

Tidy Towns Competition 2007

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Mogeely** Ref: **1096**
County: **Cork (South)** Mark: **205**
Category: **B** Date(s): **02/07/2007**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	28
The Built Environment	50	25
Landscaping	50	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	18
Litter Control	50	33
Waste Minimisation	20	6
Tidiness	30	16
Residential Areas	40	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	21
General Impression	10	6
TOTAL MARK	400	205

Overall Development Approach:

Welcome and thanks you for your decision to join the many villages and towns throughout Ireland who collectively make up the largest every civil action grouping committed to the enhancement of their own locality. Thank you for the completed entry form and also for the useful map provided. Over the winter, perhaps using this report as a start point, seek to identify the main priorities for attention over the next few years. Establish which agencies may be able to assist and make contact with them. It is important to secure the views of as wide a range of opinions within the community as possible. In this way many people will have a sense of ownership of the plan and accordingly be more inclined to participate in the activities of the Tidy Towns Committee. Your existing committee of 10 to 12 persons is a wonderful resource and response to date. Insure your monthly meeting are in a public location and well flagged in advance so all feel and have an entitlement to attend.

The Built Environment:

The Catholic Church area was well swept and the church looked quite well. The Inn was colourful and the new houses at the junction and also the infill houses were well presented. The absence of a school within the village is unusual. The very large Co-operative factory and premises tend to dominate because of their sheer size. Work is in progress to ensure that they are well presented in the future.

Landscaping:

The playing fields on the Killeagh Road were well presented. The old church yard would be much enhanced if the grass could be controlled initially with a strimmer and perhaps in due course with a conventional mower. Remove the metal surrounds from the mature trees on Castlemartin Road which are currently beginning to bite into the growing trees. On the Middleton road there is excellent planting beyond the small river bridge. Almost all the young trees still require support ties. A small number need to be replaced as they have not

survived.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The stream and bridge beyond the Co-operative presents an ideal location for the creation of a wild life sanctuary. Remember the process necessarily begins with planting of suitable native, berry bearing plants and shrubs to create the all important food chain. The large communal grassed area in the new estate also offers possibilities in this regard. Discuss the options with a local wild life or bird life enthusiast.

Litter Control:

Litter management on the day was satisfactory with the occasional item marring an overall good impression. Abandoned plastic bags on the Killeagh Road jarred. The provision of a few litter bins is recommended – provided – suitable arrangements can be made for their frequent servicing.

Waste Minimisation:

No bring centre or bottle bank was noted. Suitable locations are available for such a service and you should discuss the options with the County Council, especially with the additional new houses now occupied. All are required to concern themselves with the essential duty of reducing the extent of waste material being carted to land fill sites.

Tidiness:

Repair the fine wrought iron gates which are rusting away on the site of the former 1837 national school, surely one of the earliest of these buildings? There is traffic spoil at the base of walls from the Junction down to the former railway station. This latter is potentially an interesting area and an overall plan for its suitable presentation should be considered. In other locations it has been turned into a most positive element of local architecture and folk history.

Residential Areas:

A pleasant and well presented terrace opposite the grave yard caught the eye while the new houses on Castlemarter Road were fine. The Meadows is a major new estate with work still in progress. Remove the weeds from around the trees and from the communal grassed areas. Tree planting is good but could and ought be expanded. The first parking bay required a dipped kerb stone to make it user friendly. Two delightful houses far out on the Castlemarter Road are a delight with flower topped dry fill stone walls and very well presented gardens.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

In general road signs need attention. This ranges from simple washing to full refurbishment in some cases. The Caution Children ahead sign is firmly in the latter category. Many of the roads have discernable, natural village entry points and this is desirable. The Castlemarter road does not have such a point and there is a need to determine just where is the start point of the village and establish this. A number of options will help here; speed limit signs, village name plate and suitable treatment of the verge and hedgerows collectively will make it clear to all.

General Impression:

The village offers a number of options to advance in the competition and these are necessarily dependent on planning and then implementing a suitable programme of works which will secure the support of the wider community. The graveyards and old church certainly, perhaps an imaginative treatment of the former railway property. You have made a good start and all associated with this entry are thanked for their efforts and wished well in their future plans and programmes