

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Clondrohid**

Ref: **597**

County: **Cork South**

Mark: **193**

Category: **B**

Date: **22/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	37	35
The Built Environment	40	25	25
Landscaping	40	25	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	30	29
Tidiness	20	15	14
Residential Areas	30	19	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	21
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	193	188

Overall Developmental Approach:

The Clondrohid Parish development Group development plan is welcome and covers a wide range of aspects of the village development. While this is a very useful guide as to what is needed and planned for the future, more specific information as to the practicalities of - when, how, by whom and in which priority all these works will be undertaken would be even more helpful. These would act as a guide year by year and would set a yardstick against which progress could be measured annually. This is obviously an interesting historic village and much can be done to elaborate on this aspect. The signage, the mill wheels and the sign board all contribute positively in this regard.

The Built Environment:

The buildings are grouped together tightly in the village – public, business and residential – this makes for a very cohesive village and community style in Clondrohid. The church and school are well painted and look very smart. There is some dilapidation, which hopefully will be addressed in the development plan. The crèche and Halla look well and are a good asset to the village. The stonewall constructed on the approach to the bridge is attractive and forms a nice feature.

Landscaping:

Good landscape work has been done and this will be appreciated in time as it develops – the

shrubby alongside the exterior fence on the Millstreet Road at the yard is good. The wall planting and trees towards the bottle banks and the roadside area opposite the Co-Op is well treated with nice stone included. Gardens of private houses along the roadsides contribute well to the overall landscape of the village and good credit is due to the owners of these for their efforts. The area around the crèche and driveway towards this area would benefit from additional landscaping and offers ample tree planting opportunity. Landscaping in the church grounds is very attractive and well maintained.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The river and riverside areas offer tremendous opportunity for wildlife appreciation, any way in which this could be accessed and a better awareness created, would be a major advantage. A riverside walk would be one such idea. School involvement in such projects would allow for greater appreciation of the natural environment by the pupils and the young people of the village in general. It is important that young people learn the value of our natural environment at an early age, as this will remain with them through their lives. The riverside seems a great opportunity for a project. Please consult your Tidy Towns Handbook for more information and assistance in this regard.

Litter Control:

There is a clean appearance in the village. The bottle bank location is helpful and the area is well cared for. Constant attention to litter and cleanliness is needed. The litter bins are well presented. The approach to the community field appears to have been improved since last year.

Tidiness:

The compact nature of the village gives it a tidy appearance. The works currently in progress causes a little disruption to this – work at the housing estate entrance and inside the estate, the building site at Curra Glen and the new footpath building in progress. All these will be completed in the course of time and it important that all such developments are restored perfectly when the work is done and that no building materials or disruption remains when the works are complete. The Tidy Towns committee can have a role in keeping a watchful eye to see that all works are finished off properly. The fence fronting the yard on the Millstreet approach is not very attractive and maybe some screen planting or improvements to the fence would help. Also, the works area depot, close to the bridge, looks a little unpleasant in such a beautiful bridge and river setting. The removal of overhead cables would be welcome.

Residential Areas:

Individual houses throughout the village are very well cared for and the interesting array of paint colour gives a pleasant atmosphere to the village. Good care and attention has been put into the colour scheme and the houses are well maintained. The housing estate at the end of the village is also well painted. The building and works disruption here is causing some problems. As stated above, the gardens of the houses along the roadsides provide an attractive appearance.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The approach roads are well cared for. Some rough areas of road surface were noted, particularly at the entrance to the housing estate. The need for screening on the Millstreet road was mentioned above. New foot paths were observed. The bridge is a little hazardous without a footpath - traffic appears to travel quickly down the hill to the bridge. A pedestrian way on the outside of the existing bridge would be welcome.

General Impression:

The village of Clondrohid is being well cared for, the plans are very optimistic. There is a good spirit

of community and appreciation of the village lifestyle present. Consistent work of development and maintenance is essential to further enhancement.