

Tidy Towns Competition 2007

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Toormore** Ref: **682**
County: **Cork (West)** Mark: **216**
Category: **A** Date(s): **26/06/2007**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	25
The Built Environment	50	31
Landscaping	50	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	15
Litter Control	50	36
Waste Minimisation	20	8
Tidiness	30	14
Residential Areas	40	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	32
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	400	216

Overall Development Approach:

Thank you for your detailed entry form and supporting map which were very useful on the day of adjudication. It is good to see that the competition is having a positive effect on the residents of Toormore and that everyone is taking pride in public and private areas. It is clear that you have a good working relationship with many state agencies that may be able to facilitate aspects of your developmental work in the years to come. Inclusion of the youth is excellent and should be nurtured, as they are the Committee members of the future!

The Built Environment:

The Church and grounds were well presented on the day of adjudication. The stonewall which was completed with the assistance of the West Cork Leader Development Company is well maintained and play an important role in linking the two extremes of the village. Antonios restaurant looked vibrant with Italian bunting!

Landscaping:

The public landscaping in Toormore is at a very high standard and the presentation is impeccable. As the village is spread out over quite a distance colour themed landscaping at the village boundaries could help define the area with the central green area as a focal point at the 'Toormore' flower bed. Your ongoing maintenance work is commendable as is the use of indigenous trees.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

You mention in you entry that the amenity walk has being reopened from the restaurant – however this appeared to be private property and the adjudicator did not wish to trespass! Please indicate clearly on the map in future the location of each significant feature as it makes it much easier to allocate additional marks!

Litter Control:

Litter control is not a problem in Toormore – a couple of papers were spotted on the Lowertown approach road.

Waste Minimisation:

Your ongoing efforts to promote waste minimisation are commended. Are there plans for a Bring Bank for Toormore?

Tidiness:

The removal of old signage will improve the appearance of the village, as you have indicated. A new wooden fence on the Goleen looked well however the seat outside Jermyns badly needs a fresh coat of paint! Please pay attention to detail regarding the presentation of boundary walls and kerbside weeds.

Residential Areas:

Carraig Mor B&B was greatly admired and its cascading rambling roses added a welcome splash of colour to the roadside. The Stone House was immaculate in its presentation and the residence adjoining Jermyns Shop looked well.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The roads and back areas around Toormore are neat and tidy in presentation as was the strand.

General Impression:

Toormore is progressing well in the competition and your enthusiasms and hard work can be seen throughout the village. Keep up the good work!