

Tidy Towns Competition 2007

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Killeagh** Ref: **180**
County: **Cork (South)** Mark: **230**
Category: **B** Date(s): **02/07/2007**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	32
The Built Environment	50	31
Landscaping	50	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	20
Litter Control	50	26
Waste Minimisation	20	8
Tidiness	30	17
Residential Areas	40	26
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	31
General Impression	10	8
TOTAL MARK	400	230

Overall Development Approach:

Thank you for your completed entry form with most useful map. Being on the N25, traffic volumes are high and intrusive. New building developments on the GAA road were noted as work in progress. The finely sited Catholic Church was very well presented. The national school (1940) was freshly painted with good window boxes and a flag poll. The community centre was well presented. The large problem of the ancient church and graveyard is not capable of any quick solution. One possible way forward is to select a small area within the cemetery and fully refurbish it. Then, radiating out from there, as momentum is gained, it may be possible to effect, over time a radical improvement.

The Built Environment:

The Old Thatch Pub was quaint and well presented. A small scale but delightful thatch cottage beyond the Catholic Church caught the eye. On the other end of the size scale the large and now old mill by the wood entrance has been well handled. Block up the two double doors as well for added security. The Credit Union House was very well presented. Londus and Tattan's Bar looked very well but some of the signs do need attention. Fogarty Brothers was well presented. The Garda station was quite attractive but the front wall needs painting. Extensive work in progress at the GAA grounds on a new premises.

Landscaping:

The River Dissour road bridge looked quite well with flower baskets, while the views of the river from the bridge was most attractive. Good planting was noted at the housing estate on Inch Road. The new cemetery was very well maintained with the base of walls recently swept. The GAA grounds were well maintained.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Glenbower wood is a delight. Atmospheric and tranquil, it is a credit to all those in FAS and others who are caring for it and presenting it in such a delightful manner. The new seats and picnic tables, the informative panels all make for a very fine presentation. We were not lucky enough to see any of the red squirrels, stoat, otter or fox referred to but richly enjoyed our visit to your enchanting location. The proposed lake restoration is eagerly anticipated and wished success.

Litter Control:

Litter management on the day was good and no black spots were noted. Some did lie within the old cemetery, evidence of perhaps anti-social activities to the rear. Litter bins were noted but more on the main street would be appropriate, provided a suitable arrangement can be organised to have them serviced regularly.

Waste Minimisation:

The National Spring Clean and the Inter Village Litter Challenge are worthwhile events to have taken part in as is the encouragement of the practice of recycling glass and plastic at the bring centre. The bring centre at the Community Centre looked quite well and was free of litter on the day of adjudication.

Tidiness:

The old railway station and its buildings do require attention. Perhaps in the short term screening may be the most appropriate answer until a more permanent solution can be found. The Old Church and cemetery continues as a major obstacle to be overcome and as noted elsewhere there is no quick or easy solution to be offered here. However the clear and valuable potential of the overall site makes it one worthy of deep thought and committed action on an ongoing basis.

Residential Areas:

There are well presented houses on Inch Road, Lackeen House on Mogeely Road was freshly painted and featured good hanging baskets. Wood View Housing estate (2000) was very well presented. The new housing scheme at Abhaieinn will be an important addition to the housing stock when fully completed.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The old mileage stone at the cemetery wall deserves to be high lighted in a suitable manner. The pavement on the Youghal Road was well kept and free of weeds. The two signs indicating the N25 at the Church Junction require to be washed. The road surface leading to the delightful Glengarry Wood is positively dangerous and requires urgent remedial action please.

The Mogeely Road has an attractive floral display at the pump; again the road surface is rough. Sadly most signs require washing and a number ought to be repainted at least or indeed replaced as they are very rusty. A number of signs here and elsewhere are in danger of disappearing into the growing vegetation. The Ballymacoda Road featured a good town name plate.

General Impression:

An attractive, busy small town on a major through route the village has established and maintains a distinct identity and ethos. The attractive river crossing, colourful houses and welcoming shops and bars all play their part. Parking is a deterrent however and short term arrangements might be looked at to facilitate visitors. The delightful wood deserves to be high lighted more as a worthwhile stopping place once the road surface difficulties have been improved. Well done to all involved in this fine presentation.