

# Tidy Towns Competition 2009

## *Adjudication Report*

Centre: **Camolin** Ref: **125**  
County: **Wexford** Mark: **239**  
Category: **B** Date(s): **01/07/2009**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2009
Overall Development Approach	50	37
The Built Environment	50	29
Landscaping	50	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	22
Litter Control	50	37
Waste Minimisation	20	7
Tidiness	30	14
Residential Areas	40	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	32
General Impression	10	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>239</b>

### **Overall Development Approach:**

Welcome to the Tidy Towns Programme for 2009 and thank you for the Completed Entry Form, village map, 3 Year Plan, details of 2009 projects and photographs of your successful spring-clean up.

Traffic volumes are quite over powering during daytime hours and this is certainly the most dominating factor in the presentation and indeed experience of Camolin. Not surprising there are a number of busy filling stations which were in the main well presented. In common with many villages and towns of similar size the problems of abandoned shops is to be found here. Most have been reasonable well tended to and continue to look acceptable while they await different owners and new undertakings.

### **The Built Environment:**

The Catholic Church is beautifully presented and the grounds are a delight. Many hanging baskets outside the railings added colour to the over all scene. The premises of Granite and that of Garden Home and Lifestyle make for an imposing large display. Lambert's of Camolin was a fine premises well presented. The large scale Tom Doyle's Tiles store was looking well on the day of adjudication. The Church of Ireland small church with surrounding cemetery was projecting a neat and orderly air. Camolin National School (1900) looked very well and was newly painted. The 1919 hall was likewise projecting a fine image.

The bar premises of Jack Donald was admired. The little post office was neat and orderly. Carter's newsagents and house was looking quite well. The large scale Camolin Car Centre was most impressive and was well decorated to the fore ground by quality planting. The colourful Pike Inn caught the eye.

**Landscaping:**

The Grove Road was well presented, with historic millstones set into the wall at Mill House. This house has a really fine garden which is an outstanding display. Camolin Football Club premises within the Community Field were noted with the GAA grounds nearby but with their entrance from a different road.

**Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

The garden at the junction offers a number of locations suitable for use in this regard. An interest in wildlife is a life long enriching hobby and space might be found within the School grounds for a small natural habitat. Discuss the options with a local bird life enthusiast or consult the Wild Life Officer attached to Wexford County Council or the Office of Public Works for ideas as to how to proceed.

**Litter Control:**

Annesley Court was clear of all litter while no litter bin was noted in this area. There was a litter bin sighted opposite Daybreak. It was very full and needed servicing. Litter generally was not to be seen to any extent in the centre.

**Waste Minimisation:**

Congratulations to the School on securing its Green Flag. Always a challenging assignment, the successful securing of this sought after status reflects credit on the students and all involved.

The scrap metal agency in the Community Field is a worth while venture but perhaps a more appropriate site for the skip could be found.

The recycling and bottle bank facility at Lamberts was not being respected and there was a large amount of dumping around the various containers.

**Tidiness:**

Your efforts to underground the ESB cables are applauded albeit there is likely to be ongoing difficulties in this regard. The number of abandoned houses and shops is a difficulty but in general is been handled to an acceptable degree.

**Residential Areas:**

The newly developed Grove Residents area looked very well. Annesley Court is a small number of houses in a well developed enclave with excellent planting and a communal grassed area. Orchard Way was a pleasant housing estate which backed onto the Church. It was being well maintained. Marian Terrace is a long established and well maintained estate.

**Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

On the Enniscorthy road the speed limit and traffic calming signs are in good shape, well washed and neat. Grass verges are well cut back from this point inwards. The village name carved into stone is most impressive.

The Dublin approach road has quite a perfusion of signs, some need attention – one of them is reversed while the speed limit sign has been damaged as well here. Agreeable planting mark the start of the various signs. In a village of this nature, on a busy through road, it is beneficial to strive for a clear cut start point – a dividing line between the village itself and the surrounding, rural countryside. This can be difficult to achieve where, as in some other locations, there is not a natural almost 'self- selecting' start point. Use a combination of village name plate, speed limit signs, coupled where appropriate with suitable cutting of the verge and hedges will if not fully meet the need will at least certainly improve matters in this regard.

**General Impression:**

Progressive and determined the TidyTowns Committee of Camolin are to be applauded for their efforts and for the compiling of the splendid three year plan. To everyone and each agency associated with this year's entry our best thanks and applause. Please keep up the good work and you are wished well in next year's competition.

