

# Tidy Towns Competition 2009

## *Adjudication Report*

Centre: **Ballinadee** Ref: **275**  
County: **Cork(South)** Mark: **265**  
Category: **A** Date(s): **17/06/2009**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2009
Overall Development Approach	50	36
The Built Environment	50	36
Landscaping	50	37
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	22
Litter Control	50	40
Waste Minimisation	20	9
Tidiness	30	21
Residential Areas	40	27
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	30
General Impression	10	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>265</b>

### **Overall Development Approach:**

Thank you for the filled up entry form and map of the area. I note you have 18 committee members. There is great commitment shown when people give up some of their spare time to attend meetings and work in the clean up evenings. Support is coming from Cork County Council, Fás, local businesses, Macra and Rural Development. It is worthwhile, as you are doing, to keep in contact with the schools. We are pleased to see that you find the tidy town's competition to be a fantastic way of boosting community spirit. Good luck with the festival in July. All of this means you have a good approach to the competition.

### **The Built Environment:**

The local churches (RC and Col) are buildings of considerable interest and are very well maintained and congratulations to all concerned. I admired Corcoran's bar, O Driscolls bar and the post office, but is it closed down? The Grotto nestles peacefully at the corner and is most attractive. The school is maintained in good condition and was bright and clean, and I note it is extended

### **Landscaping:**

Landscaping is a favourite in Ballinadee. Firstly the splendid, and of course, natural landscape of wonderful stone walls and natural trees is special and the area has its own particular charm. It is complimented by your own efforts and the great shows at the private houses and business places. The bridge area and the amenity area at the church were very good, and some fine young trees and shrubs were admired at the river bank. The stone signpost on the Kinsale road is very well constructed and its aesthetics are bolstered with the nice flowers and shrubs. Tubs of flowers and hanging baskets are quite ornate. I loved the plaque to Patsy O'Flynn and it contains interesting information – well done.

**Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

I note you are trying to introduce ducks to the river. You could enlist the services of locals that are interested in the wildlife of the area. There is an abundance of wildlife in all those wonderful trees, traditional stone walls and along the river banks.

**Litter Control:**

The control of litter is very good, and litter bins are well situated in the village. Your daily litter patrols are effective. I note the school is teaching children about litter control and recycling. It is very good that you are participating in the Cork County Council litter league

**Waste Minimisation:**

The bring bank was spotless and the 6 bins were very well serviced. Neat flowers adorned the area. I saw the new clothes bank. You could assist the local school to go for the green flag status. I know the teachers have plenty to do in the classrooms already and, therefore, you could offer the services of a competent person to give help and advice. I note that the school is assisting with recycling.

**Tidiness:**

The village was tidy and orderly. I note your remarks on the benches, signs and planted area; I inspected them and well done for this fine effort. Well done also for taking action to screen off the derelict site in the middle of the village.

**Residential Areas:**

Some great private houses are all around the area with great shows of shrubs, flowers, trees, hedging and lawns. Many of them had great floral arrangements outside the houses

**Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

The road surfaces are good with effective fencing, mainly great traditional stone walls. The road signs are clean and distinct. The bridge is an excellent feature. The back area areas are neat and orderly.

**General Impression:**

It was a pleasure to visit this picturesque location. You have done great work to maintain and indeed improve the area. Congratulations on a fine effort.