

Tidy Towns Competition 2005

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Timoleague**

Ref: **50**

County: **Cork West**

Mark: **240**

Category: **B**

Date: **12/08/2005**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	40	39
The Built Environment	40	34	34
Landscaping	40	31	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	28	28
Litter Control	40	33	33
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	25	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	24
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	240	237

Overall Developmental Approach:

Timoleague is welcome to the 2005 National Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your submission and summary of your three / five year plan which outlined your objectives for the next few years. We note with interest your plans for the development of your lovely village and wish you well in its implementation. Timoleague enjoys an excellent location on an inlet on Courtmacsherry Bay and enjoys wonderful seascape panoramic views. The travelling public also enjoy glimpses of the Franciscan Friary and the brightly coloured and well painted built environment of Timoleague village from approach roads. There is much to enjoy in your lovely village and a visit is amply rewarded on any occasion. We look forward to many repeat visits and to charting your progress in the competition.

The Built Environment:

As noted above, one of the strong points of Timoleague is the excellent quality of presentation of the built environment. The grotto and church are quite magnificent and the church commands stunning scenic views from its elevated site. The church grounds are nicely landscaped and feature mature trees and shrubs. McCarthy's Food Market looked well however the plastic fascia sign should be replaced as it is quite dated. McCarthy's Bar is beautifully painted and Gráinne's Bia agus Deocht premises is being considered for the Irish Shopfront Award. Dillons Café Bar was also admired, however the upper stories here are in need of improvement. The presentation of the Barryroe Co-op complex is neat. The canopy at the Day to Day shop and petrol station is a bit of an eyesore. Both

the 1895 National School and Deasy's Bar were particularly admired and the Community Centre is being well maintained. Barry Harts Butchers also deserves a mention. A few unattractive roadside buildings from the junction with the Butlerstown Road to the village centre are in need of redevelopment. These appear to be commercial buildings and their roofs look particularly bad.

Landscaping:

The hard landscaped amenity area with the public art feature located beside the Abbey Bar looks very well and picnic tables along the seafront with neat grassed verges to the wall are a fine amenity. The small park located behind the telephone kiosk is beautiful, part of its beauty being the simplicity of the overall presentation and the brightly painted red seats. Seating constructed from railway sleepers featuring high backs are unusual. Well done on the interpretive panel and footpath to Courtmacsherry, however maintenance could have been better on leaving Timoleague and travelling towards Courtmacsherry. Flower displays throughout the village at several locations were admired. Perhaps some climbing plants could be considered for a number of sites in the Barryroe Co-op complex.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The duck pond towards the Courtmacsherry end of the village was noted and people here were enjoying this fine amenity. The tennis courts are being nicely maintained. Well done on the interpretive panel which facilitates a greater appreciation of the coastline at this point. The committee might consider a comprehensive wildlife survey, in conjunction with school children as a school project and perhaps with the help of the Wildlife Officer of Cork County Council.

Litter Control:

Litter control was strong on adjudication day and we note from your submission your participation in Cork County Council's Anti-Litter League. If you have other regular litter management activities we would like to hear of them and we would also be interested in your overall litter management strategy. Do local schools have Green Flag status? If not this initiative might be considered. Encourage businesses to become involved in the Irish Businesses Against Litter initiative and the Race Against Waste.

Tidiness:

The recycling point in the Friary car park is being well maintained, congratulations on this initiative and on on-going maintenance. Some weedy areas were noted up the side of Pad Joes Hostel and the gable wall here was weather stained. Weediness was also noted at a number of locations along the base of walls and in some side areas. An untidy underdeveloped site beyond Foley's Funeral Home presented a problem under this heading.

Residential Areas:

Terraced dwellings in the village centre were beautifully presented in pastel colours with stunning flower displays, these were noted on the same road on which the church is located. Infill residential development on the Courtmacsherry Road appears to have just been completed and has yet to be painted. Landscaping in the new development at Abbesside has been noted and admired and unpainted dwellings and boundary walls in the general environs of Pad Joes were a little weather stained. Your circulation of newsletter to residents in order to heighten awareness is excellent, well done.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The bridge over the river is enjoying excellent maintenance and the stone wall at Timoleague National School 1895 was admired also. The carpark at the Friary was beautifully surfaced and

lined, well done and the timber gates to the rear of McCarthy's public house were both visually pleasing and provided appropriate enclosure to yards here. The nameplate and stone near the telephone kiosk were well presented, the grass could have been a little shorter around the nameplate. Approach roads appear to have been left in their natural state as regards high field boundaries, perhaps these could be shaped along a short stretch. Road signs and the new stone nameplate looked well.

General Impression:

Timoleague is a most attractive village in a wonderful location and enjoys an excellence in presentation that makes it a pleasure to visit, well done.

Second Round Adjudication:

Timoleague was looking very well at second adjudication. The street side buildings were attractively presented with well-painted walls and shop premises clean and crisp. The pavements are well cared for, although in places it appears that the road surface was disrupted when laying kerbs and needs resurfacing to complete the work. The Catholic Church is very impressive amid its beautiful stepped approach so also the Church of Ireland with graveyard carefully maintained. The monument to St. Molaga is interesting but unfortunately the walls behind this were in need of painting and justice is not done at this focal point. The small park with memorial of the railway makes an interesting inclusion. The newly laid pavement at the waterfront together with the picnic tables and carpark sets the friary off very well and this whole area is very well tended.