

Tidy Towns Competition 2010

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Boherbue** Ref: **95**
County: **Cork(North)** Mark: **243**
Category: **A** Date(s): **04/06/2010**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2009	Mark Awarded 2010
Overall Development Approach	50	27	27
The Built Environment	50	31	31
Landscaping	50	37	39
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	21	21
Litter Control	50	33	33
Waste Minimisation	20	7	7
Tidiness	30	18	18
Residential Areas	40	28	28
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	31	32
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	400	240	243

Overall Development Approach:

Boherbue Community Development Association is welcome to the 2010 competition. You have a very large Committee for a town of this size! You would appear to have a good working relationship with IRD Duhallow, Cork County Council and the local community. It is important at this stage of the competition that you formulate a work programme. This document need only be a few pages long, outlining your plans for the town's future. You can use the comments made in this and previous TidyTowns Reports as a starting point. It would have been very beneficial to have supplied a map in order to identify clearly your areas of interest in the past year, and indeed work done in previous years.

The Built Environment:

The buildings of the town were somewhat inconsistent in appearance on the day - some being quite fresh and well cared for and some quite neglected, along the main street. The secondary school and its grounds were well presented, as was the charming church. The IRD Duhallow building was admired for its mural. The freshly painted adjacent building looked very well. Some of the terraced buildings along the main street, however, looked a little neglected. The old garage on the Mallow Road would benefit from restoration to its former glory, as it is a most attractive building of its type. The Co-Op is a fresh and modern building. Kelleher's is an attractive traditional shopfront, as is O'Halloran's Tyres. Do encourage the replacement of plastic signage with ones of a more traditional timber variety. The Garda Station could be repainted before next year's competition.

Landscaping:

The landscaped area with the relocated village pump at the triangle junction of Main Street looked very well, as did the landscaped areas to the car parking bays outside the cemetery. The concrete tubs in this location,

however, were in need of some weeding. The landscaped areas along approach roads were generally well maintained and the church and school grounds contribute strongly to this aspect of the competition. The landscaped area on the main street approaching the Ballydesmond Road looked well, although the red wall behind should be repainted before next year's competition. Landscaping further along this road was also admired

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

It was disappointing to note that you felt you had not developed this aspect of the competition this year. Have you looked at ideas such as conducting wildlife surveys in conjunction with the local schools or erecting bird boxes, or sowing of wildflower meadows - all these ideas could garner extra points in this category of the competition.

Litter Control:

The standard in this category of the competition was, unfortunately, somewhat inconsistent on the day. Litter was apparent throughout the town and on the approach roads.

Waste Minimisation:

Have you looked at the suggestion made in last year's report regarding the participation of the schools in the Green Flag programme - this could prove invaluable in helping you with your own work in this regard. The recycling facilities were well maintained on the day.

Tidiness:

The town generally had a reasonably neat appearance on the day. However, do discourage advertising hoardings as they can give roadsides a very cluttered appearance. Weed control was a problem to kerbsides opposite the school.

Residential Areas:

The standard in this category was also somewhat inconsistent, some houses and gardens were well cared for and some appeared quite neglected. The half-finished housing estate at The Beeches looked unfortunate. The houses and gardens on the Mallow Road were greatly admired and in good condition. The thatched cottage on the Kanturk Road was admired, although some other attractive houses looked somewhat neglected. The mature housing estate (of council houses?) was beautifully maintained.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The standard in this category was quite good on the day. The ditches and banks and mature overhanging trees on the Mallow Road were greatly admired. The Duhallow signs on approach roads would benefit from some attention, however, as they appeared quite flaky in places. The Ballydesmond Road was also well maintained. Wild roses were admired on the Kanturk Road, which is an attractive and well maintained approach to the town. Do ensure that road signage is clean - a stop sign was quite grubby near Main Street.

General Impression:

Boherbue is an attractive small Irish town. It looked well on the day, but do ensure that you keep up your efforts to keep it looking at its best.