

# Tidy Towns Competition 2008

## *Adjudication Report*

Centre: **Jamestown** Ref: **431**  
County: **Leitrim** Mark: **208**  
Category: **A** Date(s): **24/06/2008**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2008
Overall Development Approach	50	32
The Built Environment	50	22
Landscaping	50	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	20
Litter Control	50	25
Waste Minimisation	20	9
Tidiness	30	15
Residential Areas	40	26
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	25
General Impression	10	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>208</b>

### **Overall Development Approach:**

Jamestown is welcome to the National TidyTowns Competition in this its 50th Anniversary year. Thank you for your submission with its informative enclosures. Congratulations on the funding commitment for the new street- scape plan, we look forward to its implementation; well done also on the commitment from Leitrim County Council regarding new lamp-standards. Jamestown has a rich cultural heritage which is reflected in its Built Environment particularly the Franciscan Friary. The village has an unspoilt appearance which must be protected. We appreciate the size of the workload for such a small community and applaud you for achievements to date. Well done! Visit the TidyTowns website at [www.tidytowns.ie](http://www.tidytowns.ie) for tips and information on competing.

### **The Built Environment:**

The Cottage Restaurant is a charming development and the church is unusual being so close to the street. The dated beer sign on the pub beside the church should be removed altogether or at least replaced with a more attractive sign. We eagerly anticipate your appointment as a Heritage Village and your plan to restore some of the original village walls, the Arch, Ink Pot House at Bridge and Tower in the village. The proposed new circular walkway through the forest and back to Jamestown is an exciting development which hopefully will come to fruition, well done on bringing the proposed development successfully through its first stage of approval.

### **Landscaping:**

Young trees are establishing themselves well and the amenity area near the bridge is being maintained to a high standard. Well done on the refurbishment of the amenity area damaged during the sewerage scheme

works. In future landscaping programmes prioritise native species and avoid ornamental plants particularly in public places and natural amenity areas. Native species are supportive of wild life.

#### **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

The marina is being neatly maintained and the Weir is a strong visual feature of Jamestown. Wild grasses and flowers are profuse in the village and on its approach roads. Well done on your duck population and good luck regarding signage and the installation of a wildlife panel at the quay. A wildlife audit should be undertaken to establish existing wildlife with a goal of protecting it in the course of future development and of course to promote an appreciation and awareness for the community.

#### **Litter Control:**

The standard of litter control in Jamestown was very good and thank you for your communication regarding the plastic bag covering the pipe, this shows a strong commitment to the appearance of the village. Well done also on your submission to Leitrim County Council regarding their draft Litter Management Plan and on the installation of CCTV at the Bottle Bank. The weekly litter pick up together with the daily rota for sporadic littering is noted. No doubt all litter collected is segregated for recycling, the importance of this cannot be overstated

#### **Waste Minimisation:**

The recycling point was neat neatly presented and has been well managed no doubt due to the CCTV. The distribution of the a 'Race against Waste' leaflet to each household in Jamestown is an excellent initiative. Ultimately the goal is to reduce the amount of waste generated within the village by the community, with this in mind a Waste Audit might be considered.

#### **Tidiness:**

Weed control particularly along the kerbs of footpaths is strong with the exception of the footpath leading out to the N4. The maintenance of the bridge area is quite good also and we note the proposed make-over of the area to the side of the Church. At the time of adjudication the village pump appeared to have been knocked over no doubt this will be reinstated. The overall appearance of Jamestown was one of tidiness.

#### **Residential Areas:**

On-street dwellings, many with their traditional features intact give character and charm to Jamestown and container flower displays were noted. There are many nicely maintained gardens to dwellings. The improvement at the entrance to the Gambia premises is noted also, well done!

#### **Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

Roadside verges of approach roads are being neatly maintained and look well however a road edge/hard shoulder at one entrance to Jamestown was rough in appearance and in need of resurfacing. Street furniture is generally well-maintained and nameplates were admired. Road and footpath surfaces are good in the village centre. It is important not to trim hedgerow on approach roads between the months of February and August to facilitate the nesting season.

#### **General Impression:**

The new flagpoles installed on the bridge are noted and the completion of the sewerage scheme by 2009 should also see the reinstatement of all stretches of roads and footpaths.

Jamestown is a charming village with wonderful natural amenities and an enviable cultural heritage. Well done to a very small community undertaking a very large task and on your success to date.