

Tidy Towns Competition 2005

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Ring**

Ref: **260**

County: **Cork West**

Mark: **212**

Category: **A**

Date: **01/07/2005**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	39	39
The Built Environment	40	25	24
Landscaping	40	26	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21	20
Litter Control	40	36	36
Tidiness	20	10	7
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	25
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	212	204

Overall Developmental Approach:

Ring is welcome to the 2005 National Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your submission which included details of your objectives for the immediate future. We wish you well in their achievement and acknowledge that these are totally reasonable and will enhance the visual and recreational amenity status of Ring when completed. We note also that you liaise with statutory bodies and that you have the support of the community for initiatives like cleanups. Your village flag initiative is a fine idea and one was noted flying on "Deasys" premises. Ring is a most attractive fishing village enjoying a beautiful coastline location that allows panoramic views of both land and sea. Perhaps you might consider featuring a boardwalk inside the stonewall at the foreshore area to link the green amenity and a bridge at Kitty Macs to the pier as the carriage way is not wide enough for a footpath. You may consider adding this idea to your list of objectives.

The Built Environment:

Well done on improvements to Deasys. Falveys boathouse looks quite well but does need further work. The traditional features here were admired. At the time of adjudication the flag with the village colours was not featured on the Kittymacs premises. Keep up your efforts to have dated signage replaced with more attractive signs.

Landscaping:

Flower displays throughout the village and at nameplates were admired. The flowerboat and flowers on the bridge as featured on your floppy disks are an excellent initiative also. Well done on the addition of new seating on the green open space across from Kitty Macs. We note from your submission that each seat represents a memorial to high profile families within the community. Good luck with the implementation of your plan for the Mill and its immediate environs. Green verges were quite well maintained. As suggested by last years adjudicator consider the addition of permanent planting such as trees and shrubs, preferably native species in further landscaping plans.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The foreshore area, slipway and piers were extremely tidy and this of course makes the area a safe haven for wildlife. The new wildlife panel is a fine feature, well done! We note from your submission that more are planned for different locations around the area and your research in progress for one at Arundel Castle and Mills is commendable. Hopefully at some stage a comprehensive wildlife survey will be undertaken to establish existing habitats and assess the impact of future development.

Litter Control:

Well done on the designation of Tuesday night as the community clean up night and on the acquisition of the large green wheelie bin for these events. Your contacts with school children regarding litter is an effective initiative also. The contacts with pub owners regarding cigarette ends hopefully will result in cigarette end units being provided at a number of locations. We note also from your application community clean ups after every high tide. Keep us up to date each year in all your litter control activities and your overall litter management strategy.

Tidiness:

A fair amount of weediness was noted at the base of walls and inside areas and a derelict site with what appeared to be derelict vehicles was noted from the public road. Well done on the removal of rubble and derelict remains from Coakles Cross and the redevelopment of a dwelling on the site. It is good to note from your submission that you are in consultation with your local authority regarding derelict buildings. The absence of graffiti and flyposting has been noted. The pier was tidy for adjudication. Congratulations on achievements to date.

Residential Areas:

Residential properties are neatly presented in the majority of cases and the new development on the entrance from the Lislevane road has been noted and was still work in progress at the time of adjudication. A lovely new stone boundary wall here was featured. We note from your submission that planning permission has been granted for four new dwellings and a shop. The committee will need to work at integrating new residents into the life of the community and involve them in the Tidy Towns effort in order to maintain existing high standards achieved to date. Well done!

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The attractive old stone wall which lines the road at the entrance from the Lislevane approach should eventually be refurbished and highlighted as a feature of Ring. Signage was quite good throughout the village and the waterpump was admired. The bridge over Ring Bay is a most attractive feature. The red seat at the mill needs to be repainted. We note from your submission that you are currently in consultation with both the ESB and Eircom regarding the ducting of service cables. This should have a positive impact on the visual amenity of Ring village. We wish you well in your consultations with the local authority regarding repairs to the bridge and the creation of a cycleway/walkway from the bridge to Kelly's pier. You may like to consider the boardwalk suggestion also.

General Impression:

Ring is an attractive fishing village with much to offer visitor and the travelling public and creates a very pleasing first and lasting impression.

Second Round Adjudication: