

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **RINGASKIDDY**
County : **CORK**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 09-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	20	19
The Built Environment	40	21	19
Landscaping	40	17	17
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	11
Litter Control	40	22	22
Tidiness	20	9	9
Residential Areas	30	12	12
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	17	17
General Impression	10	5	5
TOTAL MARK	300	136	131

Ringaskiddy & District, Co. Cork

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The plan prepared for Ringaskiddy Village "A Strategy for Landscape Improvement" is a good step for the future of your Association's Tidy Towns activities. As is acknowledged by your Association this is an extremely busy area, with a busy Ferry Port and a very considerable amount of industrial development in the surrounding area. Its therefore very important that the community should work to a definite plan for the future development of the area.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The buildings throughout the village are generally well presented. It is noted that the Community Centre premises have been refurbished and this in itself gives a lift to this area of the village. The church is unique and excellently maintained. Business premises including licenced premises, Post Office etc. were well presented. The Ferry Port premises were well maintained and these are prominent buildings in the village area.

LANDSCAPING

The tree planting which has been carried out in the large green area in the centre of the village is now maturing and looks very well. The green area here is also quite well maintained. The landscaping in the area of the approach to the Ferry Port is excellently maintained; the flower beds are colourful and well maintained. Some of the flower tubs in the village centre could be replanted to provide some colour. Also the plan in your programme for the future which includes additional tree planting in order to create a better visual balance for the village is a very good idea. Sculptures in the Novartis and Ferry Port are interesting, though the latter has been defaced with graffiti.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The area is fortunate in having numerous wildlife habitat in the surrounding area. It is encouraging that work is now underway in conjunction with other appropriate bodies to advance the Lough Beg Reserve project. It is also advantageous that the area concerned has been included in the proposed National Heritage Area. Also from another aspect of wildlife, the woodland at Currabinny is a further very valuable asset to the local community and indeed to visitors. For the future therefore, the community should ensure that there important sites are protected and developed in a careful manner.

LITTER CONTROL

Despite the fact that a litter container was in place there was

some litter in the very neatly landscaped green area within the Ferry Port area. In the centre of the village in the area of business premises etc. there was scarcely no litter and this effort should be maintained for the future.

TIDINESS

It would seem that not much progress has been made in relation to the control of weed growth along kerbs etc. There was a considerable amount of weed growth in the area of the seats which are positioned across from the Post Office. This area would need to be tidied up generally. The access to St. Carthages Place would also need to be tidied up.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Households in the vicinity of the village are generally well maintained. The name place sign for St. Carthages Place has not been cleaned and this should be attended to.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The Carrigaline approach road was quite well maintained. The road leading out from the village towards the entrance to the Naval Base was very neglected. There was very high grass and weed growth along kerbs etc. and this area generally would need to be attended to. The entrances to industrial premises in the area were very well maintained. An important traffic indication sign sited across from the entrance to the Ferry Port was badly defaced and should be cleared or replaced.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

A more co-ordinated approach to street/kerb clearing etc. would bring about considerable visual improvement in the village overall. The village and surrounding area have many interesting features including wildlife attractions etc. and by following the plan which has been drawn up, good progress can be made for the future.