

Tidy Towns Competition 2009

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Grenagh** Ref: **134**
County: **Cork(South)** Mark: **244**
Category: **B** Date(s): **11/06/2009**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2009
Overall Development Approach	50	35
The Built Environment	50	33
Landscaping	50	36
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	20
Litter Control	50	33
Waste Minimisation	20	8
Tidiness	30	18
Residential Areas	40	29
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	25
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	400	244

Overall Development Approach:

Thank you for the completed entry form and support material. Thanks also for the map of Grenagh. I note you have an AGM and regular meetings on site. The local business people are playing their part by helping out with the funding. You are communicating very well with the local community, and this is very important. Co-operation with the schools is very important and you mention the green flag for the school; we know from experience that where the children are pointed in the right direction on a responsible attitude to the race against waste and composting they usually continue on the correct way in later years. It is positive to find that the competition lifts your spirits and helps to make Grenagh a better place to live in. All of this means you have a good overall development approach.

The Built Environment:

Grenagh has some fine new shops and offices that are maintained in great condition. The Catholic Church is in great condition and well done to all concerned with it's upkeep. The school looks small to be able to cater for the expanding population; it was clean and tidy and looked very well. The Co-Op stores looked a bit run down. The GAA pavilion is an impressive place and was crisp and clean.

Landscaping:

There are some attractive splashes of landscaping around the area that brighten up this location. I admired the older touches which are great, especially the old farm machinery and the old pump. The graveyard looked well. But the new estate is landscaped to a very high standard and it looked splendid. Grenagh is a picturesque town and had a great fresh appearance to it.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

I note you have ambitious plans for the wildlife and it is right to proceed, as you are doing, in a planned way. I understand that some oak trees in fact accommodate over 450 different types of insects. If you intend to plant further trees there is a book named OUR TREES, ISBN 0-9518612-5-5 and it is well worthwhile reading it. It is disappointing for you to be turned down for the grant for the Heritage grant, but I note you plan to undertake some projects yourselves.

Litter Control:

You have a good positive attitude to the litter situation and I could see first hand that the litter is collected every day. The school and the youth club are helping your efforts and I found on my visit to the school that there was not one scrap of litter to be seen

Waste Minimisation:

You are doing well in the Cork County Council Litter Challenge – well done, and I note you are taking part in the Muintir Na Tire pride of place competition. I inspected the bins at your recycling depot and they are well serviced, and I was glad to observe that no other rubbish was placed there and this happens quite a lot in other locations.

Tidiness:

Grenagh looked fresh and tidy – well done. No weeds were to be seen generally, although the area around the Co-Op entrances was most untidy with lots of weeds growing. The derelict house up near the church is in an unfortunate state, and I realise there is little you can do about this as it is private property.

Residential Areas:

The housing estates are wonderful, and it is great to find the cables are buried underground. I loved the small finger signposts. There are numerous private houses around the place that are maintained in sparkling condition with impressive displays of lawns, hedges, trees, flowers and shrubs.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Most of the roads are in good condition and the roadside fencing is very good. The signposts were clean and distinct. The little road leading into the GAA ground and recycling depot is in a very poor state and in fact is dangerous, and could damage a car.

General Impression:

I could see the “footprints” of enthusiastic and imaginative people around the town. I look forward to a visit to this nice place again – well done.