

Tidy Towns Competition 2008

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Delgany** Ref: **249**
County: **Wicklow** Mark: **243**
Category: **C** Date(s): **13/07/2008**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2008
Overall Development Approach	50	37
The Built Environment	50	33
Landscaping	50	33
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	24
Litter Control	50	31
Waste Minimisation	20	4
Tidiness	30	14
Residential Areas	40	31
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	29
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	400	243

Overall Development Approach:

Delgany is welcomed to the Tidy Towns Competition 2008. Thank you for your detailed application form and the photographs of the burial ground, and other supporting material which were of great assistance. It is encouraging that your committee of eight are helped by good community involvement. It is refreshing to note that there are good working relationships with the school and Heritage Council. Do you ever contact the County Council for assistance or advice? Please consider a development plan for Delgany for Three, Four or Five years as there are additional marks to be gained.

The Built Environment:

The National School was immaculate in its presentation as the adjudicator passed. However, some of the planters to the fore looked a little tired and should be replenished. The Health Centre was freshly painted but it is a pity to note the Delgany Inn is still unoccupied. The Carmelite Monastery, as ever, looks fantastic and certainly sets the standard. The Wicklow Arms, Porter Ryle, The Delgany Village Market and Horse and Hound all looked well. Thank you for the photographs of the burial, unfortunately it was closed on the morning of adjudication.

Landscaping:

Planting at the water pump added a welcome splash of colour. Incidental planters and vibrant window boxes were noted in the village area. Many of the landscaped residential areas are presented to the highest standard and this is commended.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Delgany is in the enviable position of being tucked away in the most wonderful woodland setting. Blackberry Lane has the most inviting name and is a wonderful natural amenity. There was a 'Private' sign at the entrance to Kindlestown Wood Trail – is public access permitted? The Delgany Heritage Trail leaflet provides interesting reading and the information board was also noted in the village.

Litter Control:

Litter control in the central part of the village is quite good and similarly only an odd stray piece was noted in back areas. You are commended for your April clean up and perhaps the men of the village will assist the next time! However, there is one serious problem area and this is the road to St. Laurence's School. The many walkers on the morning of adjudication appeared oblivious to the vast quantities of litter.

Waste Minimisation:

There are many marks to be gained in this section of the competition. Do the schools participate in the Green Schools Programme? Do you segregate and recycle litter for you 'clean-ups'? Perhaps the Environment Officer of Wicklow County Council could give you some assistance with this part of the competition.

Tidiness:

Priory Road area was looking fresh and new paths certainly enhance the tidiness of this area with the exception of one poorly presented gateway. Heavy weed growth was noted along Convent road and, to a lesser extent at Kindlestown Hill. A partially collapsed was on Glen Road detracts from Delgany.

Residential Areas:

The presentation of the majority of the properties throughout Delgany is exceptional. Residences along Bellevue Hill were admired of the freshness of appearance and cottage gardens. The consistency of presentation here is remarkable. Easton, Bellevue Court, Hunters Brook and The Nurseries all looked well. A cottage garden beside the Health Centre was greatly admired. The developing Glenair area is looking great and hopefully the remainder of the traditional street lighting will be complete by TidyTowns 2009. In the village Sunnyside House and Round the Bend had the most spectacular floral displays.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Generally speaking roads, streets and back areas were cleanly presented throughout Delgany. In a few areas, however there were uneven patches namely Kindlestown Hill and in the Main Street too. Unfortunately, one of the paths on Glen road has become a bank of weeds.

General Impression:

Delgany is the most beautiful woodland oasis. You are congratulated on your progress to date in the TidyTowns Competition.