

Tidy Towns Competition 2009

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Tinryland** Ref: **47**
County: **Carlow** Mark: **232**
Category: **B** Date(s): **23/06/2009**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2009
Overall Development Approach	50	35
The Built Environment	50	29
Landscaping	50	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	22
Litter Control	50	29
Waste Minimisation	20	7
Tidiness	30	16
Residential Areas	40	27
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	28
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	400	232

Overall Development Approach:

The adjudicator would like to welcome Tinryland to the 2009 Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for the completed entry form and the map. Your committee of twelve people is large by national standards and this is most encouraging. It illustrates the level of support that Tidy Towns enjoys in Tinryland. The Wednesday work nights are a great idea and it gives the community an opportunity to participate. You make good use each week of the local media and enjoy good sponsorship. The 3 Year Tidy Towns Plan for Tinryland was not included with the entry and you might enclose a copy of this next year. The adjudicator enjoyed reading the excellent Heritage Trail booklet and what an extensive Trail you have developed. Thank you also for the photograph of work in progress on the old School.

The Built Environment:

The Ball Alley is to be your next project but what have you in mind for this village centre area? When changes are being made here do remember to relocate, of necessary, the Rural Electrification plaque on the Church side of the Alley. As you are planning to work on the Handball Alley, its present condition has not affected your marks this year in a negative way. The new name and entrance at Seerys is welcomed. On the Nurney approach the yellow road boundary wall and railings would be improved if painted. It was surprising to see a premises with shutters in such a rural area. The restored School as the Community Centre was examined with great interest and what a great community facility this is. The adjudicator is not entirely happy with the modern stone façade facing to the road and it does not rest happily in the visual sense with the nearby Granite structures. However, this is purely a personal view and given that comment you have done excellent work on keeping this building alive for future generations. The Church was much admired and the gate might be repainted in matt black for next year. The Bring Centre car park is attractively and colorfully landscaped and there also good textural contrasts in the landscaping.

Landscaping:

The new shrubs and Roses planted in the centre of the village were much admired and the adjudicator fully supports your strategy of planting for some winter colour. The 1798 Memorial Garden is attractively presented and gravel is used effectively here as a design feature. The landscaped area opposite the Church enjoys a fine backdrop of mature trees. The landscaping on either side of the information panel looked a little tired or drab and perhaps some Heathers might be considered for this area when next being renewed.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Congratulations on the achievement by the School of their 3rd Green Flag and hopefully they are now working towards their 4th. You do not appear to have any engagement with the School according to your entry form and this might be reconsidered. The Tinryland Trail Finder is most interesting and it was great to see that the old names for crossroads in the area have been recorded here. It was noted that the glass in this panel has been broken. At the panel at the Bring Centre car park condensation has become a problem and needs early treatment. Well done on planting species that will encourage wildlife to the area.

Litter Control:

The three new litter bins are welcomed as is your participation in the ten weeks Litter League. At the Bring Centre the Clear Glass container needed to be washed and the three poles painted. The facility here is well landscaped and that makes such a positive difference. Just a little litter was noted in Dun a Ri estate. Otherwise, litter control standards noted were encouraging.

Waste Minimisation:

This section is about waste reduction and then recycling. Can you think of any waste currently produced in Tinryland that could be reduced annually? Of what is left how much could go into recycling? Can you talk with the School about joint waste reduction projects or recycling?

Tidiness:

Congratulations on overcoming the problems created by the 2008 road works. The black bollards in the village centre would be improved if repainted. At the landscaped area opposite the Church gate the seat needed to be repainted.

Residential Areas:

It was good to read that the Estates have Residents Groups. Dun A Ri is quite attractively presented but for some weed growth at kerbing. The rather unusual Sculpture was much admired. Wonderfully colourful hanging baskets caught the eye at the house at the bottom of the access road to the estate. St Joseph's Terrace is a pleasant area that needs to watch the issue of weed growth at kerbing. Otherwise, this is a pleasant, well kept estate.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The new safety barrier to the Wexford Road is a great safety improvement. On the Nurney approach uncut nettles were quite high and the Ramps sign was partially obscured by growth. Watch out for weed growth at the base of walls on approach roads such as the road west out of the village at the cross roads.

General Impression:

It was a pleasure to visit Tinryland for the first time and we look forward to returning next year to see your new work and, especially, the planned work on the Handball Alley. Good luck with your future projects.