

Tidy Towns Competition 2007

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Knocknagoshel** Ref: **343**
County: **Kerry** Mark: **227**
Category: **A** Date(s): **07/07/2007**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	35
The Built Environment	50	28
Landscaping	50	34
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	21
Litter Control	50	37
Waste Minimisation	20	3
Tidiness	30	14
Residential Areas	40	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	27
General Impression	10	6
TOTAL MARK	400	227

Overall Development Approach:

Knocknagoshel is welcome to the 2007 National Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your submission. Your photos of your area were appreciated. You have achieved quite a lot considering you are only a group of 5 so well done on this. Well done also on including your 5 year plan.

The Built Environment:

It is noted that you have been successful in your efforts towards having the buildings beside the Garda station dealt with. Hopefully the refurbishment will be in keeping with the town and retain the village atmosphere. The Family Store shop front was admired and has been short listed for this category.

Landscaping:

The extension of the stone wall to the graveyard is a good addition to the town and looks well. The replanting of the village park also adds to the aesthetics of the village. Well done on your cleanup of the Bible Garden and the inclusion of the new water feature. The New wooden seating in circular meditation area and the decorative stones were greatly admired. This is a wonderful landscape feature and has been submitted as a shortlist contender for this category. Well done, this is an asset to your village. The limekiln is a good restoration but there was some litter in the area on the day of adjudication. The village park is wonderfully landscaped.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The clean up of the river along the river walk is noted and the introduction of extra berried shrubs, extra bird nesting and bat boxes will assist in ensuring this area is a haven for wildlife as well as a picturesque and tranquil place to escape to.

Litter Control:

The schools positive action of reducing waste and promoting healthy eating by eliminating sweets is great. It is also very good to hear that the school is involved in litter control as practical application is the best way to educate with litter control. It is also a good community strengthening exercise. Well done on your participation in the National Spring Clean. The only place that litter was seen was a few recent bottles behind the wall in the carpark

Waste Minimisation:

It is good to note the work the school is doing for waste minimisation though its sweet elimination and its green flag status. It is presumed that the waste from National Clean is segregated, but if this is not the case it would be good to undertake this. A communal compost of the supplying individual homes with compost bins would assist in reducing waste and the County Council has undertaken this elsewhere and may be able to assist. Educating on reducing and recycling to the general community is also important and as the school is already undertaking this they might be able to do this as a project.

Tidiness:

The light erected in the village park will add to the atmosphere and also provide safety. Well done on your proactiveness in maintaining the recycle bins they were very well kept and you only just missed on out on being short listed for this section. The work on the derelict buildings that is anticipated with their sale and lease will greatly improve the overall tidiness of the town. There were also a couple of private houses in the main street that were quite untidy.

Residential Areas:

The residential area was . It is good to see householders taking responsibility for their area by maintaining boundary walls and fences.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The resurfaced roads look well and approach roads were noted to be clean. Most roads were well looked after.

General Impression:

Knocknagoshel has retained its village atmosphere and has undertaken some wonderful and innovative village regeneration projects such as the Bible Garden. Well done on the work you have done.