

# Tidy Towns Competition 2007

## *Adjudication Report*

Centre: **Kilcrohane** Ref: **595**  
County: **Cork (West)** Mark: **259**  
Category: **A** Date(s): **27/06/2007**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	40
The Built Environment	50	38
Landscaping	50	33
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	19
Litter Control	50	35
Waste Minimisation	20	9
Tidiness	30	16
Residential Areas	40	27
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	34
General Impression	10	8
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>259</b>

### **Overall Development Approach:**

Kilcrohane is welcome to the Tidy Towns Competition 2007. It is refreshing to see that your committee of eight open meetings to the public – this is a good way of encouraging occasional volunteers which I'm sure are always welcome! Your co-operation with the School, Cork County Council and Muintir Bhaire Community Council is commendable. Thank you for including a detailed Five Year plan for Kilcrohane. It is good to see that you have defined clear, concise and achievable goals for the coming years. The entry form and supporting map were of great assistance to the adjudicator.

### **The Built Environment:**

The Church and grounds were neatly presented but perhaps the bell mechanism should be painted before next year's competition. Fitzpatrick's was admired and numerous milk cans and even a painted keg were spotted all overflowing with colourful flowers! The National School looked glorious in blue and the new tidal clock was most attractive. O'Mahony's, Bridge View House and Bay View Inn all looked well. The playground was neat and tidy in appearance and was very busy on this warm summer's evening. Your Five Year Plan indicated that you intend to repaint the Hall in 2009 – this should really be completed before next year's competition if possible.

### **Landscaping:**

There is a good mix throughout Kilcrohane of seasonal and permanent planting and this is commended. Your ongoing ethos of the development of native species is laudable. Hanging baskets added a welcome splash of colour in the village. The landscaped area to the fore of the cottages was quite spectacular.

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

The conservation of the swallow nest in Kilcrohane is laudable. We look forward to the submission of the wildlife survey with your Tidy Towns Entry in 2008.

#### **Litter Control:**

A number of sky-blue bins were admired in Kilcrohane on the day of adjudication. They are obviously being well used, as there were only three pieces of litter noted – one at the car park, one on the road to the Hall and finally one at the Mini-Market. However, given the size of Kilcrohane even a few pieces of litter can have significant impact. Do you have an ongoing litter rota throughout the summer months?

#### **Waste Minimisation:**

The Recycling Point looked well and its surrounding wall certainly adds to its presentation. Two recycling bins were also noted in the School grounds – is the school participating in the Green Flag Programme? Your community beach clean up is commended – do you segregate and recycle that litter collected?

#### **Tidiness:**

Some derelict and vacant premises detract from the overall 'tidy' appearance of Kilcrohane - are there plans to address these? Weeds within the boundary of the Mini-Market were noted. The Old notice board in the village should be upgraded or removed. The ongoing construction work in Kilcrohane whilst untidy at the moment will no doubt improve the villages' appearance on its completion.

#### **Residential Areas:**

The cottages on the Bantry approach looked magnificent with each sporting their own individual colours. Fán Mor Cois Farraige looked well and was suitably landscaped – hopefully the last house will be painted by next years adjudication. Bay View Cottages were also greatly admired and the wonderful gardens at Dunmahon House were noted.

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

The public car parking area had been freshly tarmaced and lined and was crisp in its presentation – this was further enhances by permanent planting. The new footpath and temporary fence were admired. The Pier Road too, was well maintained. Please ensure to remove roadside/kerbside weeds, which were noted at various locations.

#### **General Impression:**

Kilcrohane is set in a wonderful remote location and the village was well presented on the day of adjudication. You are congratulated on your continued progress in the Tidy Towns Competition.