

# Tidy Towns Competition 2009

## *Adjudication Report*

Centre: **Killeagh** Ref: **180**  
County: **Cork(South)** Mark: **236**  
Category: **B** Date(s): **25/06/2009**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2009
Overall Development Approach	50	32
The Built Environment	50	31
Landscaping	50	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	20
Litter Control	50	31
Waste Minimisation	20	8
Tidiness	30	19
Residential Areas	40	27
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	30
General Impression	10	8
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>236</b>

### **Overall Development Approach:**

Thank you very much for the filled up entry form and the good map of the area. I note you have 15 – 20 committee members who are to be congratulated for giving up some of their spare time to attend meetings and work nights. You are supported by Cork County Council, Fás and local donations. The parish newsletter is a good way of getting your message across to the local people, and the contact with the schools is worthwhile. Your remarks on a handicap system are interesting and I will pass them on. All of this means you have a good overall development approach to the competition.

### **The Built Environment:**

The Catholic Church is a well maintained stone building with beautiful landscaping and flowers. I admired two thatched houses near the church which are reminders of a bygone day. The Community Centre looked well with attractive hanging baskets of flowers, but the weeds in the gutters need attention. Scoil Feargail Naofa was well presented with neat window boxes. All the business houses are in good condition, bright and cheerful. The Garda Station was fresh and attractive. The clubhouse and dressing rooms at the GAA club are good suitable buildings, well presented with some attractive trees and shrubs.

### **Landscaping:**

Beautiful hanging baskets adorned the bridge. The trees on the main street soften the visual impact of some of the buildings. The graveyard on the Mogeely road was very well maintained. A second graveyard had all the vegetation under control and you may be contemplating doing some work there and if so you could get a small book from Cork County Council – The Care and Conservation of graveyards. I felt that this quite historic graveyard could have a wall of hedge to separate it off from the stonework company that now occupy the disused Church. Other neat splashes of landscaping brightened up the town especially in some the housing estates.

**Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

I note you intend to hold a joint meeting on wildlife and this is a good first step. You could enlist the assistance of some locals that are interested in outdoor pursuits.

**Litter Control:**

The control of litter was quite good, with only a few very isolated spots found near the bus stop and up from the Credit Union. You are taking positive action to participate in the national spring clean up and Cork County Council inter village challenge challenge.

**Waste Minimisation:**

I inspected the bins at the community centre and they were well serviced and the surrounding area was tidy, but some of the bins could do with a washing from a power washer. It is a pity that some people have reverted to burning since the €3 levy was introduced.

**Tidiness:**

An old timber door at the left hand side of J Coleman's shop needs attention. The town was neat and tidy. It would be great if you could put the cables underground. I saw where the kerbs had been sprayed and the vegetation has died back. Some derelict sites were seen, but you have plans to tackle this situation. The railway station is in a bad state and you could remind CIE of their responsibilities on the presentation of their property.

**Residential Areas:**

I admired the white thatched cottage up from the church. I note you have requested some signs for the estates and this is positive and indeed neglected in many other areas. The old traditional houses in Killeagh are good and nearly all painted in attractive colours and some had attractive displays of shrubs, hanging baskets and window boxes. Some other modern houses are beautiful with great displays of shrubs, flowers, lawns and trees.

**Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

The roads that I travelled on are generally speaking in good condition, but some attention is required near the community centre. The road signs are clean and distinct. I loved the stone bridge. There are some great traditional stone walls on the roadsides to the town where there is some good landscaping.

**General Impression:**

Well done for all the good work that you are doing to maintain and improve your town. You could produce a 3 / 5 year plan, and this does not need to be a substantial document. If you simply write down a few things that you would like to do, have discussions on them and if necessary seek some advice, and this is your plan. Well done.