

Tidy Towns Competition 2008

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Tydavnet** Ref: **614**
County: **Monaghan** Mark: **240**
Category: **A** Date(s): **02/06/2008**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2008
Overall Development Approach	50	38
The Built Environment	50	31
Landscaping	50	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	18
Litter Control	50	36
Waste Minimisation	20	10
Tidiness	30	17
Residential Areas	40	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	26
General Impression	10	8
TOTAL MARK	400	240

Overall Development Approach:

Thank you for your most comprehensive entry form and map which was of great use to the adjudicator. In previous years you submitted photographs but omitted to do so this year. You should consider preparing a 3-5 year development plan incorporating relevant images with your 2009 entry, as there are additional marks to be gained by doing so. You have quite a large committee for a small village and your regular meetings have been noted. Ongoing co-operation with FAS, Monaghan County Council and local businesses is vital to your continued success. It is also good to note that you use local media to publicise your endeavors. Similarly, you are commended for involving the school children, this will ensure that the next generation will sustain the current pride in Tydavnet.

The Built Environment:

The Community Centre was clean and fresh in appearance on the day of adjudication. The school too looked well and the stories of St. Dymphna are an interesting feature. Some of the paintwork at the school looked a little tired and should be repainted before next years competition. The Rock Inn and Jacks Bar were well presented and the church, as ever was admired. You are commended on your upkeep of Lampholders and cleaning of lights. The public seating and the Tydavnet Story Monument looked particularly well and both graveyards were neat and tidy. The mural opposite the shop brightens up a central area in the village. Could the derelict petrol pump be removed as it is somewhat of an eyesore?

Landscaping:

The planting along the small wall was suitable, effective and well maintained. Landscaping at the school was particularly impressive and it was great to see that the tree planted by your committee in 2006 was thriving. Hanging baskets of trailing petunias at Jacks added a welcome splash of colour. The rose bed, although not yet in bloom, was admired. At the same area it was clear that the lawn had been freshly cut and edged

offering immaculate presentation. Similarly the maturing trees looked well. Have you considered introducing a color scheme between lamp posts, public seating, bins and bedding plants to present a cohesive image of the village? This would help, perhaps identify where the village begins and ends, as you've indicated that the village is expanding through additional housing.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The wildlife board at the school looked well and we look forward to your continued co-operation with the school in coming years. The flora and fauna signage was noted as was the birdhouse, indeed a family of rabbits were playing in the adjoining garden on the morning of adjudication! Hopefully your plans for the completion of the wishing well project will come to fruition before next years competition.

Litter Control:

All in all litter control was quite good in Tydavnet and your regular litter patrols seem to be paying off. Some outbreaks were noted however in the church carpark, at the bring bank and the side road approaching the cemetery. The ashtray was noted at the Community Centre. One critical issue was an abundance of cigarette butts strewn around the pub entrances.

Waste Minimisation:

Your ongoing segregation of litter has been noted. Your bring bank is well located and a wonderful facility for a small village to have. Have you considered developing a composting area? Perhaps the Environmental Officer could assist you with drawing up plans to look at other opportunities to reduce waste?

Tidiness:

There is a clear and cohesive sense of pride in the overall presentation of Tydavnet. Ongoing work at Cnoc na Greine and private sites of course has an impact but its completion will, no doubt, enhance the village's appearance in years to come. Your committee could encourage the removal of rubble and sand on the completion of new surfaces etc as they can have a detrimental impact on the appearance of Tydavnet. The approach to St. Dymphna's Cemetery is a little overgrown in places and the gates at the cemetery should be repainted before next years competition. If possible you should paint the rusted field gate on this approach also. Some weed growth was spotted at the 'Story of Tydavnet'. Finally, the village pump looked great and is a wonderful asset to the village.

Residential Areas:

Your requests to residents to play their part in the presentation of their approach roads seems to have worked for the most part and for this you are commended. One residence opposite the entrance to the new development was particularly admired for its slick appearance. We look forward to the completion of the Cnoc na Greine development in the coming years.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Generally speaking the roads, streets and back areas of Tydavnet are well presented. Your ongoing negotiations with Monaghan County Council has been noted with regard to the proposed new location for the 50km signage.

General Impression:

It was a pleasure to adjudicate Tydavnet for the first time and there is certainly considerable opportunity to progress in the Tidy Towns Competition in the years to come.