

Tidy Towns Competition 2012

Adjudication Report

Centre: **New Inn** Ref: **1279**
County: **Tipperary(South)** Mark: **227**
Category: **A** Date(s): **18/06/2012**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2011	Mark Awarded 2012
Overall Development Approach	50	25	25
The Built Environment	50	33	34
Landscaping	50	31	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	12	12
Litter Control	50	34	36
Tidiness	30	17	18
Waste Minimisation	20	8	8
Residential Areas	40	25	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	30	30
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	400	222	227

Overall Development Approach:

Welcome to the National Tidy Towns Competition 2012. Your committee of twenty people are obviously hard working and enthusiastic and you have many successful links with the local authority and other public bodies in the area as well as support from the community. Thank you for your map, the three year plan and your application. Please add more detail to your map for next year's application.

The Built Environment:

The Grotto was generally clean and well painted, the statue face needs attention. The Rovers Inn building and car park were clean and tidy. On the Golden Road, the tyre centre beside the school was untidy. The school looks well and the walls at the Church, Convent and Cemetery were well painted. The house where the bedding plants were for sale was well decorated with hanging baskets and containers – a good advertisement for their business. The house at the corner of the Cashel Road was empty and the front well painted but the gable plaster was falling off. On the opposite corner the buildings were neat and tidy. We noted the well decorated empty forge beside Bannon's Pub. As in 2011 the two Rs of the gate at Rockwell Rovers needs painting but the pitch looks well. The old Dispensary on the Clonmel Road was painted and decorated with hanging baskets and is a credit to whoever is responsible. On Our Lady's Road there is a derelict house which is overgrown

Landscaping:

Opportunities for landscape improvements in New Inn include planting an avenue of trees on the Cahir/Cashel Road where the width is such that they can be accommodated. This project which could be implemented in association with footpaths would help to reduce traffic speed and add greatly in enhancing the village. If this idea is pursued remember to plant a single species such as ash, birch, lime or maple to provide uniformity and

maximise impact. In regard to the Field it appears that your objectives are changing from initially having it maintained to adding some features. The best approach is to have a layout prepared outlining detail of how it should be developed to function as a local park and to enable you to implement improvement works in years to come. It is important that a layout reflect the rural environment of New Inn. In that regard the planting of flowering cherry trees is not appropriate as they are not in harmony with your surroundings. Suitable species for planting on the boundary would have been oak or ash, both of which are native and support wildlife. There were good quality trees in the grass verge outside Rockwell Rovers but the plant containers are unnecessary in this location. Containers are best used to enhance areas where planting directly into the ground is not possible. At Bannon's Pub a great effort was made with painting and plant containers.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Your environment is surrounded by a wealth of flora and fauna. It would be an interesting project for the school children to carry out a survey of the flora as a means of developing their interest and knowledge of their surroundings. In an area of natural beauty like New Inn, any improvements should blend in with the landscape. In that regard, it is a novel idea to have sheep and lambs grazing in a village setting.

Litter Control:

As stated in your application, the absence of litter is proof of your constant vigilance in this regard. A small amount of litter on the road at the grotto was noted.

Tidiness:

You have taken measures to improve the tidiness of New Inn. Some weeds were noted in a laneway near Dairygold, in the car park at Rockwell Rovers and at the village entrance on the Cashel Road.

Waste Minimisation:

We note that you intend to collect grass cuttings and advise that it is not necessary if you mow the areas more frequently. Mown grass is best decomposed back into the ground. We commend you on the car pooling in the village bringing secondary school students to Cashel and Cahir. The Bring Centre looked fine. Have you determined the quantities of various materials being recycled from them?

Residential Areas:

Houses in the community are well maintained with some exceptions and we note your action at Fr. Meehan Crescent and in painting the old Dispensary.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The Dairygold gate and surround on the Cahir Road was neat and tidy. There was a good stone wall opposite and work it appears is on going. The finger post directional signs in the village centre need cleaning. The entrance to the village outside Rockwell Rovers boundary was well maintained. The white washed wall further on needs repainting.

General Impression:

New Inn has great potential and we wish you good luck in your future endeavours. We hope that this report will be a useful guide for your plans for 2013 and we look forward to your application next year.