

# Tidy Towns Competition 2007

## *Adjudication Report*

Centre: **Shannonvale** Ref: **532**  
County: **Cork (West)** Mark: **240**  
Category: **A** Date(s): **21/06/2007**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	39
The Built Environment	50	29
Landscaping	50	35
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	18
Litter Control	50	34
Waste Minimisation	20	10
Tidiness	30	11
Residential Areas	40	31
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	26
General Impression	10	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>240</b>

### **Overall Development Approach:**

Thank you for your entry form and in particular, your detailed map was of great assistance on the day of adjudication. You have a relatively small committee who are well linked with local businesses and indeed the County Council. Your continued work with local school children is commendable.

### **The Built Environment:**

Noel Phair's was admired on the day of adjudication and the completion of the ongoing construction will be looked forward to in Tidy Towns 2008 and will, no doubt further enhance the built environment of Shannonvale. The various village name stones are an asset to the village and are well presented.

### **Landscaping:**

The landscaping at the crossroads is as impressive as ever and adds a welcome splash of colour to the junction. The grass in the park was well trimmed and there is considerable potential in this area to enhance Shannonvale's performance in years to come! The new stones looked great and certainly add to the overall impression of the village.

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

Given the rural location of Shannonvale with the Arrigideen River flowing through there are immense opportunities to work with natural habitats. Last years report indicated that you have conducted a wildlife survey in the area and you mention that you intend to erect an information board in the park. This is commendable and we look forward to these results next year.

### **Litter Control:**

There was very little litter throughout the village on the day of adjudication but on visiting the Park it was disappointing that there was quite an amount of discarded papers there.

**Waste Minimisation:**

Ongoing segregation of litter in weekly clean ups is commendable but you don't mention where this is disposed of? The composting clippings is a good idea also. Does this extend to private homes or is it just the committee that are involved in waste minimisation?

**Tidiness:**

Within the Park attention should be paid to the maintenance and repair of the broken fence as it is unsightly. Maturing trees were admired along the boundary of the Park but the bases of the trees were neglected and quite overgrown. Kerbside and roadside weeds is an issue in every town and village and Shannonvale is no exception.

**Residential Areas:**

Shannonvale displays a huge mix of residential properties from cottages to modern private homes. In general residences are well presented. Beechwood and An Garran were particularly admired. The cottages looked well too. The Old Mill was a kaleidoscope of colour and was exceptionally well presented. Boundary walls are an intrinsic part of the presentation of private residences and on occasion this proves to be a stumbling block in Shannonvale.

**Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

The roads approaching Shannonvale were well cut back and for the most part neat and tidy. However a few blackspots were identified in back areas. Old rusty farm equipment was visible from the roads and detracts from the overall impression of the village. The area behind the cottages and the approach to the Mill was quite unkempt and provides a considerable opportunity for improved marks in years to come.

**General Impression:**

Shannonvale is a pretty village in a truly rural setting. The improvements that are taking place are hugely enhancing the village and the Tidy Towns Committee are to be congratulated on their contribution. Keep up the good work!