

# Tidy Towns Competition 2006

## *Adjudication Report*

Centre: **Bartlemy** Ref: **94**  
County: **Cork (North)** Mark: **214**  
Category: **A** Date(s): **25/07/2006**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2006
Overall Development Approach	50	24
The Built Environment	50	23
Landscaping	50	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	15
Litter Control	50	37
Waste Minimisation	20	6
Tidiness	30	14
Residential Areas	40	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	31
General Impression	10	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>214</b>

### **Overall Development Approach:**

The adjudicator was disappointed to see that you had not submitted a map in order to aid them with adjudication. Your application form was rather incomplete also. An eight strong committee is not too bad in terms of membership but perhaps you need to meet more than four times a year. You mention that it is hard to get people involved in your work and hopefully you will be able to muster up some enthusiasm from them in the coming years. The best way to get people involved is to show them what can be done and how much difference pride in one's environment can make to a centre!

### **The Built Environment:**

Dennis Barry's Pub was fine as was the School and associated playing courts area. The Church looked quite fresh with its stone walling to the front. The Parish Hall looked well but the fascia to its single storey porch was looking quite patchy and will need painting before next year's competition.

### **Landscaping:**

There are a number of attractive spaces throughout the village including the fuchsia hedge and attractive flower planting at the village nameplates. Another attractive planted bed was noted by an outbuilding near the crossroads but the building itself was in need of a fresh coat of paint. The crossroads is the focal point of the village and will need greater emphasis in terms of presentation and landscaping in order to make a good positive impression.

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

The adjudicator was disappointed to note that you had left this section of your application form blank! It is becoming more and more important to the competition and life generally. Read your Tidy Towns Handbook for

ideas for developing this aspect of the competition. Get the local school children involved in doing a wildlife survey of the habitats in the area. You could also consult with local experts and ask their advice. Wildlife information boards have proved helpful in other villages around the country.

#### **Litter Control:**

The standard of litter control on the day was very good with only the odd paper being evident.

#### **Waste Minimisation:**

This category of the competition is also extremely important. Again this was another one of the sections that you left blank on the application form! Read your Tidy Towns Handbook for ideas for furthering this category of the competition. It relates to the reduction and organisation of waste products and the possibility of recycling them. You should also read your Reduce Reuse Recycle brochure for ideas for furthering this aspect of the competition.

#### **Tidiness:**

The standard in this category was quite inconsistent and the village looked a "little patchy". The area by the Church and National School looked well but the area by the crossroads appeared very neglected in comparison – one of the buildings on the crossroad itself was in very bad condition. In some places weeds had been sprayed but the dead weeds had not been removed. The mural should be repainted and the outbuilding near the crossroads has been mentioned elsewhere in this report.

#### **Residential Areas:**

The houses at Church View looked extremely colourful and those on the opposite side of the road sported some quite magnificent gardens. Planning notices were up to a number of properties at the crossroads. Hopefully these will be retained and not demolished, as they are very attractive vernacular buildings, which are becoming something of a rarity around the towns and villages of the Irish countryside these days.

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

The road surfaces appeared somewhat uneven and potholed on approach roads. The attractive floral displays at the signage were greatly admired and verges and ditches were generally in good condition. In terms of street furniture the post box needed repainting and the glass at the phone box had been smashed.

#### **General Impression:**

Bartlemy is going to undergo a lot of change in the near future to judge by the number of planning applications that were up. Do ensure that it does not lose its unique charm as it is a centre, which could look quite magnificent with a little effort. At the moment it appeared somewhat inconsistent in appearance. The area in the vicinity of the Church looked extremely well but the crossroads which should be the focal point of the village appeared extremely neglected. Do ensure for next year's competition that you complete your application form fully in order to aid the adjudicators in their work. A map of the village is also essential.