

Tidy Towns Competition 2011

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Carrigtwohill** Ref: **363**
County: **Cork(South)** Mark: **213**
Category: **C** Date(s): **27/06/2011**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2010	Mark Awarded 2011
Overall Development Approach	50	0	32
The Built Environment	50	0	30
Landscaping	50	0	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	0	19
Litter Control	50	0	24
Waste Minimisation	20	0	6
Tidiness	30	0	14
Residential Areas	40	0	28
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	0	25
General Impression	10	0	7
TOTAL MARK	400	0	213

Overall Development Approach:

Welcome back! You are most welcome to the TidyTowns Competition 2011. Thank you for your detailed but concise submission. Thank you in particular for the useful photos and map. Next time, make the map a little bigger please but the one you supplied was fine for use. You have an active committee with good numbers. Well done on meeting so regularly and having so many ambitions. The adjudicator suggests that you make up a plan - even a simple one- that sets out your key tasks, targets and resources required within a timeframe. It will help. The County Council might be able to help you in this regard. In the meantime, well done on identifying some key concerns and for taking some of these on so soon.

The Built Environment:

Castlelake seems to be an ill-planned initiative. It is quite an attractive building though and the pond is nice. With luck it may be occupied. The Garda Station needs a clean. Street Aloysius's College is lovely - very neat and tidy and has a Green Flag- already a great ally for your group. The coffee shop and butcher's were admired. Scoil Clochair Mhuire looks fantastic: really, really neat, roses, immaculate gates and another Green Flag! The community centre is well decorated and the frontage is clean. The row of shops opposite is really nice, all the way from Mops to Bloomsday, well done to all the owners and managers. The shopping and business centre looks quiet and a little underused. Focus attention here so that it doesn't become neglected. Derelict sites and a couple of houses are an issue here but so too are they in many towns. You have already begun to tackle these. Work with the County Council and owners where possible. The Family Resource Centre is pretty and very much in use on day of visit. It does need a little cleaning, though. The Credit Union looks great, very bright and clean. Watch out for a trip hazard at the side. Forrests is a lovely shopfront. Glenmary Hall was in good order.

Landscaping:

The work in front of Aldi looks very good. Hanging baskets were being erected on day of visit. Well done to all of the businesses and householders. You have done a very, very nice job on the planters. There was also great work at the name stone and at the front of the business park. The schools looked great. The work at the RC church was also admired. The Tullagreine landscaping is a work in progress but it will make a great entrance to the town.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

That's great that you are getting a biodiversity survey done already. Keep us updated. The cycle/footpath project is an excellent idea and Ireland needs more of this kind of thing. In the meantime, see what habitat you can offer within the town. Have you room for a wildlife pond? All sorts of other wildlife projects may be carried out- these may involve planting native species, identifying existant species, erecting bird/bat boxes. ... You are advised to work with the national school on this section of the competition. You could also get advice from the local wildlife ranger, the County Council or from the Irish Wildlife Trust (www.iwt.ie).

Litter Control:

Litter is a problem for your town. However, the adjudicator was impressed by your approach to this. This seems systematic and forward-thinking. Don't forget that you have two Green Schools (one at second-level) who will be invaluable allies in your campaign.

Waste Minimisation:

You are advised to read the Tidy Towns Handbook on how to proceed in this section of the competition. This is not about recycling but on the prevention of waste arising in the first instance. Please do work with the schools on this. In truth, Green Schools are quite expert on this. You could also get advice from the County Council's environmental awareness officer.

Tidiness:

There are quite a few things to address within this category but none too serious. For example, a crash-barrier at the shopping centre is bent out of shape, a pump needs some TLC, weed control is poor on the east of the town, old property signs need to be taken away, gates of derelict houses could be painted and bushes trimmed back. More seriously, footpaths are in poor condition in a number of areas. Address this with the County Council forthwith. As with other categories, tackling the above is easier with a plan. Ask around other Tidy Towns groups for assistance perhaps.

Residential Areas:

Well done on your work on the derelict cottages but more work is needed soon. Maryville was seen to be neat with nice colours. A great effort has been made on main street by the householders here. There is really nice single-storey terrace on east of this street. The adjudicator was very impressed with Patrick H. Pearse Place. There are very nicely painted kerbstones, very neat tree-planting - birch and cypress- and a nicely planted concrete planter. The informal playground here is in very good condition.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The old Cork Road looks really well. The eastern approach road is not so good with messy roadsides and flaking walls. Both of the N25 roundabouts are in good order. Do note that on the more westerly roundabout, the sign for the castle is pointing the wrong way.

General Impression:

The adjudicator was most impressed with both the aspirations of the new committee, along with the evidence already on the ground. Co-operation will be key but you seem to have made a good start. New communication technologies will help. Good luck with all your initiatives.