

# Tidy Towns Competition 2008

## *Adjudication Report*

Centre: **Newtowngore** Ref: **436**  
County: **Leitrim** Mark: **180**  
Category: **A** Date(s): **26/06/2008**

|                                | Maximum<br>Mark | Mark<br>Awarded 2008 |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Overall Development Approach   | 50              | 23                   |
| The Built Environment          | 50              | 27                   |
| Landscaping                    | 50              | 26                   |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 50              | 12                   |
| Litter Control                 | 50              | 27                   |
| Waste Minimisation             | 20              | 3                    |
| Tidiness                       | 30              | 12                   |
| Residential Areas              | 40              | 22                   |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas  | 50              | 22                   |
| General Impression             | 10              | 6                    |
| <b>TOTAL MARK</b>              | <b>400</b>      | <b>180</b>           |

### **Overall Development Approach:**

Newtowngore is welcome to the National TidyTowns Competition in this its 50th anniversary year. Thank you for your submission, we note the absence of a planned work programme and urge you to prepare one and submit it with each year of entry. A map would also be useful indicating sites where work has been accomplished in the previous year. From your submission it seems that you are not creating links with the county council or other statutory bodies or agencies, this will perhaps limit what you can achieve alone. We note contact made with the school regarding the Spring Clean-Up, well done on this. You can log on to the TidyTowns website at [www.tidytowns.ie](http://www.tidytowns.ie) for resource material on participation in the competition.

### **The Built Environment:**

The overall presentation and curtilage area of the Newtowngore Inn is excellent. The old Church of Ireland and its Graveyard was neatly presented. The Mace and the Post Office premises look quite well but some consideration might be given to placing the shutter on the Mace door inside to allow for a more attractive presentation after business hours. The wire and post fencing of the Lunneys Tractors Limited yard could be replaced with more attractive enclosure.

### **Landscaping:**

Landscaping in the car park of the Newtowngore Inn is attractive and flower displays in hanging baskets look well also, well done on tree-planting at a number of locations. Where possible favour native species over ornamental plants as these are supportive of wildlife.

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

The space under this heading in your application form is blank so the adjudicator assumes there has been no wildlife project undertaken. Of course the village and its immediate environs would be rich in wildlife; some attempt might be made to survey some of this; the purpose of the proposed survey is to identify existing wildlife so that it may be taken into consideration in the event of future development and protected and of course for the pleasure that comes with awareness.

**Litter Control:**

Litter control was excellent throughout Newtowngore no doubt this is due in part to the clean-up week in April. If there are any more litter control/management activities we would like to hear of them as these can be a source of additional marks. Collected litter should be segregated for recycling

**Waste Minimisation:**

Congratulations to the school for their participation in the Green Schools Programme. The Bring Banks were tidy but a little weedy. A Community Waste Audit might be considered.

**Tidiness:**

Wirescape in the village centre looks quite poor. Hopefully it will be deducted at some stage in the future. a number of untidy undeveloped sites on the Carrigallen road were noted particularly at the road junction; if these are not to be developed in the near-future perhaps they could be tidied up or enclosed appropriately pending development.

**Residential Areas:**

New residential in the village centre is finished to a high standard, some unfinished residential was noted on the Carrigallen road no doubt these will be completed to a similar high standard. The majority of dwellings are nicely presented. Encourage residents to pay particular attention to their roadside boundary walls and roadside areas to these. It is good to note from your submission the provision of estate names and landscaping

**Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

The Ballinamore approach road is attractively presented with neat grass verges backed by stonewall and featuring a nameplate. Another entrance features wild flowers, these should be cut back around the nameplate and the nameplate cleaned. There are some good stretches of well surfaced footpath The nameplate on the Carrigallen road was reasonably well presented. curbing to the footpath has been noted in the village centre.

**General Impression:**

Newtowngore is a small village small with an attractive appearance and seems poised to grow further given the number of new residential developments. We wish you success in your future endeavours.