

# Tidy Towns Competition 2005

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Cuil-Aodha**

Ref: **7**

County: **Cork West**

Mark: **186**

Category: **A**

Date: **01/07/2005**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	37	37
The Built Environment	40	27	27
Landscaping	40	22	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	25	25
Tidiness	20	12	10
Residential Areas	30	20	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	21
General Impression	10	5	5
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>182</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Cuil Aodha is welcome to the 2005 National Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your application which was helpful for adjudication. Cuil Aodha is situated in beautiful countryside on the River Sulanne against a backdrop of wooded hills some with fields of gold and green. We note your tradition of music and poetry and your Christmas Day Swim in the outdoor swimming pool, both of which indicate a cohesive community. Well done on work accomplished to date, particularly with the FAS team, we wish you well for the future.

### The Built Environment:

The exposed rock face at a number of locations within the village add drama and interest to the built environment. Perhaps these could be featured more by clearing all growth. The church was nicely presented, however parts of it appear a little weather stained and may need attention soon. The school and its grounds are well presented also but again some weather staining to the perimeter wall was noted. The walls of the swimming pool have been nicely painted as have the public toilet. Árus Eamon MacSuibhne looks quite well but will need painting in the short term future.

### Landscaping:

Container plants were noted at a number of locations and these add colour and interest. The

expanse of grass in the church grounds was being neatly maintained. Landscaping at the memorial was admired. We note with interest your spring planting programme and your plans for planting in the autumn of this year. We wish you well in the development of the proposed memorial park. Do try to keep weed growth at bay.

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

Wild flowers were noted on some stretch of verge inside the nameplate and these were appreciated. The amenity potential of the banks of the river does not seem to have been developed yet, maybe this is a project that might be undertaken for the future. Perhaps nature trails in the surrounding woodland areas could be created and signposted from the village? Well done on the bird nesting boxes initiative.

### **Litter Control:**

Congratulations on your big clean up earlier on in the season, the village was litter free on the day of adjudication. Do keep us informed of all of your litter control activities and your overall litter management strategy as this can earn you additional marks. No litter bins were noted at the time of the adjudication, is this part of your strategy?

### **Tidiness:**

Congratulations on the removal of a derelict building this year. No doubt the site to the front of a house which was under construction will be treated when construction work has ceased. Some low roofs to outbuildings are problematic under this heading and what appears to be two derelict cars were noted in the garden of a dwelling. These should be removed from public view.

### **Residential Areas:**

Cois Locha is quite an attractive development of single storey dwellings and Gairdín Joannie looks well also. Gardens which featured large boulders add interest and complement the sheer rock face noted earlier. A number of undeveloped gardens were in evidence. One yellow and black premises had been beautifully painted and was admired. The An tEalu property featured a site notice which suggests redevelopment shortly.

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

Your decorative hand painted name stone marking one entrance to the village was admired. Stone walls in the village are nicely presented, however field gates looked poor and some stretches of verge were a little overgrown. The junction on the road to the school could be nicely landscaped and highlighted as a feature of Cuil Aodha. The natural stone bridge beyond the school looked well. Some finger posts are in need of refurbishment and the overhead service cables look unsightly. No doubt the car park and its perimeters at the swimming pool will be resurfaced in due course.

### **General Impression:**

Cuil Aodha is an attractive village situated in a beautiful setting and is a pleasure to adjudicate. We look forward to further visits.

### **Second Round Adjudication:**