

Tidy Towns Competition 2009

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Culfadda** Ref: **1408**
County: **Sligo** Mark: **198**
Category: **A** Date(s): **02/06/2009**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2009
Overall Development Approach	50	26
The Built Environment	50	28
Landscaping	50	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	12
Litter Control	50	32
Waste Minimisation	20	8
Tidiness	30	12
Residential Areas	40	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	25
General Impression	10	6
TOTAL MARK	400	198

Overall Development Approach:

Culfadda Development Organisation is welcome to the 2009 competition. Your plan for the next few years was short and concise. The plans for townland signs were noted and we look forward to seeing these in years to come. The committee is a generous sized one given the size of the village. Your work with the school regarding energy awareness and the Green Flag initiative is excellent. Your positive approach to your work in the competition is to be applauded.

The Built Environment:

The school looked well, although its entrance area wall will need repainting before next year's competition. It would benefit from a major landscaping project to soften the somewhat harsh appearance of its grounds. A similar project would benefit the church surrounds. The church building itself was quite patchy and will benefit from plans to paint it. Higgins's was quite fresh and neatly presented.

Landscaping:

The plan for a landscaped water feature at the village centre and pump is an interesting one and we look forward to its implementation. As mentioned elsewhere in this report, there are many opportunities for developing this aspect of the competition further.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The habitat survey was a good idea and we look forward to reading it with great anticipation. Plans to conserve the wildlife at the river were noted, as was the planned bird sanctuary, in conjunction with the local school.

Litter Control:

The standard in this category of the competition was good on the day. The weekly litter pick up and promotions must be paying off. The plans for signage and cigarette dispensers at the church were noted.

Waste Minimisation:

The bins at the recycling area were well maintained, and we look forward to their upgrading. The increased use of them must be heartening! The provision of a clothes bank is a good idea, also.

Tidiness:

The brightly painted red shed in its prominent position in the village centre is a shining example to all of a similar nature. One nearby would benefit from a fresh coat of paint, however. Plans for landscaping to the unused car and trailer area is to be applauded. Culfadda generally had a quite neat appearance on the day.

Residential Areas:

The housing estate featuring pastel colours on the Keash approach was admired. The common area of the housing estate of brick houses was somewhat overgrown. The village sported some lovely gardens and well maintained houses. New houses were being built in the centre of the village and it is to be hoped these will be of a design and materials that will blend seamlessly with the rest of Culfadda.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The children crossing sign on the Keash approach appeared quite grubby, on the day. New tree planting was evident opposite the school and is applauded. The proposed timber signage is looked forward to.

General Impression:

Congratulations to the church on the celebration of its Golden Jubilee this year. Culfadda is an interesting working village and was most interesting to visit for the first time.