

# Tidy Towns Competition 2011

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Kilcar** Ref: **272**  
County: **Donegal** Mark: **256**  
Category: **A** Date(s): **14/06/2011**

	<b>Maximum Mark</b>	<b>Mark Awarded 2010</b>	<b>Mark Awarded 2011</b>
Overall Development Approach	50	35	37
The Built Environment	50	31	32
Landscaping	50	31	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	21	21
Litter Control	50	36	37
Waste Minimisation	20	10	10
Tidiness	30	20	22
Residential Areas	40	29	29
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	29	29
General Impression	10	8	8
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>256</b>

### Overall Development Approach:

Welcome to the TidyTowns Competition 2011. Thank you for an excellent submission. This was concise but detailed and superbly illustrated. Well done. Your entry form was impeccably neat and also detailed. This speaks of high organisation and good planning. Well done for using the new social media as well as the traditional ways.

### The Built Environment:

The RC church is beautiful. The stained glass windows are spectacular. The Parish a Hall looks really great now. It is a shame that Josie Dickie's is derelict. The Post Office is in nice colours, has flowers and a bench. The school looked bright and cheery. The children were out playing on a super playground facility while their teacher tended beans in the front vegetable garden! The Aislinn centre was neat and very busy.

### Landscaping:

The planters at Street. Matthew's Church were admired. There were many wooden tubs planted around the village and many window boxes. The overall effect was a bright and cheery one. The hanging baskets added to this. The work at the grotto was admired. Well done.

### Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Your initiatives so far are well-planned. Did you seek some expert help with planning the board? Use this also for erecting bird boxes. Where is the forest walk? The river is beautiful although the Japanese knotweed is still very much present. The adjudicator was struck by the amount and diversity of ferns within your village-

proving the value of stone walls as a habitat: there were lady ferns, harts-tongue fern and polypody as well as wall pennywort.

**Litter Control:**

Your anti-litter initiatives are well directed and effective. Almost no litter was seen on adjudication day. Well done. Keep up your work with the national school.

**Waste Minimisation:**

Well done on your promotion of sound waste management both in your community and online. Make sure to focus on the minimisation aspects. Composting is such an activity that it ticks many boxes in terms of waste management. So too does GIY, buying locally, free-range products... get the national school to come up with new ideas for this category.

**Tidiness:**

The recycling centre was neat and tidy on day of visit. Watch out for empty poles and posts. The graveyard was generally very neat but some untended graves could be tidied up a little.

**Residential Areas:**

Most gardens are well-tended but some are really beautiful. Competing for attention against the amazing backdrop of Donegal hills are some really lovely presentations. The terraced houses in the streets are also so well kept. There really is a mixture of styles here.

**Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

Good attention to side streets and wall corners was noted. There was some work in progress at the site of the little stream. The stone walls and lush vegetation make this a really pleasant village to arrive into. Watch out so that older signage doesn't become useless and irrelevant.

**General Impression:**

As always, this village was a pleasure to visit. The adjudicator's overriding impression was of organisation and dedication. There is also great attention to detail.