

# Tidy Towns Competition 2009

## *Adjudication Report*

Centre: **Kilcrohane** Ref: **595**  
County: **Cork(West)** Mark: **263**  
Category: **A** Date(s): **18/06/2009**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2009
Overall Development Approach	50	40
The Built Environment	50	36
Landscaping	50	33
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	21
Litter Control	50	36
Waste Minimisation	20	10
Tidiness	30	18
Residential Areas	40	28
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	34
General Impression	10	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>263</b>

### **Overall Development Approach:**

Congratulations to the Kilcrohane Development Association for participating in the TidyTowns Competition 2009. Thank you for your submission, your plan and for your map. The hand drawn sketch of Kilcrohane which highlighted the places you regard as being most important for the TidyTowns Competition is a great help to the adjudicator. Well done on compiling your 5 Year Plan. Keep that Plan revised and updated. You might mention in next year's submission from where you will source funding for your various tasks. You might also mention in which ways you engage with Cork County Council and Pobal. How do the local businesses assist you in your work? Apart from the article in the school newsletter do you have any other engagement with the school?

### **The Built Environment:**

The Church and cemetery site dominates the village centre. The clock tower across the street is a feature of the built environment of Kilcrohane. The adjudicator later found out that this colourful building is the school. The recycling area at the back is to be commended. The pubs and businesses of Kilcrohane serve the village well in their colour and vibrancy. The windows at JF O'Mahony's are akin to a visit to a local museum, the clutter outside contributing to the village atmosphere. The Health Centre is a fine building but attention to the door and broken pane would enhance its appearance. The bridge is a fine construction and very much part of the village heritage. One's hope is that the stone buildings around the village can be retained or restored. Some village dwellers showed wonderful foresight in having such fine amenities as the playground and the tennis courts provided for the people of Kilcrohane. The Community Centre also looks well and is enlivened by the tubs of colour.

### **Landscaping:**

The landscaping that has become part of the estates on the Bantry approach road brings colour and design to Kilcrohane that it did not experience heretofore. There is such variety to the designs and to the shrubs planted. Maintenance is now the key issue as those plants will demand more space than is allotted to them. The milk cans at Fitzpatrick's are put to great use now that their original use has passed. The colour is attractive. The sound of running water at the Riverside brings a new dimension to the experience. The poles for the hanging baskets on the main street are an attraction in themselves. The baskets of flower are a joy of summer colour. Well done to those people who provide tubs of summer bedding plants, as at the Bay View Inn. The Cill Chrocháin name stone is very good but the flower bed could be improved. The raised wall and flower bed at the Health Centre could look so much better if it were attended to.

### **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

Your village is located on the famous Sheep's Head peninsula and so is on the famous Sheep's Head Walk. This is a sturdy base from which to work. One feels that your group needs to be more pro-active in this section of the competition. There may be people in your community who have an informed interest in wildlife and who would be willing to assist you with this section of the competition. One notes from last year's report that you have conducted a survey with the school. What has happened to the results of that survey? It would be interesting to read that survey as part of next year's submission.

### **Litter Control:**

The Fás worker is doing a good job. Well done on the Spring Cleans that occur in the village. There is some litter to be seen despite your efforts. The emphasis in the litter section is not just on collecting and organising clean-ups. These are important but creating awareness of litter reduction is equally important. As a next step in your fight against litter make reduction your key ambition. Active engagement with the school to create an anti-litter mentality is important.

### **Waste Minimisation:**

Your Bring Bank is a credit to you not only in its clean appearance but also in its design. The pointed stonewall front secludes the Bank from the passer by. The local knows where the Bring Bank is located. The Spring Clean Up is really part of the Litter Control section. You could encourage the school to try to achieve Green Flag Status. The pupils would learn much about recycling, reusing, reducing and composting. They would be involved in waste minimisation projects and would bring their new found skills, their new found knowledge and their new found enthusiasm home to the generations at home. Remember that the emphasis in this section is not on litter control but on minimising waste in your community.

### **Tidiness:**

For the most part Kilcrohane presents a tidy image. But road signs are somewhat of an issue in Kilcrohane. One would like the name signs to be presented more attractively. One found one name sign on the Bantry road thrown inside the estate wall. On the Sheeps Head approach road the sign is a bit off kilter.

### **Residential Areas:**

Kilcrohane is a village being transformed by the many new estates of the development boom. Kilcrohane seems to have benefitted from this boom but the number of units that are unoccupied is a concern. Cois Abhainn houses add interest in their design. The strong door colours bring vibrancy. Fán Mór Cois Farraige is appropriately named. The stone walls set off the house colour and the landscaping is colourful. The scheme of four houses opposite the Church on the Bantry Road add colour to their surroundings. Radharc Alainn is a fine development but maintenance and weed control now need attention. Try to continue your practice of having estate names installed. The many individual houses are proudly presented. The entrance to Dunmahon House adds character to the village scene.

### **Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

There are a variety of treatments to the approach roads to Kilcrohane. On the Durrus approach road the verges grow wild and this seems appropriate and in keeping with the surroundings. But beware of unwanted advertising. The approach road from the Sheeps Head direction presents differently. Due to the activity on either side of this road there is need for greater treatment of the roadside verges. This would bring definition

and create a neater image. The approach road from Bantry is most attractive. As one sweeps down the hill the building activity has created most attractive landscaping. Every inch of the road is full of interest. One of the best views of the village is to be found on the back approach from the hostel. One looks towards the village across the community field and the picture is full of colour.

**General Impression:**

Kilcrohane is a village in transition due to the building boom that has transformed much of the village in recent years. The consequent social changes that the influx of new people will bring to the village is the overriding consideration for any community group now. New blood should infuse the native population with fresh ideas and impetus, if the native population is willing to integrate them. This is a challenge for your community and, hopefully, one that will yield positive results for the quality of life for all in Kilcrohane.