

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Kilcrohane**

Ref: **681**

County: **Cork West**

Mark: **220**

Category: **A**

Date: **28/06/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	35
The Built Environment	40	33	32
Landscaping	40	27	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	33	32
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	23	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	30	30
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	220	216

Overall Developmental Approach:

You have a very small Committee of just eight people and you are making good progress. Well done.

The adjudicator is very concerned to note that a Tidy Towns Work Programme or Plan was not submitted with the entry documentation.

Progress in the competition will be dependent on everyone working towards the same ends. With this in mind you must prepare a "3 /5 Year rolling Tidy Towns Work Programme". This programme should have the support of the community, local groups other agencies and the County Council. It would therefore guide you Tidy Towns actions for the next three to five years. The Work Programme will detail the Tidy Towns objectives to be achieved by your committee in the years ahead. The preparation of such a Plan that is updated annually is now an essential aspect of the Tidy Towns Competition.

Do keep in mind that what is required is a simple Plan or document that your Committee can prepare themselves in consultation with Cork County Council and the other bodies.

The Built Environment:

Kilcrohane is a very attractive village, very well presented. A strong sense of colour is one of the attractive features of the village. For example the bright blue colour used for the National School is

extremely eye catching for an important building in a key location. The Health Centre looked very neat and tidy following re-painting. It is good to see that The Sheeps Head Walking Route is displayed on large scale maps in the area. The Church and grounds fit in well into the heart of the village and again were well presented, though the grass was in need of a trim on adjudication day. The Co-Op building needs to be re-painted together with the boundary walls. The Community Hall is most attractively presented and the white walls and brown doors provide a good colour combination.

Landscaping:

The landscaped garden area at the river opposite Fitzgerald's pub was in full bloom on adjudication day and looked very colourful. An very attractive landscaped house was noted on the approach down the hill on the Bantry side. Colourful planting is used here to good effect and this combines with the natural stone walls to create a very attractive area.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The river should be a resource for wildlife. Have you considered carrying out a simple survey of the wildlife in the area. This information could then be made available to the public through two or three large display plaques. The playground looked quite colourful with reds and blues used for the playground equipment, and the grass here was nicely cut.

Litter Control:

The new litter bin was noted. On adjudication day litter control was generally quite good. A little litter was noted on the Ahakista approach.

Tidiness:

The old factory side on the Bantry approach is quite untidy. Perhaps the area between the three entrance pillars can be screened until an alternative use can be found for this property. Perhaps the derelict boat at the Pier can be removed by the owner.

Residential Areas:

The majority of private properties were well presented and a number were obviously freshly painted recently. Some attractive gardens were also noted. It is encouraging to see new houses on the Bantry approach and across the road new housing development is also under way.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

On the Bantry approach road the grass at the village sign is in need of trimming. Also the roadside banks are quite overgrown and their vertical sides required trimming. Very attractive stone walls were noted on the Sheep's Head approach and the verges have been neatly trimmed. Cut grass however should be taken away after cutting. At the junction to Kilcrohane Pier there is potential for a landscaped area. Verges here need attention and the large pile of sand should be removed. Banks require some attention on the Ahakista approach also. The village name sign in Irish was noted - good to see the public use of the Irish language.

General Impression:

This is a very attractively presented village. Do get your Action Plan together and it will be of great help in the planning of your future work for the Tidy Towns Competition.

