

Tidy Towns Competition 2008

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Keshcarrigan** Ref: **432**
County: **Leitrim** Mark: **223**
Category: **A** Date(s): **28/06/2008**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2008
Overall Development Approach	50	31
The Built Environment	50	29
Landscaping	50	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	20
Litter Control	50	25
Waste Minimisation	20	9
Tidiness	30	20
Residential Areas	40	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	29
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	400	223

Overall Development Approach:

Keshcarrigan is welcome to the National Tidy Towns Competition in this its 50th Anniversary year. Thank you for your submission which includes your excellent plan as well as other enclosures and congratulations on winning the Leitrim Floral Pride Competition, this a grand achievement. Your regular clean-ups and monthly meetings are commendable and your links with Leitrim County Council, Arigna Leader and Waterways Ireland are acknowledged. It is good to note that schoolchildren participate in clean-ups and are encouraged to be litter-aware in general.

The Built Environment:

Shops and the pub are nicely presented and the Garda station is an attractive building also. New developments look exciting and will add a new dimension to the built environment of your village; keep signs within the village to a minimum, six+ were counted on a site near a new commercial development, this gives a visually cluttered appearance. Congratulations on the completion of planning for a Community Resource Centre, it is good to note that funding is available, congratulations also on the proposed development of a play area adjacent to the Peace Garden; we wish you every success with both projects.

Landscaping:

The 1798 River Park is a wonderful development and other memorials together with the small grotto are attractive and being maintained to good standard. The Fair Green Park could be improved a little. Container plants around the village where colourful and attractive. It is good to note from your submission that you are aware of the importance of planting native species in public places.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The Lakeside Park/Amenity on the entrance from the Mohill road is a wonderful development and was enjoyed by the adjudicator, the millstone here of the original Judge homestead is a nice touch. Perhaps a wildlife audit could be taken on as a project to identify existing flora and fauna to enable you to protect wildlife in the event of further development and indeed to promote community awareness of wildlife; schoolchildren might be involved in this proposed project.

Litter Control:

Litter control was excellent in Keshcarrigan and we note the litter picking rota and the involvement of schoolchildren. Well done also on your participation in the National Spring Clean Week. It is good to note that all litter is segregated for recycling, the importance of this cannot be overstated

Waste Minimisation:

Hopefully local businesses will provide litter and cigarette bins outside of their premises. We note your awareness campaign for Waste Minimisation and the role of recycling and composting and the general encouragement of more 'green' activities. At some stage in the future a Community waste audit might be undertaken with the ultimate goal of minimising the amount of waste produced in Keshcarrigan

Tidiness:

It is a pleasure to note the wirescape free aspect in the village centre and the attractive lampstandards for street lighting. Weedy kerbs in residential developments were noted, this will have to be addressed (the development beside the new commercial development of shops etc) Well done on the removal of old electricity poles.

Residential Areas:

Some residential premises looked a little weather-stained and improvements might be in order. New developments enjoy a wonderful setting overlooking the lake hopefully they will be maintained to the high standard they deserve with such a wonderful setting. As noted above some new developments (2) feature weedy kerbs

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The entrance from the Mohill approach road looked well in terms of its grass verges presented in their natural state and an attractive nameplate. Road surfaces and footpaths in the village centre are good and the old telephone kiosk is charming. Fingerpost signage for Lough Scur Park and Amenity is badly situated and in fact the adjudicator feels it to be dangerous and misleading in its present position.

General Impression:

Keshcarrigan is a charming village situated close to wonderful natural amenities and with a strong cultural and contemporary heritage. We look forward to future visits and to charting your progress in the competition and wish you success in the implementation of your plan.