

# Tidy Towns Competition 2006

## *Adjudication Report*

Centre: **Boherbue** Ref: **95**  
County: **Cork (North)** Mark: **229**  
Category: **B** Date(s): **19/07/2006**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2006
Overall Development Approach	50	35
The Built Environment	50	27
Landscaping	50	34
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	17
Litter Control	50	31
Waste Minimisation	20	8
Tidiness	30	14
Residential Areas	40	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	31
General Impression	10	8
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>229</b>

### **Overall Development Approach:**

Boherbue and District Community Development Association is certainly a large one at 35 members and one with "its finger on the pulse"! This adjudicator had no problem finding the town, which was clearly indicated on the map. Try not to take the comments contained in previous Tidy Towns reports to heart, as they are intended as a means of constructive criticism and are meant to help you with your work rather than hinder it. Unfortunately adjudicators cannot comment on every achievement particularly if there are many of them in a town or village! You mention your relationship with local schools – perhaps you should consider liaising directly with the school children themselves by means of having a designated school liaison officer on the committee. You would appear to have a good working relationship with IRD Duhallow and Cork County Council. Good luck with your quest for Clar funding. Many thanks for your "before" photos which certainly clearly show the hard work you have undertaken and the marvellous achievements you have made to date. Your work programme made interesting and practical reading.

### **The Built Environment:**

This was generally very good. The Church is centrally located and looked well with attractive planting to its car parking area outside. The Co-op was very fresh and the Garda Station looked well. Pearse Hall was still painted green and obviously had yet to be painted for this year. The National School looked quite fresh but its boundary wall will need painting before next year's competition. The schools of the retail park looked well and Kelleher's is an attractive old shopfront. The Post Office was fresh and the handball alley was very fresh. Its good to see this being utilised as many have been abandoned in towns throughout the country. Murphy's Pub was very fresh in yellow with attractive hanging baskets and window boxes. The Chapel View Restaurant looked quite fresh with contrasting trims to its paintwork. The pre-school looked well. The Community School looked excellent with marvellous planting to its front.

**Landscaping:**

There are a number of incidental landscaped spaces throughout the town such as that to the front of the church, to the front of the graveyard where the delineation of car parking spaces by means of planting created a very good impression. There were wonderful displays at the junction of the Mallow Road and at the town square. Indeed many premises had attractive hanging baskets and window boxes to their frontages. The adjudicator noted that you had repositioned the pump on the square. New hedging was coming along nicely to the fence at the Community Centre.

**Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

Hopefully your wildlife plaque to the Linnet Plantation will be in place for next year's competition. This sounds like a very interesting project particularly in that it can lead to a possible link with the schools in terms of habitat studies. You mention you have conducted a wildlife survey – have you given any more consideration to the suggestion of last year's adjudicator to publish a leaflet on your findings?

**Litter Control:**

The standard of litter control on the day was extremely good with only the very odd paper noted at the Church car park and a single bottle beside the thatched house. Your participation in the Cork County Council Litter Challenge is obviously paying dividends.

**Waste Minimisation:**

A single bottle bank was noted at the school – have you plans for incorporating any others in the town? Do read your Tidy Towns Handbook and Race Against Waste brochure for ideas for furthering this aspect of the competition. Perhaps you could organise some waste minimisation seminars or composting seminars?

**Tidiness:**

The standard in this category of the competition was extremely good with most buildings looking extremely well maintained although one or two were not maintained to the high standard that most were. An old garage was for sale on the Mallow Road but was very freshly presented despite this. The adjudicator noted a planning application notice for the house beside the Church – it would be nice if this could be restored rather than demolished as it is quite a unique vernacular building. Your major weed control initiative has obviously paid off, as weed control was very good on the day.

**Residential Areas:**

The standard in this category of the competition was generally quite good. A house on the Tralee Road had extended its area of interest to the roadside by introducing an incidental planted area opposite the house. Colourful street houses were greatly admired particularly one in purple with colourful floral displays outside. The new development at the Beeches was coming along p- do ensure that it is finished to the highest of standards and in terms of materials and landscaping in order to compliment the high standard of the town generally. There are some very attractive gardens on the Kanturk Road and an attractive terrace of houses with good planting to its front car park area and attractive cottage gardens on the same road were greatly admired.

**Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

The Mallow Road looked well where the grassy banks had been cut back. The attractive Duhallow signs looked well on approach roads but unfortunately appeared to have been scratched by graffiti. Junction signage on the Mallow Road were a little faded. Grass was a little long in some places below hedgerows on the Tralee Road. Road surfaces could have been in better condition but your new footpaths must be of great benefit to all.

**General Impression:**

The town of Boherbue looked well on adjudication day and great care is shown in terms of its presentation. It is quite a large town with a lot of area to cover and therefore you are applauded on the great work you have achieved to date.