

# Tidy Towns Competition 2007

## *Adjudication Report*

Centre: **Rosscarbery** Ref: **691**  
County: **Cork (West)** Mark: **265**  
Category: **B** Date(s): **20/06/2007**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	45
The Built Environment	50	34
Landscaping	50	36
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	26
Litter Control	50	29
Waste Minimisation	20	12
Tidiness	30	16
Residential Areas	40	26
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	33
General Impression	10	8
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>265</b>

### **Overall Development Approach:**

Once again Rosscarbery has exceeded all expectations with a wonderfully comprehensive application form, plan, map and ancillary material. The images and detailed mapping of projects undertaken make it all the easier to allocate marks! In addition to that it is commendable that you are participating in the West Cork Inter Village Litter Challenge. Your fundraising and P.R. activities are innovative and it is clear that all members of the community are targeted to give a mere '5 minutes a day'. The support of FÁS, Leader and the County Council undoubtedly provides a welcome boost for your committee of twenty.

### **The Built Environment:**

The Square and its environs in Rosscarbery were neatly presented and the majority of premises were nicely painted. It has been noted that you took the advice of last year adjudicator by freshly painting the boundary wall of the Catholic Church – well done! Hubbert's Crafts, Nolan's, Pilgrims Rest and Roc's all play a role in the impact of the village square. However, the 'off licence' part of Centra looked quite untidy and grubby on the day. The Celtic Holiday Cottages were immaculate and on the village outskirts Callans and the Celtic Ross Hotel further enhance the appearance of Rosscarbery.

### **Landscaping:**

The sprawling nature of Rosscarbery makes the job of effect landscaping a difficult one but you seem to have overcome this challenge with well-located quality planting. A scarlet rose bed was in full bloom at the recycling point on the day of adjudication. The GAA grounds were suitably landscaped and yet again the presentation was excellent. It has been noted that vandalised trees at Newtown have been replaced – the swift replacement of destroyed planting seems to be an excellent deterrent to vandals.

**Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

Rosscarbery is in the lucky position of having a wonderful waterside location that is undoubtedly full of marine flora and fauna. You are still working on the development of the section and we anticipate the production of a wildlife brochure in the years to come. In the mean time you are continuing to maintain notices and green area's for visitor's and residents alike.

**Litter Control:**

Generally speaking, the village centre was litter free, as were the majority of outlying and landscaped areas. However, a considerable amount of litter was noted on the grassy bank from Abbey Road to the graveyard and the monastic site. Other locations displaying litter included the recycling point and the steps to the main entrance of the Secondary School.

**Waste Minimisation:**

The Recycling is obviously a great addition to the village and was in use on the day of adjudication. The Secondary School is also playing its part in the Race Against Waste by achieving the Green Flag for a second time and hopefully a third one in the future!! Has the primary school considered obtaining Green Flag status?

**Tidiness:**

Overall Rosscarbery has few problems in relation to tidiness. The majority of commercial and residences are neatly and indeed colourfully presented! Only one significant problem area stands out and that is the tennis and basketball courts. The boundary fence and internal seating looked decidedly shabby and is exceptional for all the wrong reasons!

**Residential Areas:**

It is clear that your encouragement to have houses painted and shrubs and flowers planted is been taken seriously! There is a small new residential development on the road opposite Callan's and hopefully this will be completed before the 2008 competition with fresh paintwork and suitable landscaping. Perhaps the impressive terraced row from 'Falcon' to the house where O'Donovan Rossa was born could co-ordinate together and come up with an effective colour scheme to further enhance the approach to the Square?

**Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

Approach Roads to Rosscarbery were neat and tidy and the cutting of grass verges must be a full-time job! As mentioned the vast area to be covered by your committee has been noted and the standards achieved are highly commendable. The witty weather stone sign on Church Road should be restored.

**General Impression:**

The overall impression of Rosscarbery is excellent. Undoubtedly there are still a few problem areas but your committee and supporting agencies seem to have everything in hand. Your strategic plan is to be admired and realistic goals are set annually. There is a clear sense of local pride in Rosscarbery – keep up the good work!