

Tidy Towns Competition 2008

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Tinahely** Ref: **245**
County: **Wicklow** Mark: **235**
Category: **C** Date(s): **08/06/2008**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2008
Overall Development Approach	50	39
The Built Environment	50	32
Landscaping	50	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	23
Litter Control	50	25
Waste Minimisation	20	8
Tidiness	30	16
Residential Areas	40	27
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	28
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	400	235

Overall Development Approach:

Tinahely is warmly welcomed to the TidyTowns Competition 2008. Thankfully you took the advice of last years adjudicator and submitted a detailed work programme for 2008, completed entry form and the hand drawn map in particular was of great assistance to this adjudicator. This has resulted in a considerable increase in marks in this section. The next step is to provide a Three, Four or Five year Plan in a seperate document, with supporting photographs. You indicate that your committee has approximately 10 members and that you work as a sub-committee of Tinahely Area Development Group. Public meetings is a good way of involving the public in general and in particular, new residents to Tinahely. You are commended on ongoing co-operation with Wicklow County Council, Local Businesses, FÁS and The Uplands Council. It is encouraging to note that the Competition has had a positive impact on community spirit and instilled pride in Tinahely - thats what its all about!

The Built Environment:

The Community Hall looked great. Similarly, the Church and Grounds at Kilaveney were fresh in appearance and we look forward to the completion of the wall for TidyTowns 2009. Olivia's Beauty Salon, Luigis, Seavers, O'Connors, Mrs. P, and Murphys were all admired for there well presented shop fronts. A pretty window box was admired at the Bank of Ireland, perhaps the weeds could be removed from the gutter by TidyTowns 2009? The Traditional shop front at M. Symes was particularlt admired. The Courthouse Arts Centre looks well and the signage was noted, however, unfortunately one pane of glass was shattered.

Landscaping:

The raised bed and trees at the Shillelagh junction were admired and the planting of spring bulbs commended. A substantial planted bank on the Hackettstown approach looked great and a thick layer of mulch was keeping the weeds at bay. Unfortunately, two of the sleepers had been disrupted and hopefully

they will be back in place by next years competition. The area around Pound Lane is a credit to your committee. You should consider submitting 'before' and 'after' pictures as this gives an adjudicator a better idea of the work involved. Planting at the Square provides an attractive focal point. Twin planters outside the Bookmakers were well presented.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

You certainly have been busy! The Railway Walk is a wonderful amenity and you are congratulated on its overall presentation. Large scale tree and spring bulb planting has been noted.

Litter Control:

In general, litter control is quite good throughout Tinahely. However, the school road displayed quite a scattering. The recycling Center too was quite littered and there was evidence of dumping too.

Waste Minimisation:

The Schools, are commended yet again, on their Green Flag Status and hopefully these will be retained for many years to come! It is great to note that the recycling amenity is busy and is a great asset to Tinahely.

Tidiness:

Some kerbside weeds were noted at Holts Crescent and these should be removed. Kerbside weeds were also beginning to emerge at Kilcommon and this should be addressed. Grass here is quite overgrown. Your town and street signage was greatly admired but it was a pity to note that the one at Kellys Hill had been destroyed by graffiti. The removal of the broken public phone at Coolruss is commended. Attention needs to be paid to the presentation of stained boundary wall in places as this detracts from Tinahely.

Residential Areas:

A creeper clad bungalow with carefully sculpted hedge was admired on the Arklow approach. Pretty planting was admired at the Holts Crescent Stone and the houses too looked well. Beechwood Park had a clean appearance with maturing trees on the green. The fence was noted at Derry Drive, although it did not appear to have been painted on the day of adjudication. Numerous vernacular residences on the Main Street were well painted with many displaying window boxes which brightened the streetscape.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The Arklow approach is fresh in appearance. Verges on the Shillelagh road should be cut back just one foot from the roadside to provide a tidy impression but also allowing the wildlife to flourish. The School road and paths looked well however, the surface deteriorated close to the entrance to Beechwood Park and towards the end of the road. The Kelly's Hill area is neatly presented but the road surface is a little uneven in parts.

General Impression:

Congratulations on a significant increase in marks - its well deserved. It is wonderful to see the momentum in the village and hopeful this will sustain for many years to come! Well done!