

# Tidy Towns Competition 2012

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Marfield** Ref: **592**  
County: **Tipperary(South)** Mark: **264**  
Category: **A** Date(s): **17/06/2012**

	<b>Maximum Mark</b>	<b>Mark Awarded 2011</b>	<b>Mark Awarded 2012</b>
Overall Development Approach	50	35	35
The Built Environment	50	32	32
Landscaping	50	34	35
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	37	37
Litter Control	50	28	27
Tidiness	30	20	20
Waste Minimisation	20	4	4
Residential Areas	40	34	34
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	31	32
General Impression	10	8	8
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>264</b>

### Overall Development Approach:

Welcome to the National Tidy Towns Competition 2012. Your committee of ten members and other volunteers are to be commended on your efforts particularly this year because of the wet spring and summer. It is good that you receive support in your community from public agencies in your area. Thanks for supplying a map of the area with your application. Good luck in the Entente Florale venture with Clonmel.

### The Built Environment:

St. Patrick's Well is a peaceful place, the railings by the steps are well painted and the grounds are maintained. The nice stone wall boundary adds to the character of the area. St. Patrick's Church and its stately avenue are a gem. There are many good standard stone walls on the approach road to the church. The church itself needs some cleaning and the headstones and graves are overgrown with nettles. The village pump was clean. At the entrance to Marlboro (Marfield estate) the road is unfinished and the railings need painting. The electric pole opposite is rusted. The lodges are well maintained and the mature trees enhance the area.

### Landscaping:

We noted the new trees planted on the Clonmel Road approach. Remember to control weeds at the base of these trees to ensure their establishment and continued growth. Marfield has many important avenue trees and important specimens within the estate which it is hoped will be conserved for future generations. There is little need to add additional shrubs or flowers to your lovely natural setting, so well done on refraining from doing so at the entrance sign.

### Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Marfield Lake is a fantastic facility, teeming with wildlife in a secluded setting and appears well used. The information signs on birds and fish are very informative and easy to read. Stone walls at the information signs were attractive. Coots were nesting close to the bank and seemed not to care about our presence. We visited the Sandy Banks and were delighted with the view of the River Suir. However, the road and car park area is badly in need of surfacing and landscape treatment and is littered. It is badly in need of completion. The national Looped walks is an added attraction to the area. The signs are very good but the kissing gate is not functioning as people are using a gap at the sign for access.

#### **Litter Control:**

There is no evidence of litter at Marfield Lake and St. Patrick's Well. Litter was noted at the Sandy Banks car park and in the grass surroundings as well as at the bring bank centre.

#### **Tidiness:**

The fly tipping problem within the grounds of Marfield estate, referred to in your submission appears to have been resolved. A site opposite the Ha Ha appears to be used for dumping. The old cemetery at St. Patrick's Church is in need of improvement and we note that some works have taken place there. Weeds were noted in the gutters of some buildings. The most untidy part of your area is the Sandy Banks.

#### **Waste Minimisation:**

The bring banks at Sandy Banks are in need of attention. This section is about taking action to reduce, reuse and recycle materials and it is suggested that you determine the level of this activity taking place in your community.

#### **Residential Areas:**

Houses on the road leading to Mountain View estate are very good. Herbaceous plants and roses growing on the right make a good display. Mountain View estate sign needs cleaning. The existing established trees make good impact but one dead tree should be removed. The houses are well maintained.

#### **Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

The roundabout west of Marfield is an opportunity to highlight the approach to the community. The finger post sign for St. Patrick's Well needs cleaning. Some road surfaces need repair.

#### **General Impression:**

Marfield is fortunate to have such wonderful features in a peaceful setting. Best wishes for your future plans and we look forward to your entry in 2013.