

Tidy Towns Competition 2008

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Fenagh** Ref: **429**
County: **Leitrim** Mark: **227**
Category: **A** Date(s): **27/06/2008**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2008
Overall Development Approach	50	31
The Built Environment	50	29
Landscaping	50	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	22
Litter Control	50	31
Waste Minimisation	20	9
Tidiness	30	15
Residential Areas	40	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	33
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	400	227

Overall Development Approach:

Fenagh is welcome to the National Tidy Towns Competition in this its 50th Anniversary year. Thank you for your submission; we acknowledge your excellent plan 2006 - 2008 and wish you every success in its implementation. Your Visitor Centre is an excellent facility and the adjudicator enjoyed a cuppa with a friendly chat. The Interpretive panel is a nice touch also and so informative. Well done on your participation with most sectors of the community and your engagement with statutory organisations and agencies.

The Built Environment:

The Visitor Centre is an attractive stone building. The Abbey Bar and Quinns are nicely presented also however posters in the window of the Abbey Bar spoiled an otherwise good presentation. The school its grounds and its car-park were beautifully presented and well done to students here on their Green Flag however it looked a bit tatty and should be replaced. The interpretive panel on the heritage of the village together with flora and fauna details is a nice touch and most informative. We acknowledge your list of projects undertaken for this year's competition.

Landscaping:

Well done both on the maintenance of planted areas installed in previous years along with the planting of new flowerbeds and shrubberies; we wish you success in future projects planned under this heading. Do try to plant native species where possible as this is supportive of wildlife. Stands of mature trees at the roadside boundary of the church and graveyard are magnificent, hopefully trees planted recently will survive to be

part of Fenagh's heritage is future years.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Well done on the clean-up of the river for this year's competition together with the installation of the wildlife panel and additional bird boxes. We look forward to the introduction of ducks to the village, the planting of the riverbank (a native species only) and most importantly the proposed flora and fauna survey to be carried out in 2009; all of these activities/projects are invaluable to the development of Fenagh.

Litter Control:

Litter control was excellent at the time of adjudication and those involved in the spring talk to the public under theme of litter control are to be commended. No doubt reminders in the local notes have helped also and your liaison with the teachers in the local school has brought about the litter-free status of Fenagh. We wish you every success in the implementation of your planned projects and in particular we are interested to know the outcome of the "Keep Fenagh Tidy and Environmentally Friendly" school project. Ensure that all litter collected is segregated for recycling.

Waste Minimisation:

Well done on organising the talk in April with the theme of Waste Minimisation, no doubt this will bear fruit in the years to come. Keep us informed of the outcome of the workshop planned for September of this year. Congratulations to the local B&B who have achieved the EU Flower Environmental Award. The recycling point was neatly presented and weed-free. We wish you every success in future projects

Tidiness:

We note your use of weed killer (environmentally friendly?) and the standard of weed control throughout the village was good however some was noted at the nameplate on the entrance from the Ballinamore Road. Other work accomplished for this year at the school bus car-parking area and entrance gates is noted. A number of untidy sites are awaiting development or better enclosure as an interim measure. The overall appearance of Fenagh was one of tidiness

Residential Areas:

A number of weather-stained roadside boundary walls were noted at the entrance to the village from the Ballinamore Road. New residential developments are well presented in general and work-in-progress has been noted on further development, no doubt they will be brought to the same high standard. We note from your submission that residents have been requested to paint their own frontages, encourage them to extend their attention to their boundary walls and their roadside area.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Stone walls are a charming feature of Fenagh and all are being nicely maintained. The new nameplates are attractive also and indeed the same can be said of the new lamp-standards. Congratulations on the wire-scape free aspect of Fenagh. Road and footpath surfaces are good and the old telephone kiosk is quite charming.

General Impression:

Fenagh is a lovely village with a strong sense of its cultural heritage and a willingness to share this with visitors and new residents well done. We wish you success in the future.