

# Tidy Towns Competition 2009

## *Adjudication Report*

Centre: **Crosshaven** Ref: **606**  
County: **Cork(South)** Mark: **236**  
Category: **C** Date(s): **23/06/2009**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2009
Overall Development Approach	50	33
The Built Environment	50	33
Landscaping	50	34
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	20
Litter Control	50	31
Waste Minimisation	20	8
Tidiness	30	15
Residential Areas	40	28
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	27
General Impression	10	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>236</b>

### **Overall Development Approach:**

Thank you for the filled up entry form and map of Crosshaven. I note you have just six committee members, and you hold five meetings per year. It is good to find you are getting support from Centra Triathlon €1,000.00, but have you any contact with Cork County Council or Fás. It is good to communicate with the local people as you are doing through the newsletters. You have made contact with the schools and the response is unusual. It is strange that people talk a lot about the competition but don't get involved to do anything.

### **The Built Environment:**

I note you have not taken on any new projects this year. The Royal Cork Yacht club is an immaculate building and looked very well from the road. All the well-kept business houses were busy when I called in, nicely decorated shops. The two churches up on the hill are very well maintained with attractive landscaping and well done to all concerned with their upkeep. I visited the three schools and they are well presented with neat landscaping. I found it difficult to find the Coláiste and a local person told me that the signpost at the cross roads on the way up the narrow street was broken off and was not replaced. The Garda station looked well as did Centra. I had difficulty in finding the GAA pitch and when I found it the pavilion was a fine building, and perhaps the GAA people or the County Council could erect some road signs for this area.

### **Landscaping:**

The Carrigaline road is very well landscaped as were other locations around the town. I thought the white boat looked a bit jaded and could be painted a softer colour of say black or dark green. The finger signposts are most attractive and make for pleasant aesthetics. In the town centre there were great displays of landscaping and the schools and housing estates looked bright. But there is natural landscaping all around the town with mature trees overhanging traditional stone walls. There are some spectacular views over the estuary with the trees giving a great backdrop to the sailing boats and water.

**Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

The walkway along by the side of the river is a wonderful amenity and it was pleasing to find a lot of people walking there on a nice sunny day. In this area there are magnificent views of fauna and flora. I admired the fisheries information sign. You could enlist the assistance of some local people that are interested in the outdoor pursuits to assist you with this very interesting pastime, as there is an abundance of wildlife in this area.

**Litter Control:**

Litter was found in a few areas. There were a lot of litter bins all around the town that are well serviced. It is good to find that you are doing well in the Cork Litter league.

**Waste Minimisation:**

I inspected the litter bins in the recycling area and they were maintained in good condition and the area was clean and orderly. Here again I could not understand why this depot is not signposted as it is hidden away. It would be great if the schools embarked in the green flag programmes as this gives the children and their parents a better understanding of best practice on the local environment issues.

**Tidiness:**

The centre of the town was clean and tidy but a lot of other areas around the town were shabby with large volumes of weeds growing on the pavements and other areas. I felt that this condition could be easily brought under control with a treatment of the chemical roundup which is safe to use and is not harmful to the wildlife.

**Residential Areas:**

The traditional town houses looked great with bright colours and nice shrubs and flowers. The housing estates are well landscaped and well kept places, and this was particularly noticeable in the newer estates. But the beauty of Crosshaven is mainly in the great selection of private houses, most of which had magnificent displays of shrubs, trees, flowers and hedging.

**Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

All the roads around Crosshaven that I travelled on are in good condition. The signposts are clean and distinct. There is a special welcoming feel with the landscaping at the road sides, and the scenery is special.

**General Impression:**

You could try and get assistance from some of the other organisations in Crosshaven as the town covers a large area. You could consider the production of a plan of action and this does not have to be an elaborate document; if you simply write down some things that you feel could maintain and improve the town, discuss the issues and if necessary get some advice, and that is your plan. It was a pleasure to spend a few hours in this lovely town.