

Tidy Towns Competition 2010

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Cappawhite** Ref: **635**
County: **Tipperary(South)** Mark: **262**
Category: **B** Date(s): **24/06/2010**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2009	Mark Awarded 2010
Overall Development Approach	50	40	40
The Built Environment	50	34	35
Landscaping	50	36	36
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	20	21
Litter Control	50	33	36
Waste Minimisation	20	8	8
Tidiness	30	17	17
Residential Areas	40	30	30
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	31	31
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	400	257	262

Overall Development Approach:

Many thanks for the completed entry form inclusive of map together with details of your three year plan and the illuminating photographs you provided. Next year will see the commencement of another three year programme and thought should be given to this over the winter months when you can identify the current priorities, devise an action programme with a time line attached. Insure that your programme is realistic in terms of the resources of voluntary effort and finance required and available. There is little point in a grand "wish list" which has little chance of implementation. Your adjudicator has not been in Cappawhite for some years and the progress made in both soft and hard landscaping is impressive. The hedgerows have been very well cut back while a good number of houses now feature hanging baskets, creepers and other embellishments. There has been excellent treatment of some unhappily derelict houses particular on the Cemetery Road. The once fine former Church on the Hollyford Road urgently needs an appropriate present day use if additional vandalism is to be avoided.

The Built Environment:

Individual premise were very well presented notable Treacy Victuallers, Armshaws and also Hayes Garage which was neat and business like. The splendid stone wall from Main Street and along Dundrum Road was eye catching. The Garda Station looked well as did the Health Centre with no less then seven planters outside it. The fine building with window shutters opposite the Credit Union caught the eye. The Technical School was well presented with its front wall recently painted. The Catholic Church on its elevated location was well set off by the hard landscaping in the foreground. The extensive new Sports Centre projected a fine image and we welcomed the colourful planting on the opposite side of the road. The school on the Hollyford Road is very much expanded, freshly painted and looked well. The other sizable school, on the Tipperary Road looked well and its grounds were colourful. There was some evidence of traffic staining at the base of its front wall.

Landscaping:

The eye catching large tree stumps/trunks installations in the amenity area on the Cemetery Road certainly caught the eye. The colourful planting and appropriate shrubs and Grotto at the Cemetery are being very well maintained. There was a magnificent display of red roses. The Tennis Court, Pavilion and the Sports area generally featured very suitable railings and the half barrels opposite added a nice splash of colour. The extent of hard landscaping in the centre of the town is impressive and gives a very fine sense of cohesion to the central square.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Your intention to plant suitable shrubs, flowers and berry bearing plants to attract birds to various appropriate locations is applauded. The development of a thriving wildlife especially birdlife is necessarily dependent on the availability to them of an appropriate food chain. This commences with a suitable planting programme. Discuss the option with a knowledgeable bird life enthusiast.

Litter Control:

Litter management seems to be of a high order in Cappawhite. Clearly your regular pick ups and the sweeping of the streets are having a beneficial effect. Have you been able to identify the source of this litter and prevent it occurring? Remember a successful litter management plan should incorporate the prevention of litter as much as it's speedy removal.

Waste Minimisation:

Congratulations to the national school on proudly displaying not one but two Green Flags. The Recycle facility at the GAA Ground was neat, being used and well respected. The 'School Ahead' signs on the Hollyford Road are being powered by solar energy. Perhaps the single most important objective under waste minimisation is to invite the entire community to examine critically their individual and collective use of scarce commodities especially energy. Discuss the options, with the assistance of Tipperary County Council, of staging an information evening at which these issues can be explored further.

Tidiness:

The absence of shale and spoil on the footpaths is attributed to the frequent sweeping. Do insure that the spraying of weeds is followed up with the removal of the resultant dead vegetation. The new extended footpath facility towards the Dundrum Road is a very welcome addition. The parking bays established at the Cemetery will do much to ensure orderly parking there.

Residential Areas:

The Crescent, is a long established housing development with its communal grassed area suitable cut and featuring pleasantly presented houses, many with hanging baskets. The Crescent features a splendid stone name plate. The newly opened Crescent Court opposite is well developed and with maturity the trees and shrubs there will add dignity to this development also. Fr. Callahan Park continues to impress with many houses making splendid efforts with hanging baskets and window boxes.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The Tipperary Road featured well cut back verges while the village name plate was suitable displayed on a raised flower bed. This latter would benefit from additional planting of suitable shrubs. The Dundrum Road featured a splendid wall that gave great dignity to this approach. Good planting has taken place along this road but there was some spoil outside the pavement. Opposite the Cemetery the village name plate needs to be replaced at best or at least repainted. The road surface in places along here is somewhat below par. On the Hollyford Road the verges are suitably cut back but the 'School Ahead' sign has been badly battered and needs to be replaced.

General Impression:

Cappawhite is a well developed commercial and market town with its history recorded in the remaining buildings. The streetscape and the wide square especially are unusual features which have been well presented. In common with many rural villages and towns it is not free from the scourge of abandoned shops and derelict houses. However these have been well accommodated in this year's fine presentation. All associated with this year entry or who helped in any way to maintain the standards in Cappawhite are thanked and applauded for their efforts.

