

Tidy Towns Competition 2007

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Crosshaven** Ref: **606**
County: **Cork (South)** Mark: **227**
Category: **C** Date(s): **12/06/2007**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	37
The Built Environment	50	31
Landscaping	50	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	22
Litter Control	50	29
Waste Minimisation	20	8
Tidiness	30	12
Residential Areas	40	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	24
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	400	227

Overall Development Approach:

Thank you for the completed entry form, the most useful annotated map together with last years Tidy Town's campaign appeal to the community at large. The photographs you referred to did not reach the adjudicator. Crosshaven is a centre blessed with a delightful topography built around the large scale river area. Accordingly the major impact is boats - both floating and on dry dock. The Royal Yacht Club dating to 1720 is an imposing item on the approach.

The Built Environment:

The hugely impressive Crosshaven Hotel makes the maximum use of its commanding position. Buildings in this area notable Cronin's Authentic Traditional Bar and the new Credit Union building looked extremely well. We liked also the four infill houses beyond BJ Marine. Throughout the centre there are many new building being completed or recently finished. The Church of Ireland, Holy Trinity in Templebreedy looked most attractively presented. The dramatic and unusual church spire tower at the Catholic Church caught the eye especially when viewed from the harbour area. At a different scale, the small Arthaven Gallery looked very well as did the Fire Station and School.

Landscaping:

The pride of place under this heading certainly goes to the delightful Old Railway Pathway all the way to Carrigaline. This is a major undertaking and both widely used and much admired on the day of adjudication. The lay by and picnic area with the new Tidy Town's sign on the approach to the town was also appealing. The major developments around the Harbour with Car Park and Toilets is a huge advance. The St. Patrick's old cemetery and the new lawn cemetery adjoining it were very well presented with the front facing walls being well painted. Do repaint the gates of the old Cemetery which are currently rusty. The extensive provision of new footpaths in many locations are applauded. The provision of the amenity area at the new car park is a

delight and adds considerable to the overall impression of this already appealing centre.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The extensive availability of riverside walks, picnic areas and access to the river provide ample opportunities for the development of a wildlife and bird life programme. Please encourage the schools to get involved in this. Very often within the schools ground itself, space can be put aside for the development of a wildlife habitat, this will encourage an early interest which will lead to benefits for the children for the rest of their lives.

Litter Control:

There was a good supply of suitably sited, appropriately designed litter bins. A number however may need to be updated soon as they appear to be reaching the end of their natural life span. The streets were freshly swept. Litter management was of a very high order in Upper Church Road where one might expect difficulties because of the number of schools.

Waste Minimisation:

There is a growing awareness of the urgent need to deal more intelligently with the great amount of waste that the present day society produces. The three part response is to Reduce, Reuse where feasible and Recycle where possible. This task is for all sections of the community. The Green School initiative should be encouraged as should the staging of seminars or discussions or by making use for example of your splendid leaflet which was sent out to everyone in connection with the annual Tidy Town's campaign.

Tidiness:

The welcome to Crosshaven sign and the Keep the Village Tidy signs were an excellent reminder most necessary for many of your visitors. There were some examples of roadside spoil especially on the approach roads. This distracts considerable from the absolute joy of the many river views to be enjoyed through the trees on the approach road. Boats as we have said are a major factor in Crosshaven and the huge boat parking area on the approach needs some attention. The existing straggly wire fence is no deterrent to trespass surely and is certainly very unsightly, a sizeable improvement is necessary here. The practice of storing empty barrels outside pub, presumably awaiting collection is to be discouraged wherever possible for example both Power's and The Moon Duster Inn had sizeable number of barrels out on the day of adjudication. At a different scale the little notice on the ancient large anchor was unreadable and would benefit from attention. Some other signs also needed attention, notably Prospect House Guest House while the lock up garages on Upper Church Road would benefit from painting. Overall Crosshaven presents a neat and orderly view apart from the sizeable boat parking area which does call for remedial action.

Residential Areas:

Houses within Crosshaven were well presented as were the estates generally. The Brightwater Development's splendid gardens were well maintained, the overall scheme involved well chosen native tree planting which is encouraged. The Ardross Housing Estate had some excellent individual houses. The entrance to the Whispering Pines Hotel equally was very beneficial to the area, houses, particularly those close to the river, were very well presented.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The entrance to Crosshaven with its myriad fleeting views of the river is a delight. The picnic areas you have introduced contribute substantially to upgrading the experience. A number of sign poles are in need of scraping and repainting while one of the speed limit signs has been knocked askew. The delightful canopy of trees over the road on the Templebreedy side is a real joy. Please insure however that leaves and other spoil is removed from the sides of roads. The well delineated Car Park at the Harbour is a substantial improvement to the overall presentation of Crosshaven.

General Impression:

Crosshaven is a delightful location to visit, boats and vibrant houses vie for attention in a setting endowed by nature and enhanced by the work of many caring generations. All associated with this current year's successful presentation are applauded for their efforts and encouraged to continue their upward march in the Tidy Town's Competition.