

Tidy Towns Competition 2016

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Jamestown** Ref: **431**
County: **Leitrim** Mark: **288**
Category: **A** Date(s): **11/06/2016**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2015	Mark Awarded 2016
Community Involvement & Planning	60	39	40
Built Environment and Streetscape	50	37	37
Landscaping and Open Spaces	50	39	40
Wildlife, Habitats and Natural Amenities	50	24	25
Sustainable Waste and Resource Management	50	26	26
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	53	54
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	50	31	32
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	50	33	34
TOTAL MARK	450	282	288

Community Involvement & Planning / Rannpháirtíocht an Phobail & Pleanáil:

Jamestown is welcome to the 2016 competition. You have a large committee for a village of your size, with 9 active members and additional 10 who continuously help out. As mentioned by last year's adjudicator, the use of the Internet and social media helps to get your name about there and attract interest in Jamestown among the wider community.

Built Environment and Streetscape / An Timpeallacht Thógtha agus Sráid-dreacha:

The Cottage Restaurant was smartly presented in whitewash with a well maintained frontage. The signage to the Arch Bar and the Play School behind the church will need attention before next year's competition. The church itself is an attractive simple structure and was well presented, as was Mulvey's. O'Brien's Tower is most attractive. The marvellous village walls create an impact while walking down Main Street. Some patchy gables were evident-do to be aware of gables in overall presentation as they are evident as you walk along the street.

Landscaping and Open Spaces / Tírdhreachú agus Spásanna Oscailte:

There was an abundance of planted areas throughout the village and along approach roads which give a cheerful appearance to the village.. The old Franciscan Friary has much to offer the visitor. The weir view area was greatly admired and the new picnic table and benches at the Cottage Restaurant were admired, as was the stone bench, trees and well cut grass at the waterside access at the far side of the village. Ongoing work at the bottle bank is commendable. The use of organic compost is also laudable. The bright red village pump with its stone wall surround was admired.

Wildlife, Habitats and Natural Amenities / Fíadhúlra, Gnáthóga agus Taitneamhachtaí Nádúrtha:

Situated as it is on the glorious Shannon river, Jamestown has much to offer in terms of wildlife. Your work in relation to the Blueway to Drumsna, in conjunction with Waterways Ireland and Leitrim County Council is commendable. The provision of bird and bat boxes over the last number of years is commendable. We were pleased to hear of your work with the Central Fisheries Board in relation to pollution. You mention your other wildlife communities such as foxes, herons, ducks and hedgehogs. Have you considered incorporating and commissioning a wildlife information board?

Sustainable Waste and Resource Management / Bainistiú Acmhainní agus Dramhaíola Inbhuanaithe:

The Adopt a Bottle Bank programme is a good idea. As is the encouragement of the local community to buy reuseable coffee cups. This Leitrim County Council Campaign certainly seems to be gaining a high level of support.

Christmas tree recycling is always a good idea. The provision of the herb garden for the use of the whole community is a wonderful idea. The new concrete base and tree planting were noted at the recycling bins.

Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:

The standard in this category was generally good on the day. Litter control was generally very good, apart from the very odd paper at the Community Garden. The retention of the old Bruscar litter bin on Main Street outside the church is commended, although it would benefit from a repaint before next year's competition. Congratulations on your participation in the National Spring Clean. The CCTV at the bottle bank and weekly litter pick ups are obviously paying off. The commissioning of professional signage to tidy up the clutter of numerous individual ones was a great idea, as it rationalises its appearance in the village.

Residential Streets & Housing Areas / Sráideanna Cónaithe & Ceantair Tithíochta:

The existing housing stock along approach roads and in the village centre was generally well maintained. There is little in the way of new houses or estates in Jamestown. The Best Home Floral Display is a great idea for involving the local community and residents in your work and creating pride in their own properties. We were pleased to hear of the improvement of a number of these properties this year.

Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes / Bóithre Isteach, Sráideanna & Lánaí:

Approach roads were generally well maintained and created a good first impression with their marvellous floral displays at nameplates and beyond. The street furniture was well maintained and smartly traditional. Signage clearly indicated all the wonders of the village. The attractive benches and street lighting on the Dromod approach make a good impression and this must be a peaceful place to go and listen to the sounds and watch the marvellous weir. We look forward to seeing the restoration of the Fair Green and associated wall in this vicinity in the not too distant future. The planned walkway/cycle way to Drumsna is also eagerly anticipated. Good luck with your ongoing work list of outstanding items with Leitrim County Council. There are some fantastic mature trees interspersed with younger ones on the Roscommon approach. The road narrowing sign in this vicinity was a little patchy in appearance.

Concluding Remarks:

It was a pleasure for this adjudicator to visit Jamestown for the first time. It is a picturesque village with a wealth of natural splendour and history, set as it is in marvellous Shannonside scenery with some fine architectural heritage.