

# Tidy Towns Competition 2005

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Bartlemy**

Ref: **477**

County: **Cork North**

Mark: **202**

Category: **A**

Date: **01/07/2005**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	24	24
The Built Environment	40	22	22
Landscaping	40	31	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	35	35
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	24	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	31	30
General Impression	10	6	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>202</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for your submission and details of work on hand. We would have welcomed a better sketch map and details of any plans you are working to. With a committee of 12 you should have good scope for good ideas and forward planning. Indeed it is obvious that you are entering a new era of village development with the availability of development land and the continued upsurge in house building. This small village could now be swamped with excessive building that would change the traditional character of Bartlemy.

### The Built Environment:

There has been a serious deterioration of many houses and buildings within the village. These now require immediate attention of various degrees and a proper development plan would outline the necessary requirements. The Parish Hall is poor in presentation and needs refurbishment, including the removal of the asbestos roof and improving the environs: could you seek LEADER funding for this work? The church is your best building and was neat and dignified in presentation. The school is most unusual for a rural setting, but was clean and tidy and looked well. The rusty corrugated roof of the building near the cross roads is unsightly. The corner house with the hurling illustration is really shabby and the sign should now be removed as it has outlived its purpose.

### Landscaping:

You have many pockets of attractive landscaping and the work at the three houses opposite the school is commendable. Also the green at the Church View housing estate is attractive. You have great opportunity for improvement on approach roads and you should consider a tree planting blitz for each approach.

### **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

You have potential for raising your marks in this section, but you need to create some focus on the wildlife of the area. Perhaps the students in the school could embark on a project that would list the local wildlife and this might then lead to the erection of some display boards with appropriate illustrations. As mentioned last year, the Tidy Towns Handbook is a valuable source of information on how best to get involved in the promotion of wildlife.

### **Litter Control:**

Litter control is good and your efforts in this respect are having the desired effect. This reflects well on community participation, and also on the school students.

### **Tidiness:**

You have many problems in this category due to so much dereliction, unoccupied buildings, unattended open spaces and poorly maintained approach roads. This will only improve over a period but you should concentrate on fresh painting within the village core.

### **Residential Areas:**

Houses in general are well presented and many individuals are making great efforts to keep their gardens front and back to a high standard. The three houses already referred to are good examples of a high standard. New houses should reflect the rural ethos of the village and make good use of local indigenous materials and not yield to ultra modern design or materials.

### **Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

Highlighting traditional features of the village are recommended, but the presentation of the well is only fair. Some approach roads are overgrown and need to be trimmed back in May. Also some weed growth was evident in the village centre and on the roads leading up to the cross. In your efforts we would suggest that you concentrate on the village cross and work out in various directions. Some street furniture would enhance the village and the erection of one or two Fáilte signs would improve the appearance and image of the village.

### **General Impression:**

Bartlemy has potential for significant improvement in marks. You need to liaise with Cork Co. Council and formulate a development plan that will chart the way forward for an improved village. You also need to concern yourselves with new developments and ensure you are familiar with what is planned in terms of house building, bearing in mind that one scheme of houses could multiply the population by three or more. Such a development would have serious implications for such a small rural village. In terms of finding you we found the signposting poor, so you need to lobby the Council for improvement. Good luck in your endeavours.

### **Second Round Adjudication:**

