

Tidy Towns Competition 2016

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Boherbue** Ref: **95**
County: **Cork(North)** Mark: **265**
Category: **A** Date(s): **17/06/2016**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2015	Mark Awarded 2016
Community Involvement & Planning	60	35	35
Built Environment and Streetscape	50	36	36
Landscaping and Open Spaces	50	39	40
Wildlife, Habitats and Natural Amenities	50	22	22
Sustainable Waste and Resource Management	50	12	13
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	55	55
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	50	30	30
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	50	34	34
TOTAL MARK	450	263	265

Community Involvement & Planning / Rannpháirtíocht an Phobail & Pleanáil:

Boherbue has a strong record in the Tidy Towns community and this is your twentieth year involved. You are very welcome to this year's competition. We are really impressed at the participation rate of local residents in your activities (35 members in the litter picking team). That is a marvellous achievement for a village of under 200 people. Your colour-coded map has been useful in tracking the various activities and sites. We note your special attention to Boherbue's connection with the historic events of 1916, including your tricolour flower presentation. Well done.

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

You have approached this topic wisely, for example by the use of vacant shop windows to display notices and information.

Murphy's pharmacy is brightly painted and the forecourt of Ingredients Solutions is well maintained. The Maxol filling station was cheerful and busy and the Boherbue co-op looked very well. We really admired the care given to the Garda station. It has attractive planting and the choice of plants and shrubs allows for ease of maintenance. Well done.

We are delighted that you have an agreement with Cork County Council regarding the derelict houses at The Beeches. You say they will be demolished. This will certainly upgrade the site and we look forward to seeing the outcome.

The Educare centre was nice and bright and we admired the fine stone building opposite the co-op.

Landscaping and Open Spaces / Tírdhreachú agus Spásanna Oscailte:

Your public park is well looked after and we also admired the planted banks at the comprehensive school. There is a fine group of trees on the Banteer road and the planted bank in front of the church sets the place off well. Another attractive planted bank was seen on the Kiskeam road.

The rhododendrons were in flower. You will be aware of the management requirements of this species.

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

We commend your initiatives in the survey and photography projects. These will raise local awareness. The wildlife sign needs refreshing. It is great to see your use of a shop window to display information on this topic. Your constructed wetlands site is another interesting project. We sat awhile at the rookery, listening to the raucous calls of the crows.

We believe your projects will boost your progress in this category over the next few years.

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

We found your recycling centre was well kept and it was in use when we stopped there. We saw the recycling facility for beverage cans at the school. Your school project on the origins of waste and how it is dealt with deserves great praise. This will encourage more of the younger generation to take part in your projects that support the wider community. The emphasis now is on the avoidance of waste in the first instance. Further advice and guidance on this topic can be sought from Cork County Council. Well done.

Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:

Your village's connection with the 1916 uprising has been highlighted this year and the commemorative plaque at the post office is very attractive. There was some litter outside, and across from, the school. The cemetery wall is well kept, with good parking bays. We found the entrance to the GAA grounds brightly painted. The old filling station needs some attention.

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

Mc Auliffe Terrace has the benefit of fine green space. There we saw freshly cut grass but there were also some weeds on the verge, and on the main road out of it. O'Connell Terrace has some fine gardens. We greatly admired the thatched house. Its roof glistened in the sunshine. Boherbue Park is a wonderful facility for the residents, especially the all-weather pitch and we found it well cared for.

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

We saw that the approach roads were well kept. The Kanturk road is very neat and generally litter-free. The Banteer road speed limit sign deserves to be cleaned, and the village name signs are obscured by overgrowth. The road surface at Vaughan Terrace needs attention. We admired the lovely wild roses that adorn the hedges on the Kanturk road.

Concluding Remarks:

All in all, we were very pleased by all we saw in Boherbue and we look forward to making a return visit there.