

Tidy Towns Competition 2007

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Goleen** Ref: **531**
County: **Cork (West)** Mark: **219**
Category: **A** Date(s): **26/06/2007**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	28
The Built Environment	50	37
Landscaping	50	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	17
Litter Control	50	37
Waste Minimisation	20	11
Tidiness	30	12
Residential Areas	40	26
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	17
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	400	219

Overall Development Approach:

Goleen is welcome to the Tidy Towns Competition 2007! Thank you for your detailed entry form and map – please include a more detailed map of the village layout with next years application as it makes it easier to allocate marks when specific sites can be easily identified! You have a large committee of 16 and the occasional help from another 20 volunteers must be a great boost. It is commendable how you co-operate with a variety of agencies to assist you in your development. You mention that there is 'no possibility of engaging local business in the competition' – is this through apathy on the part of business people? Despite this it is imperative that your committee concentrates on what they can do rather than focus on areas out of your control. Goleen has a huge amount of potential to improve in the competition and you are well on the way to achieving this.

The Built Environment:

The Church looked great and its well-painted wall was admired. Similarly the school was fresh in its presentation but its boundary wall will require painting before next year's competition. Heron Cove was pristine and sets an excellent standard of presentation for other businesses to aspire to. The Health Centre and indeed its approach were impressive. Sheehan's, The Fastnet, Post House Gallery and the Lobster Pot all looked quite well. The Sports Complex is a credit to the community but unfortunately the Mizen Tourism Co-Operative Society building looked decidedly unwelcoming!

Landscaping:

Goleen is in the enviable position of being located in a natural rugged landscape that for the most part requires little enhancement. Stands of wild flowers on approach roads were beautiful and you committee is commended on their ongoing maintenance work here. The massive Goleen Stone was crisp in its presentation and the Grotto, too, was greatly admired.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Please include information on this section next year!!! Goleen is surrounded by an amazing natural landscape that is surely heaving with flora and fauna. Conducting an audit of wildflowers would be a good place to start.

Litter Control:

Litter control is not a problem in Goleen. Two pieces of paper were spotted on the day of adjudication.

Waste Minimisation:

You are commended on your use of the existing bottle bank and it is refreshing to note that you are hoping to expand this facility further. Do local business, households, the National School etc use the Bring Bank too? Has your committee considered composting and mulching as was way to minimise waste from the committees ongoing maintenance work in the village and its environs?

Tidiness:

The painting of gable walls on residence and businesses alike is an important part of the presentation of any town or village and Goleen is no exception. Some repair work is required on the pillars into Sheehan's Car park. The grass at Rock View was a little overgrown as were some of the verges on approach roads, which were blocking the village signage.

Residential Areas:

The Dunes and Rock View are impressive new developments and enhance the appearance of Goleen. Forge Cottage was picturesque and immaculate in its presentation. The terraced row opposite the Post House Gallery was well painted and their cascading window boxes were greatly admired. A bungalow with an arched hedge was most attractive and a miniature stone cottage was spotted amongst the landscaping! Two opposing period residences on the Toormore Road looked majestic and were well presented.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The approach roads were a little overgrown on the day of adjudication giving an untidy appearance. The road to Herons Cove, however, was particularly well maintained.

General Impression:

Goleen is progressing well in the competition and will no doubt continue to do so in the years to come. Keep up the good work!