

Tidy Towns Competition 2011

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Carrigadrohid-Killardrish** Ref: **1808**
County: **Cork(South)** Mark: **240**
Category: **A** Date(s): **29/06/2011**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2010	Mark Awarded 2011
Overall Development Approach	50	27	30
The Built Environment	50	29	30
Landscaping	50	29	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	22	28
Litter Control	50	27	28
Waste Minimisation	20	8	7
Tidiness	30	21	22
Residential Areas	40	30	30
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	28	30
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	400	228	240

Overall Development Approach:

Welcome to the TidyTowns Competition 2011. Thank you for a most complete entry with lots of interesting information on your projects. You link really well with many organisations and seem to have a very mature approach to the competition and your community. Well done. Your co-ordination with conservation organisations is most praiseworthy.

The Built Environment:

The Carrig Inn is in really strong colours. And was spotless on day of visit with nice hanging baskets. The work on the derelict cottages opposite is excellent. Make sure to keep the info board here clean. The cottages further along are neat and beautifully kept. Would Dunne's consider a mural (a river theme?) at a really perfect spot on their side wall?

Landscaping:

You have not made any entry in this section of the entry form. There is little formal landscaping in the village and this is fitting. Maintain the roadsides as you have outlined. The stone walls and mature trees provide better landscaping than any we could provide. The hanging baskets, planted tubs and work at the grotto were admired.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The adjudicator was a little dismayed to read of plans to floodlight the castle. As an imperative - contact Birdwatch Ireland and Bat Conservation Ireland for their thoughts on this. That aside, your co-operation with

conservation groups is excellent. Your acknowledgment of the various habitats in the village is heartening. Your approach to management of roadsides and appreciation of the potential of existing habitats is first-class. Please supply some pictures in future entries. Your low-key management of the riverside areas is laudable.

Litter Control:

Your anti-litter initiatives are well directed and effective. Almost no litter was seen on adjudication day. Well done. Keep up your work with the GAA.

Waste Minimisation:

Well done on all of the initiatives described. However, this category is not about recycling but on the prevention of waste arising in the first instance. You are advised to work with Canovee national school on this section of the competition. You could also get advice from the County Council's environmental awareness officer.

Tidiness:

Dunne's looks a little cluttered with goods at the front. The pump and gate at the grotto are really well painted. There is an empty signpost at the (very nice) Clondrohid - Historic Village name stone. Both GAA grounds were extremely neat - there was a match and underage training in both grounds on day of visit!

Residential Areas:

There are some beautifully presented houses with traditional sash windows and old doors. Mocky's Patch is meticulously kept and the gate lodge next door is a beautiful little house.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

It is this category in which Carrigadrohid comes into its own. There is a very nice name stone. With the exception of a very large hole on the Macroom approach, the surfaces are in good condition. There are some lovely old stone walls which you rightly point out are habitats too. There is very, very neat road edging and hedge trimming. The name stone on the Macroom side is half-concealed. All the other signs appear to be clear and visible. The entrance to the GAA grounds is spotless. The grotto is striking and splendidly neat. The wall in front of the apple tower is in very good condition. Is this new or redone? . The wire mesh fencing opposite this should be replaced soon. There is a lovely sweep down to the bridge from here. The footpath on the bridge side here is in poor condition and in urgent need of repair but keep the old stone gully.

General Impression:

This was a real pleasure to adjudicate. There is a tranquil and peaceful atmosphere to the village but there is real activity apparent from your entry and the work on the ground. Well done.