

Tidy Towns Competition 2013

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Rosegreen** Ref: **569**
County: **Tipperary(South)** Mark: **190**
Category: **B** Date(s): **19/06/2013**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2012	Mark Awarded 2013
Overall Development Approach	50	0	25
The Built Environment	50	0	25
Landscaping	50	0	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	0	10
Litter Control	50	0	25
Sustainable Waste And Resource Management	20	0	5
Tidiness	30	0	20
Residential Areas	40	0	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	0	25
General Impression	10	0	5
TOTAL MARK	400	0	190

Overall Development Approach:

Thank you for the entry and you are very welcome to the TidyTowns competition. You have a good size committee after just starting off. Planning is vital in this competition and we recommend that all aspects of intended works be well planned, and be sure to get permission either locally or from the County Council before doing any work. It is best to hold a general meeting and try to get as many people as possible to attend, and this includes all local bodies and clubs. At the meeting ask the people to put forward proposals to make Rosegreen a better and safer place to live in, and after a further meeting to refine the proposals, you will be in a position to formulate a three year plan and other improvements will follow. Good to find that you are getting support from SuperValu and the local shop, and you could make contact with the county council and tell them of your plans. Maintain contact with the schools and this is very important, and keep the local people informed of your activities.

The Built Environment:

This is all about public buildings such as shops, offices, churches and schools – all buildings except residential houses. A central feature of the village is the splendid statue of Vincent O'Brien 1917-2009, and this reminds us of the horse racing tradition of the area. A derelict house at the cross for Fethard needs attention, you could ask the owner to restore it, and if this fails you may get permission to camouflage it yourselves. The county council have powers to enforce the laws on dereliction, but this could be a last resort. The Catholic Church and local school are presented in splendid condition. There is a great stone wall and entrance to the well kept graveyard. My big disappointment was the handball alley and I was very surprised to see all the material dumped there. This material should be removed immediately as dumping in this fashion is illegal. These alleys are great traditional sports facilities and are now protected structures in many places, and this one could be restored easily enough to enable the children to use it for a variety of sports.

Landscaping:

There is some nice landscaping around the village, notably at the O'Brien statue and across from the school. On the Clonmel Road the landscaping is brilliant with scenes of sylvan beauty with great grassed open spaces and impressive timber fencing adorned with lovely shrubs. On the Main Road coming out from Cashel there are nice strips of well manicured grass.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

There is an abundance of wildlife in all those stone walls, trees and fields and you could get some local person that is interested in wildlife to identify the flora and fauna of the area and tell us all about it.

Litter Control:

This is a straightforward category and the people are responsible in the area with the control of litter. The national spring clean-up is a wonderful initiative put in place by An Taisce where all the people of the locality pick one day in the springtime each year and all types of litter and rubbish is collected from all around the surrounding area, it is then segregated into different types and finally the County Council will collect it from you and dispose of it responsibly – more information on this is available from the County Council

Sustainable Waste And Resource Management:

Is the school participating in the green flag programmes? This again is another great system by An Taisce whereby the children are taught how best to protect the local environment. They are taught how to be responsible with the control of waste and the motto is reduce, reuse and recycle. Composting is another way forward and you could adopt these ways of dealing with the waste and the children will lead the way from what they are learning at school.

Tidiness:

Tidiness is about the presentation of the village like taking care of walls, fencing and gates. It is a straightforward category and the people will quickly fall in line and be more responsible with their places. The Alley and dereliction need attention.

Residential Areas:

There are lovely houses all around the village and some had great displays of shrubs, flowers, trees and lawns. You could have a name put on the estate on the Clonmel Road and the open space at the entrance to the estate is in very poor condition and could easily be upgraded to a suitable recreation facility or children's playground similar to the patch at the back of the estate.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Great work of resurfacing the roads is in progress. Down by the garage the surface is quite bumpy. If you have any concerns about the condition of the roads you could arrange a meeting with the local roads engineer.

General Impression:

There is enormous potential in Rosegreen to make it a special place. We wish you well and look forward to returning again soon.