

Tidy Towns Competition 2009

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Poulpeasty** Ref: **265**
County: **Wexford** Mark: **246**
Category: **A** Date(s): **18/06/2009**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2009
Overall Development Approach	50	27
The Built Environment	50	35
Landscaping	50	40
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	19
Litter Control	50	39
Waste Minimisation	20	3
Tidiness	30	18
Residential Areas	40	27
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	31
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	400	246

Overall Development Approach:

Welcome to the 2009 National Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your submission, which included the completed application form, a clear outline of your work programme and a village map. The adjudicator found this information to be extremely useful on the day of his visit and commends the committee's efforts to engage the help of other agencies. Perhaps now, the net could be widened to include the production of a three to five year village enhancement plan.

The Built Environment:

Poulpeasty is a small village having three public buildings, Christ the King Church, the National School and the Community Hall. The Church, surrounded by mature trees, is very well presented. The tranquil, grassed area to the front is peaceful and the seat here is a nice feature. The flower beds were welcoming and the finger post directional sign has a nice scale. The school was bustling with activity on the day of adjudication. This building is well designed, broken into individual blocks linked by glass corridors. The colour scheme is subtle and sits nicely in a rural setting whilst the bright red doors are welcoming. The Community Hall is a fine example of the successful re-use of an old building.

Landscaping:

There is an array of fine mature trees located throughout the village, hedgerows are a feature and this tradition has been nicely re-enforced in recent years. The woodland setting provides a maturity that is nicely enhanced with a series of flowerbeds and shrubberies that provide colourful interventions.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Congratulations again to Ms Lambert and the school children on the well presented board at the school. This

interesting panel, together with the Fr Philip Roche Memorial opposite, provide an interesting focal point and some interesting information for the visitor. The committee already liaises with the local school and it is to be hoped that they can now build on this contact. As a rural village Poulpeasty is rich in natural wildlife, green areas and habitats and perhaps a good way of raising awareness of environmental issues amongst the local community would be for the committee to further liaise with the local National School to promote a local wildlife survey. The results could then be illustrated on additional bi-lingual, wildlife boards providing further interesting information points in the village.

Litter Control:

Well done on the promotion of the cleanup day. We hope you are successful in your quest for further litter bins. The village was almost litter free on the day of adjudication, save for a small scattering of papers and a plastic bottle on the Clonroche approach road.

Waste Minimisation:

The recycling facility provided on Fridays is a useful initiative and it is to be hoped that the school will be successful in their efforts to achieve Green Flag status. It is to be hoped that this programme will be developed in the coming years and that more initiatives from the Race Against Waste website will be adopted in the future.

Tidiness:

The car parks are a fine facility. On the Clonroche side of the Church, this car park would benefit from the introduction of a hedge, planted along the timber post and rail fence. This would provide a nice enclosure here and continue the line of the nicely maturing laurel hedge on the boundary of the car park opposite the burial ground.

The burial ground is well presented and the grass neatly trimmed. The maturing ivy on the internal boundary walls is providing a nice softening effect.

Residential Areas:

The parochial house, it's well presented garden with the pump feature as a centrepiece, sets a high standard for the presentation of residential buildings and this effort is reflected in other residences with nicely presented gardens located throughout the village. Well done in this effort!

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Poulpeasty has a number of very attractive approach roads retaining a nice rural flavour. These are mostly bounded by fine hedgerows and strands of wild flowers. The village announcement signs are clean, simply presented and look well. In the village core the laneway connection from the school to the Community Hall is a highlight. This enclosed lane retains a charming character and the mixture of vegetation was of great interest. The area abounded with bird life. At the Community Hall, the mature Ash tree set on a circular stone bed is a highlight, simply presented on a grassed area. The ornate shrubbery opposite, with the standing stone feature, is a lovely contrast.

General Impression:

Poulpeasty is a charming village in a wonderful location and the commitment of the hard working TidyTowns committee is proving a great asset. We wish you well in your future plans.