

Tidy Towns Competition 2013

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Delmege Park** Ref: **2129**
County: **Limerick** Mark: **180**
Category: **A** Date(s): **13/06/2013**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2012	Mark Awarded 2013
Overall Development Approach	50	22	22
The Built Environment	50	23	24
Landscaping	50	24	23
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	15	15
Litter Control	50	22	22
Sustainable Waste And Resource Management	20	4	4
Tidiness	30	14	14
Residential Areas	40	23	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	26	27
General Impression	10	4	4
TOTAL MARK	400	177	180

Overall Development Approach:

Many thanks for your entry in this year's Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your entry form and for the really useful aerial photo. This helped the adjudicator who hadn't been to Delmege Park before. You have a good number of people on your committee and you have a focus on your garden and fundraising. Well done.

Be sure to stay in touch with Limerick City Council and other community groups in this area. They will be able to provide you with information, support and even some funding for your work.

The Built Environment:

Thank you for the details of your fundraising efforts. Much of the housing here at Delmege has been demolished and there is much open space now. It would be useful for future entries if you could let us know which houses are going to be retained and which will go. A number are boarded up and awaiting demolition.

Landscaping:

Well done on the planting of trees and plants. Where are these to be found? It's great that you've now got your own lawnmower. This will really help keep the area neater. Could you show on the photo next year where the new paths are to be found?

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

It's great that you have lots of birds coming to the area. Why not encourage more by putting up birdfeeders as last year's adjudicator suggested? Bird tables are easy to make and birdfeeders are cheap to buy or make yourselves. Try and see how many different birds you can attract to the estate. Planting trees would possibly be the best project you could try as they look great and are new habitat for birds.

Litter Control:

Well done on your clean-ups. This is ongoing and difficult work. Delmege does have a litter problem. Do you have many people helping you? You are advised to take part in the annual Spring Clean event organised every year. It's a great way to get volunteers involved.

Sustainable Waste And Resource Management:

It's good to hear that you're doing all of that recycling. Saving water by collecting our plentiful rain water is a good saving too. Have you tried composting? The community centre staff would be able to assist you with this. Where are your nearest bottle banks?

Tidiness:

There were a number of issues noted on day of visit. The area is in need of attention much more weed control. There was a lot of graffiti seen. There was a lot clutter left on green areas.

Try to remove the weeds around the name stones. See if you could remove some graffiti or paint over it. You mention painting in your entry form and this would be great. See if you can put a volunteer team together and get as many people as possible out on a painting day.

Residential Areas:

Well done on the repair work that you've carried out so far. Good luck with the rest of the tasks. You should try for positive negotiations with Limerick City Council on the community garden and the green area proposed. There may surely be a way in which your existing garden may be incorporated into the new plan.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

As your entry form suggests - the palisade fencing would look so much better if it was painted. Signs are also in need of attention. Try and paint over the worst of the graffiti. Look out for clutter on the footpaths and roadsides.

General Impression:

Well done on your work to date. You've kept going in the face of anti-social behaviour and difficult circumstances. Congratulations on your successful nomination for the forum. Do concentrate on your garden but please look at the above recommendations and stay on top of issues around the estate. Thanks for all your efforts and good luck.