

Tidy Towns Competition 2009

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Bartlemy** Ref: **94**
County: **Cork(North)** Mark: **213**
Category: **A** Date(s): **25/06/2008**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2009
Overall Development Approach	50	26
The Built Environment	50	25
Landscaping	50	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	15
Litter Control	50	38
Waste Minimisation	20	6
Tidiness	30	15
Residential Areas	40	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	31
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	400	213

Overall Development Approach:

Thank you for the entry form. I did not find a 3 / 5 year plan, and both of these are important. I note you have 6 committee members and you have monthly meetings from May to October. You are getting support from Cork County Council and Blackwater Avondhu Leader. The newsletter is a good way of communicating with the local people. Your contact with the schools is worthwhile and we are pleased to see that you find the competition to be very beneficial. Good luck with the horse fair in September.

The Built Environment:

The parish hall is a good sound structure, but the paintwork needs some attention. The national school (1986) is a well-kept modern school with a good tarmac yard and suitable trees and shrubs. Denis Barry's shop looked very well. The parish church was presented in a neat and tidy fashion and it sported a great newly-painted railing on top of a traditional stone wall.

Landscaping:

Neat touches of floral colours brightened the area, especially at all the signposts for the village. Tubs of flowers in shrubs were admired.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

There is an abundance of wildlife in all those wonderful mature trees, traditional stone walls and fields around the area, and you could enlist the assistance of some people that are interested in outdoor pursuits to assist you with this interesting subject.

Litter Control:

The control of litter was good in this small village

Waste Minimisation:

I really do not know how you are treating the waste, and I did not see a bring bank in the village. For a start the school could be encouraged to go for the green flag status. I know that the teacher's have enough to do already in the classrooms, but you could get somebody to assist them on the green flag programmes. The rewards are great as teachers, pupils and parents are then made more aware of best practice for the local environment.

Tidiness:

The village was orderly and clean. Two derelict houses near Barry's shop are unsightly. These derelict houses are a difficult situation especially when we are dealing with private property. However, if there are no immediate plans to do something with these buildings, they could be camouflaged to improve their appearance, of course, with the permission of the owners.

Residential Areas:

The houses that I saw in the village are well kept.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

All the roads are in good condition around the village. The road signs are clean and distinct. The roadside fencing is good made up for the most part with traditional stone walls

General Impression:

You could get assistance from other organisations around the area. I recommend you get two books, Paddy Madden's book *The School Garden – What to do and when to do it* and *OUR TREES* ISBN 0-9518612-5-5, and you will get enjoyment from them.