

Tidy Towns Competition 2014

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Boherbue** Ref: **95**
County: **Cork(North)** Mark: **258**
Category: **A** Date(s): **08/07/2014**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2014
Community Involvement & Planning	60	34
Built Environment and Streetscape	50	35
Landscaping and Open Spaces	50	39
Wildlife, Habitats and Natural Amenities	50	21
Sustainable Waste and Resource Management	50	10
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	55
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	50	30
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	50	34
TOTAL MARK	450	258

Community Involvement & Planning / Rannpháirtíocht an Phobail & Pleanáil:

Many thanks for your entry in this year's Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for very detailed and well-planned entry form. Thanks also for an equally detailed and comprehensive 3-Year Plan. The map was very, very good too. There were also some very good quality photos which are really useful on adjudication day. Hint: if you scan the pictures, you can reduce them in size and fit in many more. It's great to read how Tidy Towns has helped create foundations for positive action and other community events in Boherbue. Keep up the good work.

Built Environment and Streetscape / An Timpeallacht Thógtha agus Sráid-dreacha:

You know, its rare to read an entry in this category that starts with awareness-raising. This crucial stage is often overlooked or forgotten. Your work started here and has given you the ability to create real changes in your village: the Ingredient Solutions building, the schools and at private dwellings. Industrial buildings of one sort or another are a significant portion of your built environment and your work rightly focuses on these. Praise is due to the owners and managers of these: the Coop, the Food Services Building, Maxol and Supervalu premises all looking well and cared-for. In fact, the most striking aspect of this adjudicator's visit to Boherbue was the level of care devoted to buildings young and old, from sheds to shopfronts. From community hall to the schools. This doesn't happen by chance, especially not in such a coherent way.

Landscaping and Open Spaces / Tírdhreachú agus Spásanna Oscailte:

The landscaping work at the comprehensive school is excellent. Not all of this was viewable on adjudication day. There were several little areas, small but well thought-out that caught the eye. These included at the bench, near the Post Office and at Paddy McAuliffe Avenue. The work at the junction was much admired. The work in front of the church is effective.

Wildlife, Habitats and Natural Amenities / Fiadhúlra, Gnáthóga agus Taitneamhachtaí Nádúrtha:

While your planning in this category are sound, it is felt that your initiatives to date could be more extensive. Get good advice on the type of bird boxes and where they should be located. Do keep up your involvement with the school. The adjudicator feels that you should be gathering more information on what habitats and species exist in your area. Look again at the Tidy Towns Handbook for ideas of projects.

Sustainable Waste and Resource Management / Bainistiú Acmhainní agus Dramhaíola Inbhuanaithe:

Well done to the schools for undertaking the various initiatives. Again, it is felt that to progress in this category, some more projects - be they ever so simple - should be undertaken. You are invited to look at the information

provided last year by the Tidy Towns Unit on this category for ideas and inspiration. It can be found at www.tidytowns.ie/publications.php. Go as well to the website of the local authority prevention network (LAPN) at <http://toolkit.localprevention.ie/> for community-based tips and information. Some further information on the Warmer Homes project would be helpful please.

Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:

You have detailed very impressive and detailed anti-litter actions and projects. A little litter was seen on day of visit but not in significant amounts. There was some broken glass at the recycling bins. There are a few tidiness issues to be addressed. There is some dirty signage at the rear of the Supervalu car-park. Circus posters should not really be permitted on lampposts. Several cable-ties have been abandoned. The stop sign at the main junction is damaged and facing the wrong way. The old lotto signs look poor.

Residential Streets & Housing Areas / Sráideanna Cónaithe & Ceantair Tithíochta:

The level of care devoted to walls, windows and doors was remarkable. Well done to all your residents. Paddy McAuliffe Avenue looks very, very good. The colours here are superb and the greens and landscaped areas are very well kept. The general upkeep standard of private houses and gardens was admired.

Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes / Bóithre Isteach, Sráideanna & Lánaí:

There is a lovely approach from the Mallow Road. Road surfaces are very poor at the main junction. The standard of upkeep of benches, bins and shrub beds was noted. Road markings at the school will need work soon. Footpaths were generally in good condition.