

Tidy Towns Competition 2009

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Killybegs** Ref: **1093**
County: **Donegal** Mark: **222**
Category: **C** Date(s): **20/06/2009**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2009
Overall Development Approach	50	30
The Built Environment	50	30
Landscaping	50	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	20
Litter Control	50	35
Waste Minimisation	20	5
Tidiness	30	15
Residential Areas	40	27
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	27
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	400	222

Overall Development Approach:

Thank you for your entry into this year's Tidy Towns Competition . Thank you for your well-planned entry and the additional information. Thanks for the pictures of your clean-up on Fintra Beach, well done. The disc of pictures and details of the Green School project (Something Fishy!) was helpful too. Well done to all at Niall Mor for winning that competition. Thanks for the handy map and key. Thirty people is a great number to have on your committee. Do include a plan in your next entry. It makes it easier to plan work and allocate tasks. It also makes it easier to assess progress as you go along.

The Built Environment:

The Tara Hotel and most of the buildings leading down to Shore Road look good. The hospital looked particularly well. St Catherine's Vocational School looks fine and the mosaic here is lovely. Has this school applied for a Green Flag? St Mary's (RC) Church, gardens and cross all looked great. The tomb slab is very interesting and was neatly displayed. The national school looked well. The Fleet Inn looked very nice and bright. The Sinbad / Killybegs Fisherman's Organisation buildings were very nicely presented. The Cert College looked well too.

Landscaping:

The memorial garden is lovely and the sycamore tree with the bench was admired. The hospital grounds are very well done. The planting, benches and information signs at the Diamond are very good.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Where are the heritage walks referred to in your entry? Are these in place or planned?
It wasn't clear where the bird sanctuary was. Planning nature trails and walks is a very good way of helping

people get to know local wildlife. Contact your local wildlife ranger or wildlife organisations such as the Irish Wildlife Trust for advice.

Litter Control:

Well done on all your work with the County Council, schools and the local people. Very little litter was seen on day of visit. Some was seen beside a night club.

Waste Minimisation:

Your work with the schools and businesses to encourage recycling is excellent. You should now extend this to the reduction and minimisation of waste that is produced in the first instance. Are there any ways that your group could help with this? What about encouraging swap-shops or goods exchanges? Community composting is a great way to reduce waste.

Tidiness:

The old railings and crash barrier on Glencolmille Road need replacing. Bits of walls need repair here. The concrete planters could be filled and used. The area around the information Portakabin needs to be tidied up somewhat. The recycling banks were clean and tidy on day of visit. The backs of some buildings were messy and could be improved. An effort could be made to conceal some of the air-conditioning units. The harbour was really very neat and clean and was busy even on the Saturday morning of adjudication.

Residential Areas:

Well done to all the residents involved with the planning, planting and maintaining of the many flower beds and planted areas seen on the day of visit. A high level of co-operation is needed to achieve this. There were many nice private gardens seen too. Harbour View Drive was just one example of well kept houses.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The approach from the Donegal Road looks well. but 'informal' signage such as vehicles and trailers do not look good. The Killybegs sign itself is very nice. There was a high standard to care on the roads and footpaths around the town. Weed control was good and there was little clutter.

General Impression:

Killybegs gives a the impression of a very busy little town and rightfully so. Despite this, the town was almost litter-free and very pleasant to walk around. Well done to all involved. Some work needs to be done on the wildlife and heritage aspects of the town. A plan, ideally including some ways to tackle waste, should be submitted with the next entry. Thanks for all your work so far.