

# Tidy Towns Competition 2012

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Delmege Park** Ref: **2129**  
County: **Limerick** Mark: **177**  
Category: **A** Date(s): **28/06/2012**

	<b>Maximum Mark</b>	<b>Mark Awarded 2011</b>	<b>Mark Awarded 2012</b>
Overall Development Approach	50	0	22
The Built Environment	50	0	23
Landscaping	50	0	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	0	15
Litter Control	50	0	22
Tidiness	30	0	14
Waste Minimisation	20	0	4
Residential Areas	40	0	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	0	26
General Impression	10	0	4
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>177</b>

### Overall Development Approach:

Delmege Park is most welcome to the 2012 Tidy Towns contest. You are a small area in Moyross and as Moyross has entered under its own heading we wonder why you are not included with them. This might give you greater access to resources and enhance community spirit. Of course Delmege Park is welcome to continue entering on its own but we cannot judge areas that have already been judged as part of a different centre. Do be sure to provide is with a map that clearly shows the boundary around your area and indicate on it where projects have taken place.

You have nine people on your committee and this is a good number. Your website and leaflet drops are good for keeping your community informed of what you are up to. Outside your committee do you attract much volunteer support? E.g. for cleanups and other projects. You do not indicate that you are in contact with outside agencies. Such moves would be important in order that you could attract funding or practical support. Limerick city council and the Limerick Regeneration Agencies would be the obvious places to start.

### The Built Environment:

Do mark the location of your grotto on the map so that the adjudicator can find it and inspect your work.

Is your committee liaising with Limerick City Council on the demolition of derelict buildings? Elsewhere these have been reverted into green areas with some success.

### Landscaping:

Your green areas are very well trained and looking well. Additional trees would add attraction and colour. You have great views over the Clare Hills and the hedge running along your estate is a great feature to have. This will also be full of wildlife so caring for this can accrue other benefits.

Your grotto was admired and the attractive and colourful flowers here look very well.

### **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

This category urges communities to better appreciate our natural heritage. Even in a small estate there are ways of doing this. Gardens for instance can be important habitats for birds and many people enjoy feeding them and putting up nest boxes. You could hold a wildlife gardening workshop to show people how they can do this. Feeders can be made from old plastic bottles while nest boxes can be constructed from old waste wood.

Moyross is very close to the lower River Shannon special area of conservation and this is one of the most important areas for nature conservation in Ireland. It has populations of otter, kingfisher and salmon as well as dozens of other species of plant and animal. Why not try to organise a guided walk with the Limerick City Council heritage officer or NPWS Ranger? Perhaps there are people in your estate that have an interest in angling and maybe they would like to get involved.

### **Litter Control:**

For many people litter is the most important factor in their area's appearance. How do you manage this issue? Do you participate in the national spring clean which is run by An Taisce every April? It is a wonderful event to get people out.

Litter is an issue in Delmege Park on roads etc and perhaps some additional litter patrols are needed.

### **Tidiness:**

There are some issues here that could be dealt with by your committee. Weeds along curbs have been sprayed but they also need to be scraped away as they leave unsightly dead vegetation. Graffiti along the breezeblock wall needs to be addressed. Planting a hawthorn hedge here would help prevent graffiti while also providing an attractive landscaping and wildlife feature.

Lamp poles are mostly in good order although some are leaning to one side.

### **Waste Minimisation:**

This category looks at how we can reduce the volume of waste that we generate. Do you have access to recycling facilities and is everyone familiar with what can be disposed of here? Why not hold a home composting workshop? This is a very important element in reducing waste and can also provide you with material for a landscaping projects.

Are people aware of how to correctly disposal of hazardous wastes such as paint and medicine, or electronic goods? You could promote the use of [freetradeireland.ie](http://freetradeireland.ie) so that all unwanted functioning items can find new owners.

### **Residential Areas:**

Many homes in Delmege Park have made an effort in their upkeep and presentation and these were admired. You tell us that James Daley works with the kids in the area, do give us more detail of the nature of the projects he undertakes.

### **Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

The nameplate at Delmege Park was admired and could be enhanced with some flowers. Road and footpath surfaces are generally good although weeding is required.

### **General Impression:**

We are delighted that Delmege Park has entered the contest and we hope it can support your efforts to make

your community a better place for its residents. You are urged to take a look at the Tidy Towns Handbook which is full of useful information and tips on how to progress under all the headings. Best of luck!