

# Tidy Towns Competition 2011

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Boherbue** Ref: **95**  
County: **Cork(North)** Mark: **248**  
Category: **B** Date(s): **08/07/2011**

	<b>Maximum Mark</b>	<b>Mark Awarded 2010</b>	<b>Mark Awarded 2011</b>
Overall Development Approach	50	27	29
The Built Environment	50	31	32
Landscaping	50	39	38
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	21	21
Litter Control	50	33	35
Waste Minimisation	20	7	8
Tidiness	30	18	18
Residential Areas	40	28	28
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	32	32
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>248</b>

### Overall Development Approach:

Boherbue is very welcome to this year's National Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for the completed entry form and the very fine map you supplied. The photographs help clarify a lot of the work you have undertaken. Your committee of 10 and no doubt volunteers also, have worked very well at improving Boherbue and to good effect. With the assistance of Cork County Council and I.R.D Duhallow funding, hopefully solutions will emerge for the problems which now seem intractable. We admired very much the planting in the centre piece of the Square. We noted also the pleasant plaque recording the site of the Old Hospital. The number of houses currently unoccupied on Main Street is a difficulty; hopefully the owners or their representatives will make an effort to present them in good order. We admired very much the Dutch Thatched Cottages which were pleasantly presented with the "authentic" old bicycles parked outside. The large Comprehensive School was neat, orderly and very well presented. The Duhallow Cooperative was as always, bustling and busy. Boherbue has expanded considerably since this adjudicator's last visit. The substantial strip building of houses beyond the GAA Grounds were all well presented and many featured pleasant gardens to their foreground. The Village Square is transformed and well done on your efforts here. The format of the four countersunk flower beds in the attractive multi-coloured stone base has worked very effectively. The salmon pink house opposite, with the pleasant hedge over a well presented white base, which set it off very well.

### The Built Environment:

The pink house with window boxes and dark cream detailing beside O'Keeffe's Bar caught the eye; the interesting thatched presentation of Linehan's Insurance Company likewise. The Garda premise in red or dark pink is a very imposing building; hopefully the front facing wall can be painted before next year's competition. Murphy's Pharmacy's unusual colour scheme of green and blue works very well, the house

beside the Church with attractive foliage was admired. The Church constructed in 1969 was neat, orderly and the car park to the foreground together with planting was well presented. The attractive 1834 School for boys and girls, has been considerable expanded over the years and is now a large and imposing building. The Supervalu Supermarket looked well. The newly built Presbytery and Parish Office was very well presented as was the nearby Araglen House Nursing Home. The Credit Union house, also relatively newly build, was suitable painted while the Corner House Bar was attractive. The Educational Centre Ltd. premise was very well presented and the small scale Post Office was neat and orderly. The Duhallow Training Company and the Duhallow Food Community Service was busy and business like.

### **Landscaping:**

The Handball Club looked very well in its attractive green and white livery, the Boherbue cemetery already a winner in the TidyTowns Competition was exemplary in its presentation; on the day of adjudication work was in progress to prepare it for the annual mass. The park and the children's play area looked extremely well, especially admired was the wall to the foreground. Planting along the Ballydesmond Road was of a high order and there was exceptionally fine planting opposite the Educational Centre. The GAA Patsy O'Sullivan Memorial Park was noted and some improvement to its foreground might be undertaken.

### **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

The development of a wildlife policy will take some thought and best be discussed with a local wildlife enthusiast or a member of Birds Ireland. A thriving bird population necessarily depends on the creation of their suitable food chain and attention to this is the appropriate starting point. We welcomed the panel on birdlife opposite the Educational Centre.

### **Litter Control:**

Boherbue continues to secure a high mark in this category. The village is devoid of any black spots while the normal danger points, the School and Hand Ball area were free of litter. Litter bins were noted above the school; it is important that appropriate systems are in place to ensure that litter bins are emptied at appropriate intervals.

Your litter collection very Monday evening is clearly having a beneficial effect.

### **Waste Minimisation:**

The Recycling Units at the School were noted and were being well maintained. The ongoing task of Reducing, Reusing and Recycling is as much an attitude of mind as it is implementing the simple formula. It has been found beneficial to stage an information evening at which these issues can be explored, discussed and much information to individual householders and the community in general imparted. Discuss the options with the Environmental Department of Cork County Council.

### **Tidiness:**

The splendid work done at the Square has done much to elevate this area. The Duhallow I.R.D premises would benefit from repainting before next year's competition; their window boxes were very sparsely presented and again there is room for improvement here. While the overall problem of the Beeches is clearly a long term intractable difficulties in the meantime the damaged sign which disfigures this area could with advantage be removed. The sizable Water Tower has become quite grubby and would be improved by being power washed.

### **Residential Areas:**

There are a number of charming houses opposite and beyond the GAA Ground on that approach road. The standard of presentation of individual houses along the street varies greatly and a number are giving rise for concern. The McAuliffe Avenue houses are very well presented with very pleasant planting and excellent individual gardens. The longer established Duke O'Carroll Terrace has maintained a very high standard with a number of houses feature hanging baskets and are well painted.

### **Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

The tall hedges on either side on the approaches create a delightful sense of enclosure as you approach Boherbue. Sadly many of the village name plates have become scratched and disfigured over time. The streets in general are well swept but there is a need to improve standards on the road just below the Comprehensive School.

**General Impression:**

Boherbue is coping valiantly with its difficulties, however much good work has been achieved and you are urged to continue on your own path. Difficulties clearly outside your control must await decisions and actions from other sources. In the meantime many thanks for the efforts you have successfully done in projecting the central square area and other elements of your pleasant village.