

Tidy Towns Competition 2007

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Clondrohid** Ref: **114**
County: **Cork (South)** Mark: **215**
Category: **B** Date(s): **15/06/2007**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	40
The Built Environment	50	28
Landscaping	50	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	14
Litter Control	50	32
Waste Minimisation	20	9
Tidiness	30	14
Residential Areas	40	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	23
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	400	215

Overall Development Approach:

To have fifteen committed individuals on your committee in such a small centre is commendable. Your activities, including sponsored walk, a party for old folks and the clean up, shows you are well rooted into the community. There are many examples of dry fill stone walls which are most attractive. It is appropriate that you highlight yourselves as the birthplace of Bishop Phelan O'Neill. Perhaps it would be appropriate to speak more than once per year to the students. In many ways they can prove to be the life blood of a committee. Be sure to invite them to play an active part in a suitable, specific project perhaps related to bird or wild life.

The Built Environment:

The Community Hall behind the school looked well, while the front facing wall at the school was quite attractive. The Church was well painted in pale yellow while the grounds looked well and were free of litter. The Kerrygold Co-operative would benefit from washing at least and ideally painting of the main building, the Tavern was most attractive.

Landscaping:

The Community Field, opened in 1993, is a major addition to the villages facilities. The Cork Mill Stores looked very well; your effort to secure remedial action in respect of your derelict sites problems is to be commended. Do not lose heart, it can be a difficult and often complex task but well worth the effort.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The River Foherish offer many opportunities to develop a wildlife sanctuary and habitat. Seek the advice of a local wildlife and birdlife enthusiast or consult with the Wildlife Officer attached to the Office of Public Works. Remember the encouragement of birdlife begins with the establishment of a suitable food chain. The planting

of native, berry bearing shrubs and trees is an excellent first step.

Litter Control:

The village in general displayed good litter management throughout although there were occasional fallings from grace. The litter bins outside the school were well sited and of an appropriate design. It is pleasant to note that many of the wider village community join the committee on clean-up evenings on approach roads.

Waste Minimisation:

The Bring Centre was well organised and neat. In discussions with the school children and other groups it is valuable to raise the issue of the need for all to adopt the policy of reducing the development of waste, to reuse items wherever possible and to recycle other items so as to minimise the amount of refuse that must be taken to a landfill facility. Advice and assistance are available in the Tidy Towns Booklet and also contacting the Race against Waste literature.

Tidiness:

The Church building in general looked very well but the gates were quite rusted and need to be wire brushed and repainted. Please do what you can to reduce the practice of parking trucks near the splendid River Fotherish. Hopefully a footpath across from the school to the narrow road will improve matter in that area.

Residential Areas:

The local authority housing was nicely presented and freshly painted; there was an excellent house and garden opposite the school. We are aware of the difficulties in connection with some houses which are not owned by locals and where your opportunities to improve things are necessarily circumscribed. Please maintain your effort to reach some agreement with the individuals involved, urging them where appropriate to follow through on their own plans and objectives. A personal visit by two members of the committee has been found to be usually beneficial.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

One village nameplate needs painting while the speed limit signs are well presented. The verges were suitably presented for a rural village. On the other entrance road while the garden and rubble wall is splendid, unhappily the village nameplate itself that should be in that position is missing.

General Impression:

You have completed another good presentation and while there are no major civic or religious buildings you have the benefit of fine good stone walls which give a particular unique feel to this interesting small village. Well done to all concerned on another fine presentation. Please keep up the good work.