

Tidy Towns Competition 2008

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Mohill** Ref: **435**
County: **Leitrim** Mark: **230**
Category: **C** Date(s): **25/06/2008**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2008
Overall Development Approach	50	35
The Built Environment	50	32
Landscaping	50	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	18
Litter Control	50	26
Waste Minimisation	20	12
Tidiness	30	17
Residential Areas	40	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	30
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	400	230

Overall Development Approach:

Mohill is welcome to the National TidyTowns Competition in this its 50th anniversary year; thank you for your submission which includes a copy of your three-year plan, we wish you success in its implementation. It is good to note that you have close links with all sectors of the community particularly students of the Vocational School and that you make good use of the church newsletter and the local press to communicate the TidyTowns message. Log on to the TidyTowns website at www.tidytowns.ie for useful information and resource material relative to the competition

The Built Environment:

Most buildings were presented to a high standard both public buildings such as churches the school the Fire Station and shopfronts; it was good to note that there are not too many unsightly signs on shopfronts however encourage shop owners to eliminate unsightly posters and stickers from window displays as they can spoil an otherwise good presentation. Roller shutters can be fitted inside windows to allow window display and lighting at night which brings life to a streetscape after business hours and of course facilitates window shopping. Commercial premises in general look well however there were some exceptions. We note from your submission that Houston station is to be demolished and redeveloped for a new supermarket. Well done on work accomplished at Arus Carolan.

Landscaping:

Many seated amenity areas were noted throughout Mohill and there was a good variety of planting including trees of all ages, mature shrubs and flowers. Grass verges and hedgerow as are also a pleasant feature of Mohill. We wish you every success in your plans for the future recreational amenity development of the lakes. In future landscaping projects favour native species as these are supportive of wildlife.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Congratulations on the launch of Part 1 of the O'Carolan Trail walkway, this a fine achievement, we note that part 2 is planned for 2009 and wish you success in this venture. Congratulations also on your liaison with the Wildlife Ranger with a view to the creation of a wildlife habitat on the Dromad Road. An audit of existing wildlife might be considered to both protect it from future development and to promote an awareness throughout the Community

Litter Control:

The standard of litter control throughout Mohill was good and we note from your submission litter picking evenings and daily litter pick-ups by the school. Daily litter pick-ups are reported for the local authority also. Congratulations also on raising awareness of the Green Schools Programme at local schools. It is important to that litter picked is segregated for recycling, this cannot be overstated

Waste Minimisation:

Well done and the information evenings held in April of this year with the theme of the Waste Minimisation, Environmental Laws and Non-Compliance of Waste-Management, this was an excellent initiative and hopefully one that will have long-term fruitful consequences. Your civic amenity is noted and landscaping to its roadedge was admired. The recycling point is well presented also however weed growth was starting to catch on here.

Tidiness:

A number of undeveloped sites were noted near the civic amenity centre hopefully these will be developed in the short-term future or at least benefit from proper enclosure until then. A number of derelict buildings were also observed however we note from your submission that the committee is working with the county council on this problem. Your work regarding a clutter of signage throughout the village is also acknowledged

Residential Areas:

Residential estates are attractively presented in respect of identification name stones, landscaping and the maintenance of green areas. A long stretch of wall along the entrance from the Ballinamore Road was a little weather stained. Older dwellings are presented to a good standard also. The committee might consider a variety of competitions and 'Meet the Neighbours' evenings to integrate new residents into the life of the community in general and to the TidyTowns Competition in particular.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

It was a pleasure to note how little overhead wirescape exists in Mohill and lampstandards are attractive, well done. Road surfaces and footpaths are being generally well-maintained and approach roads look well also. Nameplates and other items of street furniture are attractive features of the townscape.

General Impression:

Mohill is a beautiful town and has considerable potential for success in the TidyTowns Competition; the problem of dereliction will have to be tackled more effectively however before then and we acknowledge that the committee is working in conjunction with the local authority on this situation.