

# Tidy Towns Competition 2011

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Kildorrery** Ref: **457**  
County: **Cork(North)** Mark: **259**  
Category: **B** Date(s): **10/07/2011**

	<b>Maximum Mark</b>	<b>Mark Awarded 2010</b>	<b>Mark Awarded 2011</b>
Overall Development Approach	50	37	38
The Built Environment	50	36	36
Landscaping	50	35	36
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	25	25
Litter Control	50	30	33
Waste Minimisation	20	10	10
Tidiness	30	18	18
Residential Areas	40	24	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	29	31
General Impression	10	8	8
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>259</b>

### Overall Development Approach:

Colourful Kildorrery is welcome to the 2011 National Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your submission and applause to the students for the splendid map provided. Thank you also for the dossier enclosing your work list for Cork County Council, the Grotto details, the major road works and especially the fine photographs which underscore the extent of the work done over the last years.

We admired also the flowers on the approach roads and your efforts in respect of litter control. Especially praise worthy is the very fine dry fill stone wall at Oak Lawn. The wildflower meadow is an important development in the overall enhancement of birdlife in the area. We admired the frequent "Story from the past" panels which added greatly to the pleasure of a visit to your colourful centre.

Thank you for the clear instructions as to the start and finish you requested for our adjudication. The various poems to the White Knight, Red Chair and in respect of the town itself were read with pleasure. Well done on taking part in the Cork Litter Challenge and for your success there and for securing second place overall in the county. The various roads are a delightful introduction to your well presented centre. The splendid stone 'Welcome' sign and the hills in the distance are particularly striking on the Mitchelstown approach. In common with many towns you have the difficulty of Hill Crest Housing Estate with some houses finished but not occupied, others not finished and others indeed barely begun. There are no quick solutions to these difficulties. Time and other factors will enable an appropriate solution to emerge. The very tall mast was noted but it does not intrude.

### The Built Environment:

The splendid roses set off the fine Catholic Church in a delightful way. The magnificent traditional shop front, formally a pub now a furniture store was admired. The Irish Tree Company building and their substantial land holding were very well presented. We admired the premises of A. Monaghan in its pleasant blue and white

colour scheme. The school, now closed for the holidays looked well; not surprisingly no flags were flying on the day of adjudication. The Cow & Gate original factory site was appropriately marked; we were surprised to note weeds in the gutters at eave level. The new Garda Station was admired and the premise Mountain View on the Limerick Road with its fine display of window boxes, hanging baskets and planting caught the eye; the shaped hedging, topiary, in the private house in this area was admired also. The Post Office in its delightful salmon pink colouring was a delight. The fine traditional shop front of Murphy's Victualler's was noticed. The Centra and Service Station was bright and inviting.

### **Landscaping:**

The delightful Grotto both in conception and execution was a triumph; the floral displays here looked very well. We admired the picnic area complete with disabled access and especially the very fine details of birds. The very many raised stone faced rose beds coupled with the trees on most approach roads were admired. We liked also the bedding plants intermingled with shrubs. The Main Street was pleasantly dotted with window boxes, planter and of course the trees which are maturing well. The low level bushes in front at the Irish Tree Centre with the extensive rows of trees behind were a delightful vista. The new railing at the GAA Ground and the prudent fencing preventing dumping in the corner was noted with approval. The trees on the Limerick Road are a delight and we welcomed the pleasant display of churns here. The Children's Playground was colourful, neat and orderly.

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

The panels providing details of all local birds were admired. The extensive school grounds offer an opportunity for the development of a wildlife area; likewise the residence of Oak Lawn might appreciate an area being set aside in their amenity area for the development of a bird sanctuary. A section of Hill Crest might also suitable for service as a wildlife habitat.

### **Litter Control:**

The continuation of your frequent litter clean-up is having a progressive beneficial effect on the presentation of Kildorrery. It has been found that as efforts continue to be made in this regard the incidents of littering likewise decline. Securing the involvement of children helps to ensure an intergenerational approach to this perennial problem.

### **Waste Minimisation:**

With the major street disruption and development mostly behind you, it is obvious from the photographs you provided that this was a very disruptive period. The benefits of it will be enjoyed for many years. No weeds were noted outside the pavement but do sweep at the edges to remove spoil and some loose shale for best effect.

### **Tidiness:**

Having the major street disruption and development mostly behind you must be a huge relief. It is obvious from the photographs you provided that this was a very disruptive period but the benefits of it will be enjoyed for many years. On the side roads no weeds were noted outside the pavement but do sweep at the edges to remove spoil and some loose shale for best effect.

### **Residential Areas:**

The delightful Oak Lawn estate featured a very fine stone name plate and we noted the pleasant planting which has had to be surrounded by anti-rabbit wire. Gort Na Sí was very well developed. Barna Bera featured a delightfully lengthy entrance avenue; some weeds were noted outside the curbs here. A significant number of large machines are parked here; is work still in progress? The area at the end of this estate with grass already under pressure from thriving weeds deserves attention; inevitable the grass will be less successful unless a policy of frequent cutting is implemented soon. Not all the houses are as yet occupied. The splendid private house opposite the entrance to Hill Chest Estate was admired; the rose display here being a pure joy.

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

The street surface is greatly improved over the last year and hopefully will last for a generation. We admired the village name plate on significant approach roads with 'Welcome' and 'Slán' carved into the back. Please undertake a survey of your entire street signs, both directional and speed limit/traffic calming. Check for those simply needing washing, those needing repairs and also due to encroaching hedge or branches, their visibility. Do not overlook their supporting polls.

### **General Impression:**

The completion of the major refurbishment of the through road, long awaited, has at last all but being achieved. Inevitably there will be a down turn of a temporary nature but the overall work was very well done and well worth doing. The path is now clear for your hard working committee with the backing of the community to devise a three to five year programme aimed at substantially enhancing your position in the competition. You have made an excellent submission and entry this year. Congratulations to the committee, volunteers, school children and all who have assisted in this fine presentation.