

# Tidy Towns Competition 2006

## *Adjudication Report*

Centre: **Doonbeg** Ref: **67**  
County: **Clare** Mark: **249**  
Category: **B** Date(s): **01/07/2006**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2006
Overall Development Approach	50	45
The Built Environment	50	31
Landscaping	50	37
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	24
Litter Control	50	33
Waste Minimisation	20	6
Tidiness	30	14
Residential Areas	40	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	28
General Impression	10	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>249</b>

### **Overall Development Approach:**

Thank you for your excellent application, up date of work plan, very helpful sketch map of the village and its surrounds and indeed supplemental material on the overall Village Development Plan.  
It is very noticeable that this new Committee has embraced the ethos of partnership judging by the number of statutory bodies and relevant agencies that you are engaging with.  
You are working to a co coordinated work programme with assigned responsibilities and this is the most effective way to do things.  
With this approach the support of the local community will be forthcoming.  
Well done on your endeavours to date, they have helped Doonbeg very much.  
The addition of an architect to your group is a big bonus from a village planning advice perspective.

### **The Built Environment:**

Doonbeg has come to the fore front as a Village with immense potential because of its idyllic west coast location and in the last few years because of the world class golf course a few miles outside the village. This type of exposure has it benefits in that it brings new people to the area as well as new infrastructure developments.  
To date the new developments have fitted into the fabric of Doonbeg and its is one's wish that this occurs into the future.  
There are few additional planning notices to be seen, Ashtree House is to be re developed as a restaurant, which is a good thing as it was lying idle for the last few years.  
The number of existing premises, private and business, that have been re vitalised is impressive and the colour applied adds to the vibrant look of the place.  
Comerfords have retained the old look, similarly Tubridys both in the centre of the Village.

The Olde Kitchen has been recently refurbished as well and the PO near it also deserves mention. The most impressive all is Morrissey's Pub which has very distinctive off white (for want of a better description) colour. There are quite a lot of private residences that have retained the features associated with rural villages and credit to the owners for adhering to this. The dereliction problems are being addressed and an unoccupied substantial premises and adjoining outhouses were being painted on the day. There a few more that need to be improved upon i.e. the shed adjacent to house near PO could be whitewashed and the galvanise roof painted. A for sale sign on the School was rather mystifying.

### **Landscaping:**

The visual effect of colourful hanging baskets on the bridge and other planters in the village centre is quite pleasant without being over bearing or over beautified. The trees planted in the Tubridys Caravan Park will mature in time and it is good to see ash among them. The Amenity Park area is very relaxing and hopefully the planned housing development will not intrude upon it. The contribution of Donnabegs Junior Tidy Towner's was noted on the Quilty exit. Overall the landscaping and planting arrangements are in keeping with the streetscape

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

The whole area is a haven for wildlife and this should be exploited even more. The display board depicting the maritime species is very worth while but as was suggested last year a new additional information board should be considered. The Amenity Park Area would be an ideal location.

### **Litter Control:**

There was virtually no litter, which at any time is very good but on a Saturday morning excellent. The anti litter message that has been put forward by the Committee is paying off and people are observing the Anti Litter signs that are seen in the village. Keep up the good work and also see that Children are brought into the mix.

### **Waste Minimisation:**

The steps taken to encourage the re segregation of waste should be built on and the Committee should consider a relevant project in this category that would involve the local school children. The Race Against Waste publication, which was included with the original application package, is a worthwhile document to consult as it gives ideas on new projects and examples of what has been done in other villages and towns.

### **Tidiness:**

There were a number of verges that had been sprayed and left to rot so it is important complete the job and clean decayed residue. The recycling receptacles were well sited in a compact tidy area. There are a few sites, some have been mentioned already, that need attention. The area near the cemetery and Caislean Dun Mor and Pier is earmarked for resurfacing and not before time as it is rather rough at the moment.

### **Residential Areas:**

There are a number of new housing developments that are going up rapidly in the village and its environs. Some are maturing quickly as they near completion aka Churchfields and others are just in the early stages so its not appropriate to comment. The Doubhbeg Estate is a little mixed and needs some front areas tidied up as well as a few boundary walls that need to be painted.

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

The entrances into the Village even from link roads have benefited from much improved road surfaces. No doubt the advent of the Golf Course helped to accelerate this.  
The welcome signs coupled with tidy verges and clear directional and name signs helped to give a good impression as one enters from the two main sides Quilty and Kilkee.  
The link roads to beaches and to Kilrush were also maintained to a very acceptable level.

**General Impression:**

It is nice to see Doonbeg looking so well as it is always a pleasure to visit the Village and sample the hospitality.  
Good success has been achieved in the competition to date and you intend to build on this as reflected in your work plan for the future.  
You are wished well in the competition in the years ahead