

# Tidy Towns Competition 2006

## **Adjudication Report**

Centre: **Killimer** Ref: **74**  
County: **Clare** Mark: **219**  
Category: **A** Date(s): **27/06/2006**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2006
Overall Development Approach	50	37
The Built Environment	50	31
Landscaping	50	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	19
Litter Control	50	30
Waste Minimisation	20	7
Tidiness	30	14
Residential Areas	40	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	21
General Impression	10	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>219</b>

### **Overall Development Approach:**

Thanks for the completed application form and the sketch map that allowed the adjudicator to identify areas more readily.

As suggested in last years report a one page-rolling plan that would set out objectives, actions and timescales would be beneficial for benchmark purposes.

The Committee of 8 has developed good relation ships with the Clare County Council, Shannon Ferry Company and seems to have the goodwill of the local community as it has rowed in by the Tidy Towns effort.

### **The Built Environment:**

The main roads in to the Village of Killimer were being resurfaced on the day and naturally there was a level of disruption to traffic. When this job is completed the village will have a more complete look about it.

The Graveyard and its boundary wall on both sides of the road in from Knock direction was well maintained and the dry stonewall was in very good condition.

The Old Brogue could do with a little make over and the Cailin Ban Service station was a little cluttered. The Ferry Terminal building was well presented and the parking area was more spacious since the last time this adjudicator visited.

The Cois Na Sionna B & B was nicely painted and its grounds managed to perfection.

The work being undertaken at Pouladaree, which is nice distant from the Village proper was noted.

### **Landscaping:**

The standard observed was quite good but there a few prominent areas that need to be reviewed and improved upon as part of an overall planned approach.

There is a stone bed at the Ferry Car Park that is bare and needs to be replanted with a mix of heathers low maintenance shrubs such as spirea and a mix of colourful annuals. This will add a bit of vibrancy to the whole area

The scheme with the chain link railing is an example of good planting management, a similar comment applies to the one at the Sli Na Sainte sign. Well done to those with responsibility for maintaining these beds. Projects planned for next year will further enhance the village.

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

Having a name sign designed and erected depicting the wildlife of the immediate estuary area could complement excellent idea of a footpath to the natural habitat adjacent to the Ferry.

I will look forward to coming back to see the fruits of your work at a later date.

### **Litter Control:**

There was very little litter to be seen on the day of adjudication and the weekly clean ups, after the major spring one, are helping to reduce and eliminate litter altogether.

The Village is very busy in the tourist season and maybe one or two more extra bins would not go amiss. Keep promoting the message of good litter control as it has paid off.

### **Waste Minimisation:**

You have taken on board the message of good waste management. Your ideas and actions are praise worthy. By consulting the Race Against Waste Management booklet you may be able to come up with additional ideas for a new project for next year's competition.

### **Tidiness:**

Tidiness was a bit of a mixed bag on one hand you had excellent examples of clear and new bi lingual signage -Chontae an Chlair backed on to a decrepit sign for a tourist attraction in County Kerry. Uniformity is needed here.

The scrap metal at the side of the Ferry Building is still in place, which is a pity as it takes away from an otherwise well kept premises.

### **Residential Areas:**

The Woodview Housing Development has a relaxed feel to it secluded by trees that were planted at appropriate points in the estate and have now matured.

There was easy access to and from the area for vehicles with no cluttered parking of vehicles observed.

The colour scheme applied to houses was very bright and becoming.

The rest of the private residences in the Village were presented to a very good standard and credit is due to residents who take it upon themselves to look after properties so well.

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

There has been a vast improvement since last year. The problems outlined in last year's report seem to have been addressed if not fully resolved.

The resurfacing of approach roads has made a big difference to the village.

The verges have been cut back appropriately and the large green verges adjacent to and opposite Woodview were well mowed.

It is good to note that there is movement on the idea of creating a safer pedestrian route from Woodview to the Ferry area by the provision of a footpath and ancillary lighting.

Some of the signage is still a problem and it is hoped that this will be rectified.

### **General Impression:**

The Village is making good progress in the competition and the Committees is very active in encouraging on going improvements.

Do consider putting together a 2-year rolling plan prior to next year's competition.

It will serve as benchmark document in that actions can be measured.

