

Tidy Towns Competition 2015

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Weston** Ref: **2140**
County: **Limerick** Mark: **220**
Category: **B** Date(s): **16/06/2015**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2014	Mark Awarded 2015
Community Involvement & Planning	60	33	33
Built Environment and Streetscape	50	31	31
Landscaping and Open Spaces	50	27	27
Wildlife, Habitats and Natural Amenities	50	14	14
Sustainable Waste and Resource Management	50	12	13
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	49	49
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	50	25	25
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	50	28	28
TOTAL MARK	450	219	220

Community Involvement & Planning / Rannpháirtíocht an Phobail & Pleanáil:

Weston is very welcome to the SuperValu Tidy Towns competition and thank you for the filled up entry form. I read your description of the area and had a bit of difficulty with the map supplied, maybe you could consider doing a simple sketch of the area, instead of using the present format. Thank you for the photographs supplied and it is great to see the children involved, and I also admired the picture of the green and garden at Griffith Avenue. There is good commitment shown by the six committee members who give of their time to the Tidy Towns competition, and I agree that it can be difficult to get people to attend meetings, but a few are necessary for to keep things in order.

You are wise to have these links with Sinead McDonnell and Michael Sheehan plus Liam Cantillon.

The relationship with your school is well worthwhile and we must assist our school management in every way possible. People in some areas are following up on what the children are doing in the green flag programmes and are doing the same programmes themselves.

It is positive to find that the competition has focused the minds of the residents to take pride in their area.

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

The church is nicely set back into the hill and is very attractive viewed from the road, and also it is a relaxing place to visit, being so peaceful there. The two schools are presented in splendid condition, bright and cheerful with good surroundings. The three buildings at the credit union are well maintained and I loved the little enclosed yard at the back. This is a good secure setting and caters well for the local community.

Landscaping and Open Spaces / Tírdhreachú agus Spásanna Oscailte:

There are some lovely long stretches of tree lined grass margins along by the side of the roads that give colour and freshness to the Weston. I admired your new shrubbery at Griffith Avenue and the shrubs are maturing nicely, and hopefully they will survive to maturity.

That little garden at the back of the credit union is lovely in every way and a group of children were playing a game in the all-weather pitch. The birch and mountain ash trees are delightful and the little paved space adorns the area further.

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

You are fortunate to have the use of the nearby Baggott Estate, especially now that there are security cameras there. I often take a stroll around there myself to enjoy the deferent birds that visit all those lovely trees.

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

The workshops that you have organised will leave the people with a better understanding of the right way to do things. I read about the energy audit that was undertaken at the community centre and it is interesting to learn that a saving of a lot of money has ensued. Recycling of ink cartridges, toners and batteries is a good idea.

The most positive achievement was for the school to receive a defibrillator as this is now a vital piece of equipment and should be available in all communities, well done to all involved.

The second time around use of unwanted furniture is a great facility for an area. We always see where there are items that are not needed and then small bits and pieces could make life easier for some others.

Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:

The control of litter is applauded and the fruits of your labours are there for all to see. It is pleasing to find that the obsolete camera pole has been discarded. Michael Walsh does great work for the environment and pays a lot of attention to illegal dumping. We all must be vigilant about the illegal dumping to stamp it out from the start

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

There are some lovely houses in a few places and number 34 and the house next door are in lovely condition, and a good example of this.

It is disappointing for you to see horses roaming free through the estate. I did notice a few boarded up houses and hopefully your negotiations with regeneration will be successful.

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

The roads are in good condition with just one pothole going into the credit union, and you could bring this to the attention of the roads section of Limerick City and County Council. There are long stretches of open areas along by the side of the roads that make for good views of oncoming traffic. The footpaths that I saw are in good condition and make for comfort and safety for the many pedestrians of the area

Concluding Remarks:

Well done for taking the time and having the interest to bring out the best in your locality