

Tidy Towns Competition 2007

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Drimoleague** Ref: **982**
County: **Cork (West)** Mark: **210**
Category: **B** Date(s): **28/06/2007**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	25
The Built Environment	50	32
Landscaping	50	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	10
Litter Control	50	30
Waste Minimisation	20	6
Tidiness	30	13
Residential Areas	40	30
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	27
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	400	210

Overall Development Approach:

Drimoleague Tidy Towns Committee is very welcome back to the Tidy Towns Competition following a number of years' absence. Your committee of six will persistence and planning reverse the existing apathy in the town today. You are commended on your co-operation with Cork County Council regarding the Anti Litter Campaign and no doubt the funds raised from the Church Gate Collection is spent on the hanging baskets etc seen on the day of adjudication. It may prove helpful to develop a junior branch to your committee - perhaps for litter pick-ups that could be of tangible assistance? There are a number of significant areas in Drimoleague that are simply out of your control and this is taken into consideration - it is important therefore to formulate a three to five year plan for your committee of realistic and achievable goals. Gook Luck!

The Built Environment:

Collins Centra looked well and the car park was beautifully landscaped. The Pitch and Putt Club was crisp in its presentation with white railings the colourful bedding plants at the base of the tree added a splash of colour. The Car Park and playground looked well and were well landscaped. Daly's Anna Belles and Kinky Afro were crisp in their presentation. Mill Café looked wonderful. The Junior School and National School looked fresh on the day of adjudication. The ongoing saga regarding the Railway Station is unfortunate but it provides a wonderful opportunity for restoration.

Landscaping:

The mature planting on the Bantry Road was greatly admired. Hanging baskets and tubs brightened the streetscape at various locations. Two beds of scarlet roses on the Dunmay road looked vibrant. The triangular bed at the directional signage could perhaps, be brightened by a border of summer blooms.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

It is good to see that you are considering a wildlife plan for the town and its environs. Please consult your handbook for ideas for further development in this area. There are ample opportunities in Drimoleague to perform well with careful planning. Perhaps the school children could conduct a wildlife survey?

Litter Control:

Litter control on the day of adjudication was good throughout the streets and approach roads of Drimoleague. However, one litter blackspot is the car park at the recycling that was strewn with litter throughout – this area should be targeted before next year's competition.

Waste Minimisation:

Your committee is commended on your ongoing work regarding the maintenance of your recycling area. The littering in this area is evidence of a heavily used facility. Do you segregate and recycle litter from your pick-ups in Drimoleague? Again, your handbook will give you additional ideas to enhance your performance in this area.

Tidiness:

A theme of cream and red is effective on water pumps and fences and should be developed further to promote a neat, cohesive appearance. It is important to encourage the painting of gable walls and boundary walls as these can easily stain or appear dirty. Kerbside/roadside weeds can also detract from the tidiness of an area and can be easily managed.

Residential Areas:

Ard Carraig was admired for its well-trimmed grass and rhododendrons. A tudor style residence was noted on the Skibbereen Road with an abundance of blooming hydrangeas. Blackberry Cottage was crisp in its presentation. Similarly Quarry Vale was neatly turned out. Some of the residences in the vicinity of the GAA grounds require painting but No. 7 was exceptional and has set the standard!

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Approach roads were well maintained, however the verges on the Skibbereen Road were slightly overgrown. As mentioned the development of the Railway Station would hugely improve the appearance of this area and holds huge potential.

General Impression:

Drimoleague is a busy town with much potential to progress year on year in the Tidy Towns Competition. Remember that significant progress takes time, planning and persistence. Congratulations on your work to date and we look forward to seeing you in the Competition next year!