

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **INNISHANNON**
County : **CORK**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 11-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	32
The Built Environment	40	26	25
Landscaping	40	28	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	14
Litter Control	40	34	32
Tidiness	20	11	12
Residential Areas	30	23	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	26
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	207	197

Innishannon, Co. Cork

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The adjudicator would like to thank you for the detailed documentation submitted with your Entry Form. This was most useful on adjudication day. Further progress in the competition will be dependent on everyone working towards the same ends. With this in mind you should prepare a "3 /5 Year rolling Tidy Towns Work Programme". This programme should have the support of the community, local groups other agencies and the County Council. It would therefore guide your Tidy Towns actions for the next three to five years. The Work Programme will detail the Tidy Towns objectives to be achieved by your committee in the years ahead. The preparation of such a Plan that is updated annually is now an important aspect of the Tidy Towns Competition. The new Tidy towns Handbook has been issued by the Department of the Environment and Local Government to all Tidy towns Committees. This is a highly useful document which will be a great help both to established Tidy Towns Committees and to all new entrants. It is divided into a series of seven Action Sheets that together cover all aspects of the Competition. It might be most useful for a committee to run a series of seminar evenings based on the contents of this Tidy Towns Handbook.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The repaired wall at the Car Park was noted, and the re-development of Corr Castle is an exciting project. At the FAS premises the paint work needs to be touched up. At the John Buckley premises the wall at the entrance area needs to be painted, and the concrete block section of the road boundary wall also needs to be painted. The Church of Ireland church and grounds looked very well as did the Shell Garage with the flower displays. At the GAA premises the gates should be painted, and it was noted how well the grounds were looking. The National School and Catholic Church looked really well. The J. Bernard building needs urgent attention as does the Innishannon Marine property. The Irish Fine Art premises is a rare gem, and looked exceptionally well – a simple approach here has worked really well. The Garda Station also looked well.

LANDSCAPING

The Millennium Grove project is a really excellent one that was really a very large project to undertake. It has made a major improvement to the Cork approach to Innishannon. The wildflowers and tree planting here make this a potentially area for wildlife. Your project at the bridge on the Bandon approach is coming on well, and will have a major impact in the years ahead. Watch out for weed growth here. The landscaping over the bridge in the area of the Innishannon sign has matured

well and is generally of a low maintenance nature. The table and picnic area is another excellent project. At the various Speed Limit signs the flower displays are eye catching and most colourful. The main street looked really well with the many mature trees and high level of landscaping. The red water pump and landscaping at the Kinsale junction also looked very well. Finally, the Grotto was extremely well presented.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The heavily wooded and planted nature of Innishannon and immediate surrounding area make this an excellent area for wildlife. It is suggested that you try and provide some wildlife information boards for display in safe locations. However first of all, you will probably have to carry out a brief survey of what wildlife are presently in your area.

LITTER CONTROL

Your Committee appears to have an extremely strong focus on the whole issue of litter, and you have collected an enormous amount locally. Well done in that task. Very little litter was seen anywhere on adjudication, none on the approach roads and only the occasional piece in the village centre. Congratulations on winning the County Council Competition in 1999.

TIDINESS

The only major areas of untidiness were the area of the old tower and graveyard, and one of the estates. Have you considered providing a plaque in the Car Park to give a little history of this monument. Long grass in the graveyard should be cut. Two abandoned cars were noted in the Car Park and these should be removed by the owners. An untidy area with builder's materials was noted in the Spires housing estate.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Rose Lawn, The Spires, Mulberry and Hillside estates all looked well, and many fine landscaped gardens were noted. The entrance area to The Spires was especially impressive.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

All approach roads looked well with the exception of Bothar Na Sup where little work on the banks appeared to have been carried out recently. The attractively presented village signs set in stone look very well, and are a good welcoming feature to the village.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Innishannon is a most attractive village and your Committee has done and is doing excellent work. Your strong focus on the litter issue is highly commendable.