

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **CLONDROHID**  
County : **CORK**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 02-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35	--
The Built Environment	40	24	--
Landscaping	40	24	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	--
Litter Control	40	29	--
Tidiness	20	14	--
Residential Areas	30	18	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	--
General Impression	10	6	--
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>--</b>

## **Clondrohid, Co. Cork**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Welcome to the National Tidy Towns Competition. Clondrohid have made an excellent start to the Competition with clearly defined objectives both short term and long term in your 3-5 year development plan. This will give your Committee and Community a focus. Keep up your liaison with FÁS and the Local Authority as they provide an invaluable support service to Communities like yourself.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The Co-op building is quite a large building on the Ballymakera approach, this building would need repainting. The School looks well and has a nice floral decoration but its metal railings on its perimeter would need painting. The Community Centre behind the School looks well also but should have some form of identification on it. The Spar Shop/Post Office have nice floral decoration. The Tavern pub also looked well but should replace its plastic drinks sign with a wooden one if possible. Dereliction is a problem in the Village that you are aware of. I concur with your proposals relating to restoration of these sites or camouflaging of the more prominent ones in the interim. The Committee should consult the Local Authority regarding the Derelict Sites Act 1990, which is quite a powerful instrument.

### **LANDSCAPING**

There are nice pockets of landscaping throughout the Village. The Church grounds look very well and perhaps more could be done in the foreground of the Mass Rock 'Alter and Mass Table' as this is a very interesting feature. The planting near the Mill Stones is nice as is the tree planting on the Millstreet approach road. The adjudicator notes your plans relating to the planned Riverside amenity near the River Foherish, the Green amenity at the housing estate on the Macroom side of town and the planned provision of trees, shrubs and flowers to coincide with the development of green areas. This project when complete will strengthen this category for you.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The River Foherish is an excellent natural amenity, which will be further enhanced when the planned riverside amenity is in position. Advice should be sought from the South Western Regional Fishery Board prior to cleaning and stocking the river, as this requires specialised expertise. There was evidence of fish life in the river on the day of adjudication. Advice should also be sought regarding restocking of bird life and other wildlife activities from an expert prior to any action. A useful place of first contact

would be Conservation Volunteers Ireland. More advice on this topic is available in Sheet 6 Wildlife and Natural Amenities in the Tidy Town Handbook.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter did not seem to be a problem on the day of adjudication; there was just some trace litter in the parking/open area on the start of the Millstreet Road. Well done! This is a great achievement given this is your first entry into the Tidy Towns Competition. Your planned provision of litterbins and the promotion of an anti-litter awareness campaign through local media should further enhance this cause.

### **TIDINESS**

Absence of kerbside weed growth and general tidiness was of a high standard. The Committee should consider the provision of recycling facilities, as these would be a good addition to the Village.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

All houses displayed a high degree of general care and maintenance with many making great floral efforts and displaying well-tended lawns. Some perimeter walls bordering on the pavement did require washing/painting. The housing estate on the Macroom side of town looked well but the grass common area required cutting. The adjudicator did not observe a name sign for this estate, if one is being provided it should be bilingual. The planned green amenity area and car parking should further enhance this location.

### **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

Traffic signs on some of the approached needed attention, on the Ballymakera approach the Village sign needs freshening up, as do the speed limit signs/poles. The traffic signs on the Macroom approach (supports for Village sign, School sign, and Speed Limit signs) need attention. The pole with the finger signs for Millstreet, Macroom and Ballymakera at the Millstreet Junction also need attention. These issues are covered comprehensively in your own plan. The bridge needs repair and merits a more formal plaque with its construction details. The disused site at the bridge and on the Millstreet road need attention. The hedgerows are well presented on the Macroom and Millstreet approach. The parking area near the School could also be enhanced. Pavements were clean on the day of adjudication. The information plaque relating to the Mill Stones needs to have its lettering repainted. The storage yard compound on the Millstreet road should be screened off if possible. A name plate (bilingual) should be erected for the River Foherish. The Clondrohid Community Field is a fine amenity. The objectives in your Development Plan relating to this category are noted.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

There appears to be a very integrated approach to the Tidy Towns Competition with a large enthusiastic Committee. Clondrohid has a bright future in the Competition once an even handed and methodical implementation of your plan takes place over the next 3-5 years. Well done!