the village can become tranquil and get its village character back again. This has been a challenge which your committee has already met, so look out for new spaces for developing when the work is finished.