

# Tidy Towns Competition 2009

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Conna** Ref: **1058**  
County: **Cork(North)** Mark: **217**  
Category: **B** Date(s): **26/06/2009**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2009
Overall Development Approach	50	25
The Built Environment	50	32
Landscaping	50	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	25
Litter Control	50	25
Waste Minimisation	20	8
Tidiness	30	15
Residential Areas	40	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	28
General Impression	10	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>217</b>

### Overall Development Approach:

Thank you for the filled up entry form. I note you have 10 committee members and you hold 5 meetings per a year. You are getting support from Conna Community Council and Cork County Council. You are communicating well with the local people with newsletters and your participation with the schools is worthwhile. This means you have a good approach to the competition

### The Built Environment:

The school was well presented and looked neat and tidy. Conna Sports Complex is a substantial Community hall and is well kept, and I admired the 1798 plaque attached to the stone. The child-care centre is a great new building and very well laid out. I admired the car parks at the tennis courts and in at the back of the community centre. The Catholic Church is presented in wonderful condition with lovely landscaping and good floral arrangements and it sports a spacious car parking area with nice shrubs. Conna Community housing and day care centre is an impressive new complex and I admired the stone with the plaque for Monty's Pass racehorse. All the shops in Conna looked well and appear to be in excellent condition. Conna Convalescent home is a wonderful new complex with spacious lawns and extensive landscaping.

### Landscaping:

There is great attention paid to landscaping in Conna with some good green areas. It is noticeable that the hedging is impressive and well maintained. The Michael Feeney yard is very well screened off with landscaping outside, and this is a welcome situation. I loved the tubs of shrubs around the town and trees in the street give a softening effect to the visual impact of some of the buildings. Landscaping across from the Credit Union is good as is the flower beds outside the day-care centre and there are lovely roses in Monty's Meadow. The old water pump at the Credit Union could be freshened up with a coat of paint, perhaps dark green in colour. I note you plan to erect some hanging baskets outside the factory building and this could be a

welcome addition to this area.

### **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

I read the details of the cycle route and it is a good amenity area. There is a very interesting notice board near Conna Castle, and there is a fine walking area in the Castle grounds which was well cleaned up.

### **Litter Control:**

You could consider the placing of a litter bin at the entrance to Conna castle as some people have picnics there. I note you have litter pick up groups on Monday nights, plus regular patrols on the mains street and you maintain litter picks on the approach roads. This is a good approach to the litter threat. Only bits of litter were to seen especially at the entrance to Conna Castle and on the main street.

### **Waste Minimisation:**

I inspected the bring bank and all the bins are well serviced and the area was clean and tidy. I notice you have some problems whereby some people are putting wrong material into some of the bins, and it is good to see you are addressing this situation. It is a very good idea to run the competitions for the houses and gardens in the village, and this is a good incentive to people to look after their places.

### **Tidiness:**

I noticed where the footpaths had been sprayed and are now generally free of weeds. The town looked tidy

### **Residential Areas:**

The old town houses are in great shape, well kept and brightly painted. I loved the small new houses in Monty's Meadow. There are some impressive new estates that have good shows of landscaping, and it is regrettable that some of them are left unfinished, but this has happened in a great many other areas all around the country. Some of the estates are difficult to locate as there are no signposts on them

### **Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

The roads that I travelled on are in good condition with good fencing especially some fine stone walls. The back areas of the town are well developed into car parking etc. the signposts on the main roads are clean and distinct. I admired the new stone walls and footpaths.

### **General Impression:**

I note you have re-entered the competition again this year and I hope you all find the experience to be worthwhile. Apart from winning any prizes participation means that Conna is a better place to live in, but I wish you success in the competition. You could consider making up a three to five year plan, and this does not need to be an elaborate document. If you simply write out a few things that you would like to do, discuss them amongst yourselves, seek advice where necessary, and this is your plan