

Tidy Towns Competition 2008

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Roundwood** Ref: **246**
County: **Wicklow** Mark: **241**
Category: **B** Date(s): **12/07/2008**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2008
Overall Development Approach	50	36
The Built Environment	50	30
Landscaping	50	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	19
Litter Control	50	39
Waste Minimisation	20	8
Tidiness	30	17
Residential Areas	40	26
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	31
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	400	241

Overall Development Approach:

It is great to welcome Roundwood to the Tidy Towns Competition 2008. Thank you for your detailed entry form, clear map, publicity clippings and photographs – which make it all the easier to allocate marks. Your committee of four is quite small for a town the size of Roundwood, however the support of Roundwood and District Community Council and Wicklow County Council has been noted. Your ongoing co-operation with local businesses is commendable. There are many marks yet to be gained in this section of the competition and you should, perhaps with the help of the Community Council, devise a Three, Four or Five years plan for the town and submit it with next years entry form. This would allow a significant increase in marks. It is a pity to note that your committee has lost members of late. Perhaps you should use this as an opportunity to develop a youth branch to your committee as often this will ultimately involve parents too.

The Built Environment:

The Coach House and Round Wood Inn were admired for the most spectacular display of seasonal blooms. Among the other premises admired in the town were Keeleys, The Health Centre, The Church, Vartry House, Ashley's Barber Shop and the Post Office. New railings were noted at the old school and the 19th Hole Pub looks remarkably well considering it is unoccupied. However, the adjoining out houses requires some repair and a fresh coat of paint. A construction site was noted in the town centre and we look forward to the completion of this project. Stained paintwork at the Credit Union and boundary walls was disappointing.

Landscaping:

Your ongoing work at Synotts corner is commended and it is refreshing to note that you have planted spring bulbs. The Djouce Wood area is looking well and trees are maturing well. A broken tree at the entrance should be removed and replaced. Window boxes and hanging baskets brightened up the streetscape with colourful summer blooms. Planting at Roundwood Bank was a little tired and should be replenished.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Roundwood is located in the most spectacular setting with dense woodland. Please ensure to provide more information and a map of the walking routes in the area as there are many marks to be gained in this section. You seem to have quite substantial plans with regard to wildlife and we look forward to these coming to fruition in the years to come.

Litter Control:

In general, litter control in Roundwood is very good and it is clear that your management strategy in association with the Town Council and the school is working well and for this you are commended.

Waste Minimisation:

The students and teachers of Roundwood National School are congratulated on achieving their second Green Flag. It must be wonderful to have so many young experts in the town! It is good to note that recycling is being encouraged in the community in general too.

Tidiness:

Lengthy tracts of neatly presented grass verges certainly add to the tidiness of Roundwood. The presentation of Roundwood Bank was a little disappointing. Kerbside weeds were noted at the school.

Residential Areas:

Many of the residences in Vartry Heights looked well although staining on paintwork detracted from some properties. The bungalows and cottages on the Dublin road were greatly admired for their fresh paintwork and beautifully presented gardens. Djouce Meadow looked great and the trees and green area are maturing well. Hopefully the remaining boundary walls will be skimmed and painted before next year's competition. Many of the houses on the road from Vartry House looked marvellous.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Roads, streets and back areas are generally quite good in Roundwood. The Bray and Annamoe roads in particular were admired for their fresh, clean appearance. The approach to Vartry Heights was a little uneven in places but improved further in.

General Impression:

Roundwood is congratulated on the progress to date in the Tidy Towns Competition. Hopefully you will recover from your stint in the doldrums and come back fighting with new members in 2009! Good Luck!