

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **GOLEEN**
County : **CORK**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 22-06-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26	26
The Built Environment	40	34	29
Landscaping	40	26	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	15
Litter Control	40	34	25
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	22	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	16	21
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	193	183

Goleen, Co. Cork

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Your map was most clear and useful on adjudication day indicating clearly the areas where you have problems or those you were intending to improve upon. The adjudicator was pleased to note your work in relation to the possible restoration of the old church on the Mizen Road. Good luck with the future improvements in relation to the old Post Office and Scully's building. Before next year's competition you should formulate a three or five year work programme outlining target dates for your short and long term projects.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The standard in this category was extremely good. The West Cork Gallery and Craft Shop could be a marvellous asset to the village if restored – it has quite an unusual shop front. The adjudicator noted your problems in relation to same. The Mizen Tourism Co-operative building was fine. Dermot Sheehan's looked most attractive and cheerful with its attractive traditional canopy. Richie's Takeaway, the Post Office, the Lobster Pot, the Green Kettle and Denny O'Mara's were all extremely fresh on the day. The stone church looked fine with its attractive grounds and its boundary wall had been freshly painted. The school was also extremely fresh – however weeds were apparent to the base of its boundary wall.

LANDSCAPING

The attractive planted stone bed with michaelmas daisies etc. on the Schull approach was greatly admired. The village is fortunate in regard to its abundance of stone walling. Some planting had taken place in the harbour area and improved this area greatly. The new playground looked most attractive. Tubs filled with flowers and placed along the main street looked most cheerful.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Swans were noted to the harbour area. Your information boards indicating the wildlife and fauna of the area should be a marvellous asset when they are put in place. The restoration of the old roadway from the church to the harbour should be an attractive route for walkers. The articles in your local newsletter in relation to the otters, kingfishers etc. in the harbour certainly make interesting reading.

LITTER CONTROL

The standard of litter control on the day was extremely good with the village being virtually litter free. However one or two papers on closer inspection were noted along the main street.

TIDINESS

The old church on the Mizen Road looked quite neglected and overgrown. Your plans in relation to the restoration of this were noted and encouraged. The Scully building at the junction of the main street and the harbour Road looked quite unfortunate with weeds to the gutters and its rear area looked quite rough. The tin roofs to sheds in this location should be freshly painted in cheerful traditional red or green colours as they are quite prominent at the back of main street as one approaches from the harbour area.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The standard in this category was generally fine. The holiday cottages were maintained to a high standard. The houses in the village and along approach roads were fine. In particular those on the road to the church. Weeds were noted to an entrance area on the Mizen Road.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The standard in this category of the competition could have been much better on adjudication day. The Schull Road was extremely overgrown and its village nameplate very grubby and virtually obscured by overgrowth. The Mizen Road was also overgrown although the fuchsia, montbretia and foxgloves in hedgerows were admired. Directional signs in this location were extremely grubby as was the village nameplate which sported red algae growth. The road to the harbour was not in the best of condition, although the pier area itself appeared to have been re-tarmacadamed. The road to the church and the school was quite rough, particularly beyond the church itself. Do try to strike a balance in order to achieve a natural appearance as otherwise the roadsides may end up looking wild and neglected.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Goleen is an attractive quiet village which looked extremely well on the day.