

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **WATERVILLE**  
County : **KERRY**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 06-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	32
The Built Environment	40	29	27
Landscaping	40	28	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	14
Litter Control	40	26	25
Tidiness	20	10	9
Residential Areas	30	23	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	21
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>183</b>

## **Waterville, County Kerry**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

The Tidy Towns Committee of IRD Waterville Ltd. is obviously working in close co-operation with the relevant bodies to achieve progress in the Tidy Towns Competition. In working towards the satisfactory completion of the outline three year plan, which you have submitted, the community can see the benefits of progress made to date. The close co-operation, which obviously exists between your Committee and Kerry County Council is an important factor in bringing about significant improvement. Also it is noted that the involvement of the National School is a most important key to progress, particularly looking to the future.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The standard of buildings throughout the village has been significantly improved in recent years. Many buildings in the village are now bright and pleasant, many of them having been freshly painted. Scoil Naisiunta Naomh Fionan – St. Finian's National School was well maintained. The Waterville Community Centre premises was also nicely presented. Both the Catholic Church and Church of Ireland are fine buildings and are well maintained. The standard of business premises throughout the village was of quite a good standard.

### **LANDSCAPING**

This is an area of the Competition where considerable progress can be made. A good start has been made and the landscaping work, which has been carried out in the area of St. Finian's Terrace looks very well. The landscaping work which has been carried out in the vicinity of IRD Waterville premises is of a very good standard and enhances this area of the village considerably. Other landscaping work which has been carried out in the large green area towards the village centre is also of a very good standard and the level of maintenance is equally good. The "Boat Garden" is a novel idea and looks very colourful and pleasant. Also the landscaping on the Derrynane approach to the village is well maintained. The landscaping work, which has been carried out to date at the Beenbane Community project looks well.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The area is fortunate in that it has extensive habitat for some species of wildlife i.e. sea birds etc. The Committee's plan to have a designated area for wild flowers etc. is a very good idea and should be pursued. Also the inclusion of the

Nesting Box programme is a positive approach to encourage other species of wildlife.

## **LITTER CONTROL**

At the time of adjudication, the litter situation through the village was quite good. In the centre of the village, near business premises etc. there was very little litter. There was some litter in the vicinity of the Community Centre premises and this should be monitored. In all centres, there has to be a constant look out for litter and the correct positioning of litter bins is always advantageous. In linking the National School in Waterville to the Kerry County Council Litter Warden Scheme, the Tidy Towns Sub-Committee is showing excellent foresight as this will instil an awareness of litter amongst the younger members of the community and this will hopefully, hold the community in good stead for the future.

## **TIDINESS**

There was a good level of tidiness throughout the village generally. The area of the Bottle Bank was quite tidy. The area in the vicinity of the Garda Station and the nearby Irish Coastguard premises was untidy with a considerable amount of grass and weed growth in this vicinity. The Cable Station was generally tidy. The large green areas and the Promenade area both have a very high level of tidiness and indeed are excellently maintained.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The standard of residential areas throughout the village are of a very good standard. The houses and gardens at St. Finian's Terrace were very nicely maintained, many gardens here were colourful and overall presented a very pleasant image. The large green area here was also well maintained. Also houses in the Cable Station area were nicely maintained. Houses and gardens on the approach roads to the village were also colourful and well presented.

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

The place name sign and the multi-lingual welcoming sign on both the Cahirciveen and Derrynane approach roads looked well and flower planting in the immediate areas added colour. The stone walls along the Derrynane approach looked particularly well. The Lough Currane road was reasonably tidy and the stone wall, which is being built along here will enhance this area considerably. In fact, the use of stone in many walls within the village makes a very good impact. The road to the Golf Club was quite tidy. The access road to the Garda Station was in poor condition and in need of resurfacing. The explanatory plaque, which has

been erected at the entrance to the Cable Station is an excellent idea and has been tastefully executed. The Charlie Chaplin statue is an interesting addition to the streetscape of Waterville and the explanatory plaque nearby has been neatly put in place. The Waterville Millennium Time Capsule is prominently located in the centre of the village. The standard of street/garden furniture in the village green area etc. is very good. It should be noted that in many instances throughout the village, traffic signs, poles etc. are quite rusted and very much in need of attention and this should be brought the attention of the Local Authority.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

This is an important centre, located in one of the most scenic areas in the country. It is encouraging to see a good effort being made for the Competition. Each year, large numbers frequent this area and this increases the effort which has to be made to keep a good standard in the village. The Tidy Towns Sub-Committee of IRD Waterville Ltd. is making a good effort and if this is maintained for the future, significant progress will be made. Good luck with your efforts.