

# Tidy Towns Competition 2007

## *Adjudication Report*

Centre: **Courtmacsherry** Ref: **99**  
County: **Cork (West)** Mark: **248**  
Category: **B** Date(s): **29/06/2007**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	37
The Built Environment	50	33
Landscaping	50	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	28
Litter Control	50	29
Waste Minimisation	20	9
Tidiness	30	15
Residential Areas	40	29
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	28
General Impression	10	8
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>248</b>

### **Overall Development Approach:**

Courtmacsherry is welcome to the Tidy Towns Competition 2007 and the information provided in your entry form was most useful on the day of adjudication. Your committee of twelve has quite a large area to cover so must be highly organised. You mention that you have engaged with the school by having an informal chat with the teachers – what was the result of this? Is the school involved in any particular projects? Do the children participate in litter pick-ups? Your continued association with the Courtmacsherry Development Association and Cork County Council is commendable. Please ensure to give a detailed account of work completed and projects pending in next years entry. You should consider drawing up and three or five year work programme of work, which will help define your committees aims and objectives.

### **The Built Environment:**

The Sea Angling Club and Rita's Shop were well presented. The Courtmacsherry Hotel, Cottages and grounds were pristine. The Life Boat Station was attractive in Stone and the pretty nameplate at the Post Office looked well. Both Churches were neat in their appearance. You mention in your entry that the derelict area to the rear of the Church of Ireland is to be rejuvenated – when is this due to happen and what is the proposed development?

### **Landscaping:**

A variety of incidental landscaped areas were admired throughout Courtmacsherry. The small garden area opposite Travarra Lodge was immaculate in its presentation and the geraniums were in full bloom. Three concrete planters brightened the approach to the pier and the permanent planting interspersed with pansies and marigolds at the base of the wall at the Timoleague end of the village worked to great effect.

**Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

Your plans in this area are commendable and we look forward to the developments here. The two boards indicating 'Birds of the Estuary' and 'Shore Angling' were noted. Please ensure that when these signs are being moved to their new location that they are also upgraded and cleaned where necessary.

**Litter Control:**

You are commended on your participation in the Cork County Council Litter Free Challenge – this is a great way to keep the community motivated and boosting litter awareness. A few pieces of litter were noted in the seating area opposite the Lifeboat Inn. A number of plastic bottles were also spotted along the shore. In addition to this some papers and cigarette butts were strewn around the Pier House Bar and finally, the litterbin close to the playground was overflowing with litter.

**Waste Minimisation:**

Your bring bank was noted on the day of adjudication and it was neat and tidy in its presentation. Do you segregate litter or do you compost waste in Courtmacsharry?

**Tidiness:**

Public seating throughout the village is neat in its presentation. However the remains of one old seat opposite The Moorings sign should be removed before next year's competition. Please ensure that weeds are removed in parking areas and along kerbs.

**Residential Areas:**

The new development at Ard na Greine is nearing completion and is looking crisp in its presentation. It is clear that the vast majority of homeowners in Courtmacsharry take pride in the appearance of their property – the many coastal gardens were greatly admired. The colourful terraced row opposite the playground was immaculately presented. Please ensure, however, that attention is paid to the cleanliness of boundary walls throughout the village.

**Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

The main approach road and indeed the main street of Courtmacsharry are neatly presented. Uneven surfaces in some back areas detract from the overall impression.

**General Impression:**

Courtmacsharry was a pleasure to adjudicate on the sunny summers morning. The village looks well and continues to perform well in the Tidy Towns Competition.