

Tidy Towns Competition 2007

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Timolin** Ref: **387**
County: **Kildare** Mark: **218**
Category: **A** Date(s): **22/06/2007**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	28
The Built Environment	50	25
Landscaping	50	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	25
Litter Control	50	34
Waste Minimisation	20	7
Tidiness	30	12
Residential Areas	40	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	26
General Impression	10	6
TOTAL MARK	400	218

Overall Development Approach:

Timolin is welcome to the 2007 National Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your submission which included your plan accompanied by a map. Both were helpful in adjudication. The boundary between Timolin and Moone is unclear; perhaps this might be indicated with the use of a Slan sign from the village. At the time of adjudication construction work was in progress in the village and a certain amount of associated untidiness was prevalent, no doubt this problem will be resolved by next year's competition.

The Built Environment:

Congratulations on the ongoing maintenance of the church building and graveyard together with stone walls around the village and its environs. Well done also on the building of new stone walls by FAS and at the 'welcome' flower bed between Timolin and Moone. Your future plans regarding road signs and other road related issues should make a difference to the built environment and it is a good idea also to paint all farm gates the same colour to create a unity as well as a strong visual impact. We also look forward to the proposed monument to Gordon Bennett. Your proposed Heritage Trail and your work with the local school on this project is appropriate. Well done also on the ongoing monitoring of new development. Work in progress was noted at the Sportsman's Inn; perhaps the car park located across from it could now be refurbished. Both the church and the school looked well but were a little weather stained and may need some attention for next year.

Landscaping:

Well maintained grassed verges on approach roads and throughout the village together with colourful flower displays in containers and young trees are a nice feature of Timolin. Your awareness of the nesting season and the importance maintenance work outside of this season is admirable. Your Adopt a Tree programme is

an excellent initiative and should serve to heighten awareness as well as developing environmental responsibility in young people. There appears to be good involvement in landscaping by residents. Ensure that all future landscaping is of native species in order to support wildlife.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The best of luck and every success is offered for your habitat survey undertaken in conjunction with the Heritage Council, the erection of a wildlife information board is most appropriate also. We also look forward to the development of the Sli na Slainte route and the production of a leaflet or a brochure on this. It would be a pity to allow development pressures to compromise the nature area to the front of the school and hopefully this will be reserved.

Litter Control:

Litter control was excellent on the day of adjudication. Your daily litter pick ups during the spring, summer and autumn is obviously effective in achieving this litter free aspect of Timolin. Congratulations on your participation in the National Spring Clean and well done to the school children for their participation. It is good to note that you have a regular contact with the litter warden for Timolin to ensure a minimum of fly posting and refuse dumping.

Waste Minimisation:

It is good to note that the school is involved the Green Flag programme, well done. It is also good to note the segregation of litter for recycling purposes, well done on this too. The use of a mulch lawnmower for all grass cuttings in the village is acknowledged. The removal of the community compositor from Moone to a more accessible location is a good idea and should serve to encourage residents to use it to reduce organic waste. At some stage in the future perhaps a waste audit could be undertaken by householders and indeed by businesses to identify the type and volume of waste produced and to formulate strategies to minimise this.

Tidiness:

A certain amount of development work untidiness was prevalent at the time of adjudication as noted above but this was not too problematic. Well done on weed control throughout the village and on the improvement to the graveyard. Your liaison with local Gardai to prevent graffiti and fly posting appears to be successful.

Residential Areas:

The new Mill Brook development is neatly presented and the small older estate continues to be presented to the high standard achieved in previous years. It is important that new residents are welcomed into the community and informed of your Tidy Towns plans and various initiatives and invited to become involved.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Your 'Approach Road Manager' is an interesting concept and will no doubt be effective in achieving its goals, do keep us informed of your progress in this instance. At the time of adjudication work was in progress on the road, no doubt this is the beginning of the Sewerage Scheme works and the associated disruption has not been the cause of a loss of marks. We look forward with you to the resurfacing of the road following the installation of the piping, well done on the continued Tidy Towns activities during the early stages of the work. The signs for the Pewter Mill are in need of refurbishment as are some road signs however you appear to be aware of this.

General Impression:

Timolin is a neat village with a lot of heritage which we hope will feature at an increased level in the years to come in the competition. We wish you every success in your application to the Heritage Council for the restoration of the cattle crush next to the river.