

# Tidy Towns Competition 2009

## *Adjudication Report*

Centre: **Boherbue** Ref: **95**  
County: **Cork(North)** Mark: **240**  
Category: **B** Date(s): **22/06/2009**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2009
Overall Development Approach	50	27
The Built Environment	50	31
Landscaping	50	37
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	21
Litter Control	50	33
Waste Minimisation	20	7
Tidiness	30	18
Residential Areas	40	28
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	31
General Impression	10	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>240</b>

### **Overall Development Approach:**

Thank you for the filled up entry form. I could not find a map of the area or a three to five year plan. Planning is very important and the plan does not need to be an elaborate document; simply write down a few items that you think will improve the area, have discussions on the plan, and if necessary get some advice, and that's your plan. I note you have some great volunteers and you are getting support from IRD Duhallow and Cork County Council. You are getting your message across well to the community through the newsletters and public meetings. Unfortunately you do not have contact with the schools. It is pleasing to find that the competition makes people aware

### **The Built Environment:**

The national schools were clean and tidy and adorned with attractive widow boxes of flowers. The secondary school was presented in a wonderful condition having a great freshness to it from the splendid shrubs and flowers to the front. The Church of the Immaculate Conception has impressive cut stone features and is nicely landscaped. The crèche was supreme and I adored the small sculpture. Most of the other built environment were of good appearance and I admired in particular Boherbue Handball Club premises, Murphy's pharmacy, The Co Op, IRD Duhallow, Super Valu, Ingredient Solutions, BA O'Connor, O'Keefee's bar, Post Office, Credit Union, Frank Knee, Lenihan Insurances, Murphy's bar and Chapel View Restaurant.

### **Landscaping:**

There is great attention given to landscaping in Boherbue with most attractive displays in many places around the town. This was particularly noticeable around the Church, around the white thatched house which looked supreme and outside the secondary school. I admired the two traditional water pumps, and the centre of the town was bright and cheerful, and you are to be congratulated for the great effort you are making with landscaping.

**Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

I admired the wildlife notice board and it makes for interesting reading. You could enlist the assistance of some local people who are interested in outdoor pursuits to assist with this topic as there is an abundance of wildlife in all those wonderful mature trees, traditional stone walls, and ditches.

**Litter Control:**

The control of litter is good and I see you are getting great support from the 30 volunteers every Monday night and this is paying off.

**Waste Minimisation:**

I note you work with the local schools and business people to keep their waste at a minimum and clean up their places. Could I respectfully suggest that you could have some discussions with the schools authorities with a view to them going for green flag status? I know that teachers have plenty to do already in the classrooms, but you could offer to get somebody proficient in such matters to assist the teachers. In the green flag programmes the teachers, pupils and parents get a better awareness on best practice for their local environment. I must stress that the schools are immaculate in presentation and credit is due for this. I inspected the 3 bins at the Co Op and they were well serviced in a clean area surrounded by attractive walls, but the bins looked faded and dirty, especially the white one for bottles and jars, and I felt it could do with a good washing down. A good example of what I mean was to be seen where the two clothes banks were as new.

**Tidiness:**

I share your disappointment with the condition of the unfinished building site at the east end of the town. You could discuss this matter with the housing authorities at Cork County Council and ask them about the development bond that is put in place by builders, but such unfinished sites are now a national problem. Other run down houses are in the town, and there is not a lot you can do about private property, but the owners do have a responsibility. Your attention to weed control is noted and only small quantities of weeds were seen.

**Residential Areas:**

There is an array of beautiful houses around the town with fine shows of trees, shrubs, flowers, lawns and hedging. The tradition town houses, some of which were once shops, are well kept and have attractive colour schemes. The thatched house is special and a great reminder of bygone days. The estate up from the school was nice with a well-kept green area. The finished houses at the Beeches are nicely presented, but the rest of the site is in a bad state, but on a more positive note we all hope that these houses will be finished off in the not too distant future.

**Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

All the roads around the town are in good condition, and the fencing is good and secure. The great landscaping on the approach roads gives a feel-good feeling on entering the town, and I admired in particular those grassy banks.

**General Impression:**

Boherbue was presented in a bright and cheerful manner and I could see the "footprints" of an imaginative and enthusiastic people in many parts of the area. It was a pleasure to stroll around the town and sit now and again of the fine public seating. Well done.