

# Tidy Towns Competition 2007

## **Adjudication Report**

Centre: **Castletownbere** Ref: **597**  
County: **Cork (West)** Mark: **242**  
Category: **C** Date(s): **27/06/2007**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	41
The Built Environment	50	36
Landscaping	50	34
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	24
Litter Control	50	28
Waste Minimisation	20	12
Tidiness	30	13
Residential Areas	40	26
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	20
General Impression	10	8
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>242</b>

### **Overall Development Approach:**

Castletownbere is welcome to the Tidy Towns 2007. Your entry form was comprehensive and the enclosed map and ancillary material was most useful to the adjudicator. Your ongoing work in co-operation with local business people, Beara Tourism, FÁS etc is commended. It is good to see that Castletownbere also participates in the County Council Anti-Litter league which will help keep the troops motivated! Your committee of twelve seem to have a good PR programme in place to maximise publicity. It is clear that Castletownbere is a bustling coastal town and has much to offer. Your committee have a firm grasp on areas that require improvement and will in time achieve your many goals.

### **The Built Environment:**

The Call of the Sea Visitor Centre looked well and was brightened by delightful roadside planting. Scoil Croi Ro-Naofa as impeccable in its presentation and the adjoining car park also demonstrated the same high standard! There are many impressive commercial and public premises in Castletownbere among those noted on that day are Cronin's Hideaway, the Garda Station, The Regional Fisheries Centre and the Olde Bakery. The Beara Bay Hotel and Twomeys Ivy Bar looked well and will be enhanced further by the completion of the site across the road. The playground is also fresh in its presentation.

### **Landscaping:**

The planting of traditional pink and red geraniums added a welcome splash of colour at the public toilets. The base of the rock face on the Glengarriff was well presented with permanent planting. Grassy areas on Dinnish were well trimmed and neat in appearance. Locqmacolique gardens are a true oasis and are rightly the pride of Castletownbere – it was flawless!

### **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

Considerable progress has been noted in this section of the competition. You mention in your entry form that the Community School has conducted - please enclose relevant supporting documentation until the boards can be erected. The ongoing provision of bird and bat boxes is commendable.

#### **Litter Control:**

Litter is not a problem throughout the town of Castletownbere and it appears that your multifaceted litter regime is paying dividends. However, the harbour area still remains a blackspot.

#### **Waste Minimisation:**

The enclosed material indicating the work carried out by Co Action West Cork is laudable. Participation in the Green Flag programme is a marvellous way to educate the community of the merits and indeed cost savings of segregation and recycling. The recycling centre was busy on the day of adjudication and is a wonderful amenity to have.

#### **Tidiness:**

You are making considerable progress in this area and this is highly commended. However, some of the signage in the harbour area was badly stained or broken and gives an untidy appearance. There is still a considerable amount of construction work ongoing in the town and its environs that currently detract from its appearance but on completion will no doubt improve Castletownberes' performance in the Tidy Towns Competition. It is imperative that boundary walls and gable walls be well painted and kept clean to enhance the overall impact of the town.

#### **Residential Areas:**

The new housing scheme at the Cametringane Hotel looked crisp in its appearance on the day of adjudication. The terraced row on the Glengarriff Road was freshly painted and was greatly admired. Adrgrave House was beautifully presented. Ar dTeachta B&B looked marvellous and the adjoining landscaped bungalow looked wonderful. The entrance to Island View B&B was greatly admired, as was the landscaped rock face. A number of new housing developments were identified and their completion will be eagerly anticipated for Tidy Towns 2008.

#### **Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

Many of the minor approach roads were well cut back and neatly presented. The streets were colourful and quite fresh in appearance. Some of the back areas were heavily overgrown with weeds and this coupled with numerous derelict sites gives a poor impression. The road surface and paths in Dinnish were somewhat patchy and should be uniform in standard.

#### **General Impression:**

Castletownbere is a busy coastal town that is in transition. You committee are commended on their careful management to date and we look forward to your continued progress in the competition.