

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **EYERIES**
County : **CORK**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 07-08-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	47	46
The Built Environment	40	35	34
Landscaping	40	34	33
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	23	21
Litter Control	40	36	36
Tidiness	20	16	16
Residential Areas	30	27	26
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	33	33
General Impression	10	9	9
TOTAL MARK	300	260	254

Eyeries, Co. Cork

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The adjudicator was pleased to note the extremely positive response from both the Tidy Towns Committee and local residents in relation to last year's silver medal award. The high level of support you have obtained resulting in the attraction of more residents into the village must be a marvellous reward in itself. Your work in relation to the encouragement of the re-introduction of traditional box sash windows is extremely impressive. The work in relation to under-grounding of wire-scapes continues to be rewarding in terms of the village's appearance.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Most of the buildings of the village looked fresh and well cared for on adjudication day. Of particular note were O'Sullivan's, the Grocery Shop, O'Shea's and O'Neill's Bar in its smart mustard colour. Both the church and the post office were extremely fresh and the health centre was greatly admired for its plaster and stone finish. The adjudicator noted that the mural adjacent to the picnic area in the centre of the village had yet to be completed – this work is looked forward to with great anticipation as it had been becoming quite flaky over the last number of years. The new street lamps were noted and admired. The Presbytery looked marvellous with its stone walling and backdrop of hedge and trees. The colourful murals at the school looked extremely fresh as did the building itself with its marvellously maintained grounds.

LANDSCAPING

Incidental landscaped spaces throughout the village create a simple yet effective presentation. The picnic area by the bridge with its cornflowers was admired as was the stone wall with sweet-williams leading into the village from the High Road. Nasturtiums to the top of the stone wall further in were also admired. The picnic area in the centre of the village was well maintained. An incidental landscaped space at the far side of the village was admired as was the planted bed at the village centre with its colourful display of pansies and lavender. The pump had yet to be freshly painted and perhaps the concrete post and wire fence at Eyeries Park could be replaced with a low stone wall, similar to its attractive entrance area with freshly painted gates.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Your work in relation to this aspect of the competition is extremely commendable. The adjudicator was pleased to note your commissioning of a survey in relation to the flora and fauna of the village and your display boards once in place should be most informative. The bird tables for winter feeding are a marvellous idea, as is the planting of shrubs to attract

varieties of butterflies and bees. The Loop Walk around the village must be a marvellous amenity for local and visitor alike. The stream area was extremely clean and the strand was marvellously peaceful with a magnificent view back to the village. However the odd paper in this location created a more negative impression.

LITTER CONTROL

The standard of litter control on the day was extremely good. However, even one or two papers in a village of Eyeries size are all the more prominent. A single plastic bag and a paper on the far side of the village created a bad impression. The litter on the beach has already been mentioned – papers were also apparent to the reeds and rushes behind. Perhaps you could consider erecting some litter bins in this location.

TIDINESS

The village gives a very neat and ordered appearance. However there were one or two minor problem areas. The shed with the rusty roof at the strand looked most unfortunate. Perhaps the timber post and wire fence to the grass bank on the far side of the village could be replaced with indigenous hedging if suitable for this rocky environment or you could extend your stone walling. Do try to discourage advertising hoardings as they can give approach roads a very cluttered appearance. The odd weed was evident to the kerbsides outside Eyerie's Park.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

On a positive note some red tin sheds had been freshly painted up and looked extremely brightly coloured as did the tin roofs to a number of out buildings. The derelict and abandoned cottages along the main street had been painted up to reflect those adjacent which were occupied. Houses in the village centre and along approach roads were well cared for on the day. Of particular note, was a magnificent pink cottage with beautifully maintained gardens and cheerful flowers on top of its stone boundary wall. The red house with the sea gull motif opposite the church was admired. Much work was evident to the urban fabric in relation to the restructuring of the Main Street – in-fill sites were being re-developed. The red cottage on the far side of the village was admired, as was Shamrock B&B on the Strand Road.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

At the entrance from the High Road from Castletownbere the village nameplate appeared quite grubby on the day. The silver medal display was admired as was the stone walling, grassy banks, montbretia and honeysuckle on this approach. On the far side, of the village the sign for the hostel is quite discreet. The magnificent rocky landscape on this side of the village is quite breathtaking and the honeysuckle in the hedgerows was admired. On the road to the strand the speed limit signs were quite faded and this road was slightly overgrown. However the fuchsia and cornflowers to the

hedgerows were admired. The Kenmare Road was well maintained.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The extremely colourful village of Eyeries set amongst its rugged rocky landscape always creates an extremely good impression. This year was no exception!

SECOND ADJUDICATION (07/08/01)

Your submission accompanying the Entry Form was most helpful during adjudication. The water coloured map was particularly enjoyed just as the bold colours of the village set in the rugged and equally colourful landscape. It was extremely difficult to find fault with Eyeries apart from one or two untidy field entrances, the occasional weedy kerb and can. Again is it most encouraging to see the redevelopment of previously derelict sites. Even the public toilets were spotless. Congratulations on reaching this deserved high level in the competition!

We wish you well with your future endeavours!