

*"Caring for our environment"*

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

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 20-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	22	22
The Built Environment	40	24	22
Landscaping	40	18	18
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	14
Litter Control	40	25	24
Tidiness	20	12	11
Residential Areas	30	13	12
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	17	18
General Impression	10	5	5
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>146</b>

## **Ringaskiddy, County Cork**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

At this juncture, it may be advisable for the communities in Ringaskiddy, Shanbally and Raffeen to draw up a plan for a period of say, three years. An order of priorities could be outlined and then work towards achieving the objectives set out. The three centres, which are a considerable distance apart, are located in an area where large scale industrial development has and is taking place. The submission of photographs showing some of this development over a period going back to 1963 is acknowledged; this development has been very substantial. It may also be beneficial if there was agreed co-ordination between Ringaskiddy (under whose name the centres are entered) and Shanbally and Raffeen. In drawing up such a co-ordinated plan, it would be necessary to have representatives from each of the three centres involved.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The renovation of the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Shanbally is noted and it is a very prominent building in the vicinity. The community obviously takes great pride in this church. Similarly, the Oratory at Ringaskiddy continues to be excellently maintained and is itself a landmark in this area. Business premises in the vicinity are well maintained. In Ringaskiddy, the Community Centre premises were well presented. It is noted that the various industrial buildings in the vicinity and the entrances to them, are tidy and well maintained.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The green amenity area where landscaping has been carried out in the past is being well maintained. Also the large green area in the immediate vicinity of the Car Ferry is excellently maintained. Landscaping carried out in that area is of a very good standard. In planning for the future, consideration may be given to additional landscaping in the other areas.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

As has been acknowledged in previous reports, all the communities in this vicinity have an excellent asset for wildlife in Currabinny Wood. The woodland and Bird Sanctuary at Currabinny are of immense value from a wildlife viewpoint. Excellent habitats are available here for a wide variety of wildlife and local residents have a wonderful amenity on their own doorstep. The woods also

attract many visitors to the area who have an interest in wildlife.

## **LITTER CONTROL**

The litter situation in Ringaskiddy was quite good and also in Shanbally. However the Raffeen area and the road leading to it from Shanbally had some litter and this would need to be watched for the future. In the vicinity of the Deep Water Terminal area, there was also some litter.

## **TIDINESS**

Many areas throughout these centres were quite tidy. There are some areas, however, which would need to be attended to. For example, that open area at the end of St. Carthage's Place. This is an open area which has been allowed to get very much overgrown and is in need of tidying up. The large green area in Ringaskiddy was very tidy as was the green area near the Car Ferry area. The area in the vicinity of the entrance to the Deep Water Terminal was somewhat untidy and could be improved.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Like many other towns and villages, there is now increased residential development taking place. In Ringaskiddy, such a new residential development is taking place at Martello Park. Other established residential areas in these communities are well maintained.

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

The main approach roads were generally good, particularly the Carrigaline road. The main road from Cork to Shanbally was very well maintained but the stretch of road from Shanbally to Ringaskiddy did not look well due to the very untidy verges on either side. Also the place name sign for Shanbally on the Cork approach road was in need of repainting. On the approach road from Raffeen to Shanbally, the speed limit signs before the latter were damaged and also in need of repainting. The verges of the road to Raffeen were quite untidy. The roadway from Ringaskiddy to Haulbowline was tidy and well maintained. The Martello Tower in Ringaskiddy is a place of interest but there is excess overgrowth of briars etc. at the entrance steps; also there is no indication of any signpost for the Tower. The Slí na Slainte signs which have been erected in Ringaskiddy are noted and this is a good development. The damaged sign for St. Carthage's Place has still not been attended to.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Considering the level of industrial development taking place

in this vicinity, it is very important for the local communities to be active participants in the Tidy Towns Competition. The Competition is a wide ranging one and the environmental aspects of the Competition are of particular relevance to these areas. There is a good basis for the communities to make progress in the Competition and a planned approach would help considerably towards further progress.