

Tidy Towns Competition 2008

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Redhills** Ref: **57**
County: **Cavan** Mark: **251**
Category: **A** Date(s): **04/06/2008**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2008
Overall Development Approach	50	36
The Built Environment	50	34
Landscaping	50	40
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	17
Litter Control	50	38
Waste Minimisation	20	6
Tidiness	30	19
Residential Areas	40	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	30
General Impression	10	8
TOTAL MARK	400	251

Overall Development Approach:

Redhills is welcome to the National Tidy Towns Competition in its 50th anniversary year. Thank you for your submission which included the plan prepared for the village by the committee together with a plan summary/matrix. Well done on the co operation you receive from Cavan County Council and on the use of newspapers and the Church Bulletin to circulate the Tidy Town message. Hopefully your talks with the principal of the local school will be fruitful. Redhills is a beautiful village where there is a strong commitment by the community to their home place. Are there local walks within the environs of the village and if so perhaps these could be signposted and developed to Sli na Slainte standards.

The Built Environment:

The Redhill Car Sales premises has been beautifully painted and is presented to a high standard; the Maguire's premises was admired also, the dated beer signs on the MaCaffreys premises should be removed altogether. The painting of derelict buildings is acknowledged and we wish you well in your plan to paint old galvanised sheds.

Landscaping:

Flower displays at the Cootehill/Ballyhaise road junction were especially colourful and made for a strong visual impact and excellent introduction to Redhills; the impact was continued to to the village centre by the appropriate siting of flower displays in half barrels to the high stone-wall. The two Fair Greens in the village centre are being maintained to a standard of excellence rarely seen and are complemented by flowerbeds and young trees. The entrance to the village from the Clones road looks wonderful also. Your performance under this heading is enviable

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Is there potential for a nature trail along the old rail line? Perhaps a flora and fauna survey could be undertaken to establish the feasibility. Future landscaping should include native species of trees and shrubs where possible to support wildlife.

Litter Control:

The standard of litter control in Redhills was excellent at the time of adjudication. No doubt the poster competition organised for the national school has made an important contribution to this standard. Your use of newsletters and anti litter signage must also have been important. The importance of segregating litter for recycling cannot be over emphasised.

Waste Minimisation:

The recycling point was neatly presented and appears to be emptied on a frequent basis. In addition to your planned newsletter encouraging people to become more aware of the importance of waste management recycling and composting you might also encourage each household and business to do a Waste Audit of their own household/business to determine the waste generated by each unit and devise a strategy to minimise this.

Tidiness:

Well done on the wirescape free aspect of Redhills village. The complex of galvanised roofs look a little unsightly no doubt there are plans to address this in the not-too-distant future. Well done on your Clean-up evenings each week and we wish you every success in the painting of street furniture and signs and the acquisition of additional bins.

Residential Areas:

Dwellings in the village centre are neatly presented and most attractive while those at Caramoreen are also attractively presented with neatly maintained grass verges. Encourage residents to extend the care of their property to communal areas also. Dwellings on approach roads together with gardens are nicely presented.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Entrances to Redhills from approach roads look well in all respects and nameplates are clean legible and well positioned. Street furniture particularly lampstandards are attractive; the high stone wall leading into the village together with the footpath are maintained well also and road surfaces are generally good.

General Impression:

The overall impression of Redhills is most favourable and few visitors will forget the visual impact created by your village greens, flower displays and mature trees. Visit the TidyTowns website at www.tidytowns.ie for helpful tips and information.