

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Boherbue**

Ref: **459**

County: **Cork North**

Mark: **200**

Category: **B**

Date: **26/06/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32	27
The Built Environment	40	25	23
Landscaping	40	30	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	13
Litter Control	40	28	25
Tidiness	20	14	13
Residential Areas	30	23	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	26
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	200	181

Overall Developmental Approach:

The Tidy Towns draft plan for Boherbue 2003-2007 is a very comprehensive and well-organised document and this is an excellent approach to further developing the very noteworthy achievements that have been made to date. The approach taken in emphasising who is responsible for the various actions, the target dates for completion and the actual date they were completed, leaves no one in any doubt about the seriousness and focus of the committee. The map supplied was also helpful.

The Built Environment:

The painting of buildings has been a major achievement in Boherbue over the years. From looking dull and grey in the past, Boherbue has now taken on a vibrant colour scheme and this makes for a very attractive overall appearance. The use of terracotta colors and green are particularly attractive and seem to set the theme of the town. The garda station premises look particularly well, as do so many other painted buildings. Those that are not painted well are the exception now. With such a style of paint colouring, it is necessary that the standard of upkeep has to be very high as the colours draw such attention, any deterioration is quickly noticed. This high standard of painting of building extends well out along the houses on the approach roads and on walls such as at the sports grounds, Patsy O'Sullivan Memorial Park and the Precast Concrete Works. The Duhallow Retail Park looks well as does the Maxol petrol station. The stonewalls close to the Garda station and also by the cemetery entrance are very attractive. The post office signboard does need a little attention. The church looks well and the stone used at that location was also admired. The school on the Kanturk

road is exceptionally well kept and the National School within the town is also carefully maintained and well painted. The two storied green building next door is of equal quality. The two thatched cottages are attractive and a good town feature The Ingredient Solutions premises is looking very well, with the combination of green, blue and white paint.

Landscaping:

Landscaping at the centre of the village by the junction at the Garda station is attractive, as is the roundabout planting. The hanging baskets and window boxes are exceptionally good for so early in the summer and are a credit to those who look after them. Some opposite the garda station are spectacular. The window boxes at the national school are also very good. The Maxol station landscaping is noteworthy, with attractive chippings laid as surface dressing. Similar plantings in pockets in the retail park were noted. The school on the Kanturk Road has well planted schemes and the grass maintenance is of very high quality. The entrance to the cemetery looks attractive and well-deserved congratulations on last year's achievements here. The entrance to Paddy McAuliffe Avenue is very well landscaped. The freshly painted white kerbing was noted. Compliments for the high standard of care and the attention to detail involved. The decision to use less bedding plants is wise as they are both expensive and short lived; they are best reserved for container plantings as has been done with great effect.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Projects under this category would make an interesting inclusion in the towns portfolio and hopefully initiatives will be developed soon. It was noted that such projects in the two schools were deferred from 2002 to 2003.

Litter Control:

There is a very clean and tidy appearance through Boherbue. The remaining premises that require painting will, hopefully, be attended to soon. The closed garage premises on the Mallow Road, when remedied, will help further. The overhead cables will hopefully be removed to underground ducting at some stage. The building close to the Precast concrete works is also needing attention.

Tidiness:

There is a very high standard of cleanliness through the village and surrounds. The litter campaigns are working well. The recycling bins were noted at the retail park car park. The more people that can be given responsibilities in this area the better, so that everyone has ownership of their own particular area. This way people become more appreciative of a clean, litter-free environment.

Residential Areas:

The residential properties, as mentioned above, are exceptionally well painted and the gardens of many contribute well to the overall appearance of the town. Along the Kanturk Road there are many individual houses with lovely garden displays and with very attractively painted walls. The housing terraces beyond the school on the Kanturk Road look particularly well, including Captain Dan Vaughan Terrace and a lovely estate a little further on the same road with a delightfully planted open green to the front. Paddy McAuliffe Avenue, as mentioned above, was greatly admired.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The road surfacing and new surfacing on footpaths was noted and is a great improvement. The entry to the cemetery also looks well with the very good surface there. Roadside approaches are well treated. The absence of a footpath from Kellehers' Garage towards the garda station is strange. The road is marked with a yellow line at but this is a very dangerous spot on the road not to have a footpath.

General Impression:

Boherbue has been considerably upgraded over the years and now stands as a very attractive colourful well-organised town. This is largely as a result of good planning and the hard work and initiative of the residents and the large Tidy Towns committee membership of 35 people.