

Tidy Towns Competition 2009

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Culdaff** Ref: **555**
County: **Donegal** Mark: **240**
Category: **B** Date(s): **22/06/2009**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2009
Overall Development Approach	50	30
The Built Environment	50	30
Landscaping	50	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	24
Litter Control	50	38
Waste Minimisation	20	10
Tidiness	30	18
Residential Areas	40	26
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	27
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	400	240

Overall Development Approach:

Thank you for your entry into this year's TidyTowns Competition 2009. Well done on your submission of a concise but very complete entry. Thank you for your work plan. May I suggest that you break this down further per month or per task. This will allow you to more easily create a schedule and also to allocate tasks. Thank you for the update on what your group has achieved in the year to date.

The Built Environment:

The Post Office looked well but the old 'HB' sign should be removed. The Community Hall looks great. The Church of Ireland church grounds were closed on day of visit. Most of the business premises look very well. Well done on your excellent treatment of the derelict house and empty premises. St. Boden's national schools needs a bit of work. Some weeding is required here.

Landscaping:

The Diamond looks very well. The pump is well-painted but could it be repaired? The kerbs look as though they could be in the middle of re-painting. There is lovely planting at the graveyard. The monument to Charles Macklin (what an amazingly long-lived man for this period of history!) needs to be cleaned.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The beach is simply lovely. It was very popular on day of visit and it's easy to see why. The dunes are clean and extensive. The new signage here is first rate. The bins were clean and empty. The information board here was empty of all information apart from the bacteriological results. Why is this? Has the beach retained its Blue Flag status. The graveyard would make a good project area for a 'mini nature reserve'. The easily walked roads is an asset when it comes to bringing people into contact with nature. Well done on putting up

the bird nesting boxes. Please note that perches below the holes aren't necessary and may in fact be helpful to predators of nestlings. Culdaff is rich in bird life. On a relatively short walk, the adjudicator saw a rookery, swallows, heron, moorhen and house martins.

Litter Control:

A little litter was seen at the beach. Your daily work on anti-litter initiatives has paid off. Culdaff itself was litter-free on day of visit. Well done.

Waste Minimisation:

Well done on seeking advice from the environmental awareness officer on this issue. The community composting scheme is a great initiative. It is recommended that you look at reducing household and commercial waste in the near future.

Tidiness:

The Clonca Church and cross sign (fingerpost) needs a wash. The old telephone box should be removed. The new sign indicated at the Diamond on your map could not be located. A couple of the litterbins need to be repainted. The wooden tub planters look great.

Residential Areas:

Cara Bay is very new but looks well and is quite mature. The planting at Stoneywood is great. Birdboxes in estates is a great idea.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The Sli na Slainte is excellent and was very busy on day of visit. The stone walls look very well. Well done on the trimming. The approach to the village from the Merville Road is very pleasant.

General Impression:

This is a very attractive little village with much to recommend it. The beach is a lovely resource to have and is obviously well cared for. The adjudicator is impressed with the planning that you have undertaken. It is therefore recommended that you refer to your 10-point work plan and concentrate on these as it covers the main areas that your group should address. Well done on all that you have achieved.