

# Tidy Towns Competition 2009

## *Adjudication Report*

Centre: **Clondrohid** Ref: **114**  
County: **Cork(South)** Mark: **228**  
Category: **B** Date(s): **09/06/2009**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2009
Overall Development Approach	50	40
The Built Environment	50	29
Landscaping	50	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	14
Litter Control	50	35
Waste Minimisation	20	9
Tidiness	30	15
Residential Areas	40	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	26
General Impression	10	8
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>228</b>

### **Overall Development Approach:**

Thank you for the filled out entry form. I note you have 8 / 10 members in your committee and you can depend on 20 to 30 people for projects. It is good that you are getting support from Cork County Council and Leader. It is very positive to communicate with the local people with announcements at mass and local publications plus the public meetings. It is well worthwhile to keep in contact with the local schools and I see you inform them about planned work and answer questions. All of this means that you have quite a good overall development approach.

### **The Built Environment:**

The Tavern is a well presented stone-faced structure with some attractive window boxes. The Co-Op store is the dominant building in the village and it needs some freshening up to the paintwork. The Catholic Church was fresh and decorative and I liked the low stone wall to the front. The post office is attractive and well maintained, and I admired a well decorated window box that was placed on the small stone wall at the side of spar. The school and Halla An Phobail both had neat and tidy appearances. Clann áine is a superb modern building situated up near the sports field. The pavilion Cluain Droichid is an impressive structure for the GAA.

### **Landscaping:**

Your attention to landscaping is very good – well done. Up at the sport's field there is a good array of shrubs, with some trees by the wall. The mill stones have a unique character and are a testament to bygone days. Tubs of flowers and shrubs dispersed tastily at a few locations and adorn the village. The hanging baskets on the bridge are visually striking. The two signposts on arrival at the village are impressive and are bolstered with appropriate flowers at their base. There is an impressive arrangement of landscaping outside the Co-Op fertilizer yard. All the grass margins are well attended and attractive. It is good to see the old water pump

preserved. Most of the houses in the locality bolster your great show of landscaping with impressive displays of shrubs, flowers, trees and lawns. The graveyard is very well maintained – well done to all concerned.

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

You have crossed out this section on the entry form. There is an abundance of wildlife in all those great mature trees and in the stone walls and fields around Clondrohid. You could attract some more birds and perhaps a few more animals with the planting of a few more oak trees as each oak tree accommodates over 450 different types of insects. You could get "Our Trees" ISBN 0-9518612-5-5 which is a great book on trees.

#### **Litter Control:**

I see you have regular walks with individuals and groups taking part to control the litter. Well done to the children for looking after their own litter in the school environment. It is a good system to have the other organisations responsible for their own litter and thereby not leaving all the work to one group.

#### **Waste Minimisation:**

I inspected the litter bins and unfortunately some bottles and wrappings were dumped against two bins. I also saw 4 disused stacking chairs that were dumped there. There were 5 bins for the different bottles and two clothing banks and all were well serviced.

#### **Tidiness:**

I note you continue to lobby the Council to improve the infrastructure and you clean the road signs and remove litter. It is rewarding to remind the business people and the general public of the importance of good housekeeping. The styling store at the corner for Millstreet is badly in need of painting.

#### **Residential Areas:**

There is an attractive cut-stone entrance to Curra Glen with some new trees planted and the estate boasts of good houses, and the green area is bolstered with the mature trees. O'Malley Place has some well presented houses and a good green in front. Around the town there is a fine spread of private houses that had great displays of shrubs, trees, flowers and lawns.

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

All the roads are in good condition with good surfacing. The stone bridge is in a very good state of repair and this is a very picturesque location. The road verges are all well catered for and the signage is clean and distinct.

#### **General Impression:**

Clondrohid nestles peacefully in this rural setting. There are some great mature trees in the background throughout the town with wonderful aesthetics. The village is certainly a better place to live – thanks to your efforts.