

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **INCH-CORK**  
County : **CORK**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 06-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	25
The Built Environment	40	24	24
Landscaping	40	26	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	36	34
Tidiness	20	12	13
Residential Areas	30	22	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	27
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>191</b>

## **Inch, Co. Cork**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for your application form and map, which were very helpful on the day of adjudication. The Committee should draft a brief 3/5 year Action Plan for the village. This would be a useful checklist for the Committee to work to and would give the adjudicator an insight into your future plans. Keep up co-operation with FÁS and Cork County Council. An even-handed approach across all categories in the Tidy Towns Competition is desirable to gain success and also keep the adjudicator well informed on your works completed and planned via the Action Plan (proposed) and the Tidy Towns Application Form.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The comments relating to the plaster band at the base of the school (below the pebble dash) would apply again this year. The Church and Community Centre, which are at the heart of the village, continue to keep up their high standard of maintenance. The Community Centre is well identified with the finger post off the main road. The public house would need to freshen its paintwork and would also be improved by the removal of its plastic sign.

### **LANDSCAPING**

This is a strong category for Inch, the Church and its grounds continue to look very well. The graveyard displays a high degree of care with every grave receiving great care, attention and floral tribute. The school grounds look well with the staked trees maturing nicely. The black cast-iron window-basket holders are a nice feature and give an extra dimension to this area. The cut stone wall and bedding areas are very attractive. The grotto would need ongoing attention to prevent weed growth gaining a foothold which would detract from this beautiful feature. There is a nice new raised bed area to the right at the entrance to the public house, this combined with the staked trees and seating benches gives this area a nice lift. Keep an eye to grass growth around the staked trees.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

This section of the competition would need attention as outlined in the 1998 and 1999 reports. This could be a project the senior classes of the primary school may like to take on. There are 5 easy to follow steps on sheet 6 'Wildlife and Natural Amenities' of the Tidy Towns Handbook. The 5 steps include, Habitat Survey, Developing a Management Plan, Access and Community Involvement,

Interpretation and Carrying out the Work. The river Tourig is a very nice amenity, which could be exploited further.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Congratulations again this year, the village was a litter free zone. Please supply the adjudicator with any relevant information pertaining to anti-litter awareness campaigns in the Community and Schools with your future submissions. The litter bin near the Church is very effective. The building materials and shrub/tree cuttings should be removed from left side of the pub entrance as they take from the good efforts of the right side (mentioned under landscaping).

### **TIDINESS**

There was some weed growth at the base of the wall on the left side on the school approach. Some weed growth on the main bridge over river Tourig. The blue barrel in the ditch opposite the Church looks out of context. The building materials and shrub/tree cuttings should be removed from left side of pub entrance as they take from the good efforts on the right side.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The private houses continue to play their role with nicely maintained properties, lawns, shrubs and hedging. One house, opposite the pub, had nice children's equipment.

### **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

The village signs on the Mount Unlike and Tallow approached look fresh, are traditional and bilingual. The Tallow and Youghal approaches need a trim. The Youghal approach does not have a village sign or 30 mile speed limit sign, which would be required. Some traffic/directional signs in the village need attention, namely the 'Yield Right of Way Sign' and the metal black and white finger posts and pole for Youghal, Mount Uniake and Killeagh located near the Grotto. Temporary festival signs should be removed as soon as the festival is over. The gate pillar opposite the Church is still missing and this gate is in need of painting. The village has beautifully cleaned walls, which are very traditional and are a great feature of the village.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Inch is a quite rural village with a nice air of calm. It is beautifully located on the river Tourig and is a lovely focal point for the Community in its hinterland.