

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **INISTIOGE**
County : **KILKENNY**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 26-06-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	35
The Built Environment	40	32	31
Landscaping	40	36	35
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	19
Litter Control	40	33	33
Tidiness	20	16	16
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	31	31
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	233	228

Inistioge, County Kilkenny

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

There is obviously a very high community commitment to the Tidy Towns effort in Inistioge and all concerned are to be congratulated on this. It is also gratifying to see that you have the continued support of FAS, the Local Authority and your Regional Tourism Authority, all of which combined will be the key to further success. Thank you for all the information sent with your entry and the map which was invaluable on adjudication day. All the sites marked on the map were visited. Your plan was also read with interest. It is very realistic and will undoubtedly, if implemented, lead to further success in the competition. The following comments are by way of a progress report and should be read in context with previous reports.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The excellent work being done on the building behind The Pump in High Street is to be commended. Your work on Preservation Hall was also noted. Both churches and your school also looked excellent on adjudication day. The farm machinery display on the Thomastown Road is indeed very interesting but is it overdone? Perhaps some, if not all of these items, would look better in an agriculture museum environment in the village and would also be preserved from the weather. Many business premises looked extremely well. However some of the garage/workshop sites could do with a coat of paint. The stonework carried out at the Castle was also noted and looked extremely well.

LANDSCAPING

As usual your open spaces were excellent but need constant monitoring in wet weather when it needs to be cut more regularly to give it that crisp look. Your flower beds and shrubbery grass were in full bloom and looked magnificent. Sites of new landscaping were visited. Keep up the good work in this respect.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Your comments were noted. This will be a continuous project. Be guided by a wildlife expert in formulating future plans.

LITTER CONTROL

There was no litter to be seen in Inistioge on adjudication day. Congratulations to all concerned.

TIDINESS

Although small in quantity there was still some weeding to be seen in gutters which took away from what was otherwise a village presented in a very neat and tidy manner.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Most private houses were again very well presented. In many cases also their very attractive gardens were in full bloom and created a wonderful ambience for the whole village. There appears to have been some improvement in the council estate on Mill Road. Congratulations to those concerned. It is hoped that this good work by some will be followed by most others for 1999.

ROADS, STREET AND BACK AREAS

Road surfaces are quite good and pavements, where provided, are excellent. Please do remember that the adjudication takes place not only in the main areas but also in the back streets and back areas. Most back areas were reasonably well presented. The areas of Hatchery Lane and the lane to St. Columcilles Well in particular were very well presented. However there are one or two premises which still need attention. There appears to be one or two derelict sites in Inistioge and these should be put top of your priority list for 1999. Perhaps you could consult with your Local Authority on this as they do have some powers in these matters. The presentation of approach roads was very good in general. The approach from Thomastown in particular looked very well.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Inistioge is a most lovely place. As stated in last years report, further progress and success in the competition will come as result of attention to detail and working closely with your different agencies and, of course, the continued and all important community involvement. Congratulations on a beautifully well presented village and the adjudicator looks forward to returning again next year to view further progress.

SECOND ADJUDICATION (15/08/98)

Just a few papers were evident on the second adjudication. Clearly your litter control methods are effective. In general weeds were not a problem but here and there there were outbreaks, particularly in back areas and somewhat regrettably at the entrance to Woodstock Park. It was pleasing to see some painting in progress as despite the predominant air of prosperity some buildings appeared shabby. Also, the few untidy yards tended to have a detrimental effect on the overall image. Consistency throughout is required together with attention to detail. The location of the two churches side by side must be almost unique. The main amenity areas including the riverside and the village green were admired as usual. Your future plans make interesting reading. We particularly look forward to returning to seeing the stone paving along the stream, new

cobbled paths and further stone walls.