

Tidy Towns Competition 2007

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Timoleague** Ref: **694**
County: **Cork (West)** Mark: **272**
Category: **B** Date(s): **29/06/2007**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	42
The Built Environment	50	35
Landscaping	50	33
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	31
Litter Control	50	31
Waste Minimisation	20	10
Tidiness	30	27
Residential Areas	40	27
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	27
General Impression	10	9
TOTAL MARK	400	272

Overall Development Approach:

Molga Tidy Towns Association is welcome to the Tidy Towns Competition and it is good to see that you have recruited yet another member to your committee! Your continued networking with West Cork Leader and the Village renewal section of Cork County Council is commendable. It appears that you have a year round programme for creating awareness via newsletters and interaction with the school and this is laudable. It is good to note that you appreciate the advice offered by our adjudicators and use this to improve Timoleague! Timoleague has a number of pending developments and the creation of local sub-committees is a good way of monitoring progress and ensuring that they are kept in fitting with the existing surroundings. You omitted from supplying a map with your application and should ensure that one is enclosed next year.

The Built Environment:

The Abbey commands a striking vista on the main approach to Timoleague overlooking the estuary. Maddens, Post Office, Deasy's, the Courthouse, the Garda Station and Gráinne's were all admired for their collective facades. Day Break too was neat and tidy in its presentation. The freshly painted railing to the fore of the church grounds looked well and was enhanced further by colourful hanging baskets and geranium planters. The playground was nicely presented and the National School was fresh in its appearance. The Church of Ireland was neatly presented but the Canon Fleming Hall requires a fresh coat of paint. You are lucky enough to have an original phone box in Timoleague but it's a pity that it is a little neglected – perhaps your committee could take its restoration for Tidy Towns 2008?

Landscaping:

The monuments to St. Molga and St. Patrick were both brightened up by colourful hanging baskets and vibrant geraniums. The use of trees at various locations throughout Timoleague is commended and their protective structures were noted. The Park looked magnificent with crimson blooms, well trimmed grass and

fresh tarmac.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Timoleague has a wonderful natural landscape that is teeming with wildlife. Have you considered the wildlife survey that was suggested by last year's adjudicator? It is refreshing to note that your committee are not resting on their laurels and that you can always identify areas where there is 'room for improvement'. Your plans to enhance the habitat for the nesting ducks was noted and indeed the lagoon was well populated with ducks on the day of adjudication (a little ironic perhaps that the ducks were supplied courtesy of the Gun Club!!).

Litter Control:

Litter Control is not a problem in the Timoleague however; an overflowing bin beside Pad Joes Hostel was to blame for a considerable amount of litter in the alleyway on the day of adjudication. A few pieces of litter were noted on the Road to St. Molgas Cemetery. One other litter backspot was noted in the Park under the black and red seat.

Waste Minimisation:

Your recycling point was noted and the ongoing work in the school is commended. Is the school participating in the Green Flag Programme? Has your committee considered setting up a composting area?

Tidiness:

The theme of red and black seats, black signage and old-fashioned lamps was admired and the development of this will draw the village together and enhance its overall presentation. A broken boundary wall at the playing field of the Community Centre should be repaired before next year's competition.

Residential Areas:

The landscaped garden at Panorama B&B was fantastic, and, in the same area a corner garden on Chapel St. was greatly admired. The three cottages on Abbey St also looked particularly well. Perhaps the Tidy Towns Committee could encourage the painting of the many new residences throughout Timoleague?

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

These were generally well presented on the day of adjudication. Please ensure that grass verges are well maintained as they can obstruct signage, as was the case on the Lislevane road on the day of adjudication.

General Impression:

Timoleague has a variety of natural and historical aspects, which make it an interesting place to visit. It is also in a beautiful setting and has huge potential in the Tidy Towns Competition. Your committee is doing Trojan work and you are congratulated on your progress to date. Keep up the good work!