

# Tidy Towns Competition 2009

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Rostellan**

Ref: **107**

County: **Cork(South)**

Mark: **270**

Category: **B**

Date(s): **18/06/2009**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2009
Overall Development Approach	50	42
The Built Environment	50	25
Landscaping	50	43
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	29
Litter Control	50	36
Waste Minimisation	20	10
Tidiness	30	20
Residential Areas	40	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	32
General Impression	10	8
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>270</b>

### Overall Development Approach:

Thank you for the filled up entry form and map of the area. I note you have 9 members on the committee. There is great commitment shown when people give up some of their spare time to attend committee meetings every three weeks. You are getting good support from local companies and prize money in competitions. It is very worthwhile, as you are doing, to engage with the local schools. You have a good ambitious 2008/2011 plan. All of this means you have a good overall development approach.

### The Built Environment:

Rostellan Antiques is restored very well and it is interesting to find that it was a six-storey starch mill. The Catholic Church is an imposing modern building with attractive landscaping. The school was well presented, clean and tidy, and it was wonderful to see the green flag there – well done to all concerned. Aghada Community Centre was admired. The multi-games arena is a superb facility. The other business houses are well maintained and brightly decorated.

### Landscaping:

The Middleton road was superbly landscaped with neat grassed areas and attractive shrubs and the highlight was a great traditional stone wall at Upper Range that was festooned with very attractive flowers. I admired the sculpture of the birds in the fine amenity area, and well done for presenting this area in such spectacular condition. Rose beds were very attractive across from Johnny Mac's bar. Valerian wild flowers were most picturesque growing on the traditional stone walls. Attractive garden furniture is in evidence.

### Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Several wild geese were admired swimming along merrily in the bay. The new display board is attractive and interesting giving details of all those wonderful birds. I saw the new life ring. Public seating overlooking the estuary makes this a fine amenity area. I admired the notice board at Aghada pier. I saw the work that was done on the retaining wall – well done. The walkway is a fine amenity.

**Litter Control:**

There was some litter in the amenity area on the Middleton road. I admired the new timber bin. It is a good idea to provide “pick up” implements to residents. It is interesting to find that people pick up litter while out walking.

**Waste Minimisation:**

I admire the 4 bins at the ESB yard where I found that the area was neat and tidy and the bins were well serviced. You could try to get a clothes bin as such bins are widely used. There is great credit due to the school authorities and children for getting the green flag status, and this gets the children off to a good start with in an interest in the local environment.

**Tidiness:**

A house by the side of the post office is in need of attention, but generally speaking the town was tidy. Rusted bars, the remains of a disused signpost, are unsightly at the corner near Great Gas. The low steel barrier with faded paint of yellow and black across from The Coopers needs to be freshened up, and there was some weeds growing outside the Coopers. I note you removed some graffiti.

**Residential Areas:**

New houses were admired near the school and well maintained houses were to be seen on the hill. There is an array of private houses all around the town that are very well presented with great displays of shrubs, lawns, trees, flowers and trees.

**Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

There are great grass margins that give a fresh appearance to the approach roads. The road signs were clean and distinct. The fencing along the roadsides is very good consisting to a large extent of great traditional stone walls.

**General Impression:**

It was a pleasure to spend a few hours in Rostellan. You have produced the town in very good condition and there is a pride of place evident all around. Congratulations to all concerned.