

Tidy Towns Competition 2009

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Minane Bridge** Ref: **185**
County: **Cork(South)** Mark: **218**
Category: **A** Date(s): **16/06/2009**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2009
Overall Development Approach	50	26
The Built Environment	50	30
Landscaping	50	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	23
Litter Control	50	30
Waste Minimisation	20	8
Tidiness	30	16
Residential Areas	40	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	25
General Impression	10	6
TOTAL MARK	400	218

Overall Development Approach:

Thanks very much for the completed application form and thanks also for the map included with this application. You have good support with 10-12 people on your committee and you hold around 15 meetings per year. You are communicating well with the public by meetings and the newsletter. It is good that you are engaging with the school by sending a member of the committee to speak with the children. It is positive to learn that you find the competition to be helpful. Good luck with your event on August 3rd.

The Built Environment:

The Roman Catholic Church looked supreme. The CO-OP store was recently painted and had a clean fresh appearance. The school looked crisp and fresh with some neat landscaping. De Bhútléir's pub looked smart and tidy with good tubs of flowers. Dempsey's shop was neatly presented. O Muiricú'sa looked fresh and clean.

Landscaping:

Neatly cut grass was admired outside the GAA pitch. The cut stone feature embedded in a "walled effect" of stone and brick is a most attractive signpost for the village on the Belggooley side. Some other neat shows of landscaping were noted around the village notably in the small amenity area at the beautiful bridge with some good garden furniture. I admired the old water pump painted yellow and could I with respect suggest that it could be painted a softer colour such as dark green or black. I noticed a lot of new trees that are maturing and blending in well with the natural stock.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The millennium walk is a wonderful amenity. There is an abundance of wildlife in all mature trees, stone walls

and along the river banks. You could enlist some local people who are interested in outdoor pursuits to assist you with wildlife matters.

Litter Control:

The control of litter was good with just a few isolated incidents of litter noted. There are enough litter bins in the village.

Waste Minimisation:

I inspected the 6 bottle bins, the clothes bank and the green container for cans only. They are positioned on a good slab of concrete and the area was spotlessly clean. Well done to all concerned. You could assist the school to attain the green flag status.

Tidiness:

The village was presented in a tidy fashion. Unfortunately there is derelict house across the road from the church and it is unsightly. It is difficult to deal with this being private property, but we noticed in other locations that such buildings can be carefully camouflaged to give a better appearance.

Residential Areas:

Laharran Road is an attractive housing estate with great stone walls. There is an attractive estate with no name on it with good yellow houses of great design and it was good to see the service cables are underground. New houses in construction across the road looked good. Spruce Grove is a good estate. There is an array of beautiful privately owned houses with excellent gardens, lawns, shrubs, hedging and flowers.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

All the roads are in fairly good condition and the signposts are good. The bridge is beautiful, roadside fencing is good with some great traditional stone walls.

General Impression:

It was a pleasure to visit this quiet rural village, congratulations on presenting your place in such good condition.