

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **TIMOLEAGUE**
County : **CORK**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 09-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	35
The Built Environment	40	29	28
Landscaping	40	27	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	28	26
Litter Control	40	26	26
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	23	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	21
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	210	204

Timoleague, Co. Cork

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The adjudicator would like to thank you for the excellent street map, aerial photograph and detailed documentation that is so important on adjudication day. It is surprising that you have a Committee of just 12 people. However it is good to see that local support for your good efforts has improved in terms of funding and “hands on” support.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

It is good to see that you have made some progress with derelict property and that some has been rebuilt. Hopefully you will have the same success with the other problem areas. The Sculpture provides an excellent focus point for the village and is so appropriate. New housing development was noted in Abbey Street, and hopefully these new buildings will be painted with strong colours in keeping with the rest of the village. The village Map at The Strand is most useful and a great help to visitors. A key feature of Timoleague is the use of strong colours and this is most successful. This is especially effective as many of the original buildings of the village survive and are in good external condition. The Mill House and The Abbey Bar are two properties that pleased. However are the two projecting signs on The Abbey Bar premises really necessary, as they take from an otherwise impressive shop-front. The Post Office is another building that is simply but excellently presented. The Community Centre was well presented. At the Tennis Courts it may be worth while painting the low wall both inside and outside as it is rather drab. Both Churches looked well on adjudication day.

The Abbey is one of the finest attractions of its kind in West Cork, and it is being very well maintained.

LANDSCAPING

Your new stone wall development is noted, as is the upgrading of the Statue of St. Patrick. Timoleague makes use of many hanging baskets, window boxes and flower tubs. These are very colourful and create significant splashes of colour where they are used. However do make sure that such visual effects are not over used. The village has much character of its own and it must not be obscured in any way.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The completion of the Timoleague – Courtnacsherry walk is a major project. The walk is most interesting and attractive, and the stone and tiled information points add much interest along

the walk. However there is a large pile of gravel and a generally untidy area about half way along. This needs urgent attention as it detracts from this significant amenity walk. The second half of the walk on towards Courtmacsherry is in danger of becoming a little overgrown and the total walk will require on going maintenance. The narrow grass "island" between the walk and the main road is in need of cutting.

LITTER CONTROL

Overall litter control was very good on adjudication day and Mill Street – Main Street was especially good. However litter was noted in Abbey Street and near the Tennis Courts. Your litter patrol is an excellent concept which you should continue.

TIDINESS

The project to remove all posters was a successful one. On Chapel Hill a large untidy open space was noted on the left-hand side. If this is not to be used for infill in the near future then it should be screened from view. The gap in the lovely old stone wall opposite the Graveyard should be rebuilt in matching stone and style. At the entrance to the amenity walk the wood used to support the information panel needs to be replaced. Be sure to use a weather resistant timber – mahogany or oak would be a good choice.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The three cottages in Abbey are also very well presented and have matured nicely. Some small touching up of paint-work is however necessary. Some new buildings are still to be painted.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

On the Clonakilty approach road the banks were uncut and untidy. Wood Road was excellently presented, as was the Bandon approach but some incidental weed growth at the base of walls was noted. The Strand looked really well but some weeds were noted around some of the seating areas.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Timoleague is a most attractive village of character, where the Tidy Towns Committee working with the community, Local Authority and other agencies has achieved a lot. Continue the good work into 2001 in a planned and focused way. Good luck
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