Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Cill Na Martra** Ref: **212**

County: **Cork South** Mark: **168**

Category: **A** Date: **22/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	24	24
The Built Environment	40	28	28
Landscaping	40	20	21
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	21	21
Tidiness	20	9	8
Residential Areas	30	25	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	21
General Impression	10	5	5
TOTAL MARK	**300**	**168**	**168**

Overall Developmental Approach:

The village of Cill Na Martra is a classic village with a central junction flanked by the Post Office, Public House and Church. The need for an overall plan to develop the village over the next three to five years is evident. This, besides being needed for this heading of the competition, would give a focus to the work required. The plan would focus on what needs to be done, by whom, when and how. This would be an incentive and would give motivation. The plan could also be used as a yardstick to measure achievements over the coming years.

The Built Environment:

The church looks very well and is surrounded with the well-kept graveyard. The post office and yellow building between, looks very crisp. Both O'Murchu's and An Crios look well and are in very prominent positions in the village. The soldier factory is an interesting attraction in the village. The Saw Mill buildings by their nature require that materials be stored and moved about the outside of the premises – this is part and parcel of village life for Cill Na Martra.. Stonewalls form a unique part of the village and the wall by the vast parking spaces bordering the Pairc Ui Chuana is attractively presented.

Landscaping:

Many gardens within and around the village provide the main landscaped areas of the village. The area surrounding the Pairc offers potential for tree planting and would be welcome there. The school grounds have nice tree planting but still offer much more potential for planting, as the road frontage looks very stark. The lovely roses flowing from the house above the school are a delight.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Wild life appreciation projects would be a very worthwhile addition to a village. There are always interesting places close to villages for such appreciation. Schools in particular should interest themselves in such projects, as they are so important for children. Consult the tidy towns handbook in this regard.

Litter Control:

Litter is well tended to. Small amounts of litter are always a problem and constant vigilance is needed.

Tidiness:

The village centre has a tidy appearance. The Macroom Road exit of the village is hindered by various sheds, houses that do not appear to be finished and poor boundaries – all combining to give an untidy appearance at this point. The well organised parking spaces opposite the Post Office are orderly and the Sean O Siochain memorial looks well

Residential Areas:

There are few residences within the village. The houses are well cared for and attention to detail of paint, boundaries and gardens all helps.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The footpath from the village extends to the Pairc but not as far as the school. This is an issue, which should be pursued with the council as a safety issue. Road surfaces are reasonably good except at the entrance to the Pairc where the surface is a little rough.

General Impression:

Cill Na Martra is an interesting village. Work has been done to make this village attractive. In particular the painting of buildings and the area by the Pairc. Some remedy for the road exiting towards Macroom would be helpful and extra tree planting at the Pairc. Tree planting at the School grounds would be welcome as well as the continuation of the footpath to the school.