

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **COURTMACSHERRY**
County : **CORK**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 10-06-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	33
The Built Environment	40	23	22
Landscaping	40	22	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	18
Litter Control	40	29	27
Tidiness	20	10	10
Residential Areas	30	20	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	22
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	186	180

Courtmacsherry, Co Cork

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

A forward-looking and hard-working Development Association. The relationship with the Local Authority and other organisations is obviously healthy. On your map, please always mark all locations where new developments - improved or new buildings, new signposting, tree-planting etc. - have taken place in the year since the last adjudication.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The two Churches, the Hotel and the Life Boat house are the most significant buildings, and are all very well kept, as in former years. The Community Centre was looking very smart. Some charming shop-fronts were seen: those with marbled lettering should be assiduously preserved! The Life Boat Inn has a most tastefully designed and executed frontage (PVC glazing-bars are not recommended in the windows of older houses, otherwise this fine building would have been entered for a national award).

LANDSCAPING

New planting was very favourably noted. Unfortunately, on adjudication day there was much weed growth on the gravel walks in the Anchor area. The sea walls and railings near the Community Centre are in need of repair. The majority of garden and grass frontages between the road and the sea were well presented, with only a few not up to high standard. An excellent herbaceous bed running along the sea-wall opposite a terrace of old houses is just the kind of project which really makes an area attractive - charming and colourful and not too formal: village-like in the best possible way.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The fruition of your plan for the improvement of the beach is looked forward to. The name of the hotel painted on the stonework of the foreshore wall, amounts to unacceptable graffiti. There are ample opportunities for the encouragement of interest in local wildlife in a seaside village, and for the encouragement of the wildlife itself. Advice may be obtained from the agencies listed in the printed material sent with the Tidy Towns booklet. The Wildlife signboard mentioned in the questionnaire could not be found, and local people had not seen it. A lookout area might be created near the coastguard houses, if this is not a private road, because the view of the bay from the village is magnificent.

LITTER CONTROL

There was very little litter in Courtmacsherry - congratulations on your efforts in co-operation with the Local Authority.

TIDINESS

There is a most unusual absence of plastic and mass produced

projecting signs - the Development Association should try to keep it this way. Weed growth has been referred to under Landscaping (above), and was also prevalent in the road of private dwellings next to the Old Head Guest House: this is the kind of thing which individual householders could justifiably be expected to look after in the interests of community pride.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The older terraces, with their marvellous colour schemes, cannot be too highly praised. New terraces in the course of construction appear to respect the traditional pattern and scale, and when completed should add very positively to the housing stock in terms of visual amenity, and should also inspire a rise in marks under this heading next year. There are several private houses with pleasing old-world gardens. Pottery plaques on some houses are unusual and distinctive. The area of mobile homes, which looks unattractive from a distance, somehow merges with the landscape when seen close to hand.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Surfaces and paving are good. Verges on approach roads are reasonably well kept. Entries beside terraces and lanes leading uphill from the sea front, are well kept.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

A very picturesque marine village where a great deal of hard work is resulting in well deserved progress.