

Tidy Towns Competition 2007

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Ballylickey** Ref: **665**
County: **Cork (West)** Mark: **215**
Category: **A** Date(s): **27/06/2007**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	26
The Built Environment	50	29
Landscaping	50	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	19
Litter Control	50	33
Waste Minimisation	20	5
Tidiness	30	14
Residential Areas	40	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	25
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	400	215

Overall Development Approach:

Ballylickey is welcome to the Tidy Towns Competition 2007. Thank you for your entry form and supporting map. It is good to note that you still have a committee of twelve and that your community is supporting you by their annual subscriptions. You mention that there is no school in Ballylickey – perhaps you could develop a junior committee to take charge of litter or a wildlife survey?

The Built Environment:

Stonewalls are an important part of the built environment of Ballylickey and they are presented and maintained to a high standard. The wall on the Glengarriff Road is clean and neat and leads you into the village core. Among the business premises admired in the village were Ouvaness Falls, Cronins, Ballylickey House and SeaView House. Mannings Emporium looked great with its well-presented roadside display. It would appear that the renovation work at Reendesert Hotel is ongoing – please give detail of the plans for this site with next years entry.

Landscaping:

A crescent shaped landscaped area on the Glengarriff approach road was greatly admired. Lupins, hydrangeas, and rambling roses brightened up the neatly cutgrass at the post box. The numerous half tubs planted at the stepped wall provide a marvellous splash of colour from the Bantry approach with trailing petunias and overhead cascading crimson rambling roses were spectacular.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

It is disappointing to note that no progress has been made in this area despite the suggestion from last years adjudicator! Keep trying!

Litter Control:

Your programme for litter control is obviously very effective as only a couple of pieces were spotted by the roadside on the day of adjudication.

Waste Minimisation:

Please ensure to provide more detailed information with regard to this section as requested by last year adjudicator!! There are many ways in which you can do this, for instance, segregating litter, encouraging businesses to recycle, composting etc

Tidiness:

The waste area to the front of the Holiday Homes on the Glengarriff Road was unkempt with piles of topsoil, gravel and grit and indeed parts were quite overgrown also. Although the base of the many stone walls were generally kept weed free there were a couple of areas that had been missed. There is also a stretch of wall that is not kept to the same high standard as the rest in Ballylickey and this makes it stand out all the more! You should consider sourcing funding, perhaps from your local Leader Company to develop a uniform standard of stone walls throughout the village and it will add a sense of unity. Finally, it is important to ensure that all signage is clean even on the minor roads.

Residential Areas:

Ballylickey Holiday Homes were well painted and landscaped throughout. The stone wall entrance and pillars were admired and kept in fitting with the rest of the village – this is commendable. A black and white residence on the Glengarriff Road was admired for its neatly cut hedge and well maintained grass verge. Pier View was greatly admired, as was the residence beside Cronins. Six newly built houses facing the water looked well and hopefully the meadow will be mown before next year's competition! Lime Tree Cottage was pristine in its presentation.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

There were ongoing road works in Ballylickey on the day of adjudication and hopefully this will extend to some of the minor roads where surfaces were uneven in places.

General Impression:

Ballylickey is seeing a considerable amount of development in recent years and it appears to be in fitting with the existing village. There are some areas in the competition that there is the potential to improve marks considerably and hopefully this will happen in the years to come. Keep up the good work!