

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **INCH-CORK**
County : **CORK**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 29-06-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	23	25
The Built Environment	40	25	24
Landscaping	40	27	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	16
Litter Control	40	36	36
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	22	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	25
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	190	193

Inch, Co. Cork

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your application form and map, which were a great aid on the day of adjudication. As per last years report the Committee would need to draft a brief plan for the Village covering a 3-5 year period. This is very important as it gives your Committee a focus to work towards. There are also quite a considerable number of marks awarded in this category.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The main building of the School looks well but the tower building in the forefront would require painting. The Church looks excellent, as does the Community Centre; these two buildings are beautifully presented. The Public House should consider replacing its plastic drinks sign with a more traditional timber one.

LANDSCAPING

The Church grounds display a high degree of care and maintenance. The old style cross looks historic and could merit an explanatory plaque. The roadway to the Community Centre has nice landscaping on the high area to the right and nice hanging baskets in metal supports. The grounds of the School are very good also. The staked trees at the pub along by the River Tourig are nice but grass growth at their bases should be cut.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The same comments would apply as last year. Sheet 6 'Wildlife and Natural Amenities' in the Tidy Towns Handbook should be consulted. The Community is lucky to have the River Tourid, which offers a lot of potential.

LITTER CONTROL

The momentum on litter prevention is being maintained, the Village was virtually litter free. Inch has set quite a high standard in this category over the last few years. The litterbin outside the Church is also nicely maintained. As per last years report any steps taken in the Village on anti-litter awareness campaigns should be supplied with your Tidy Towns Application form.

TIDINESS

Many of the comments made last year apply again concerning the blue barrel and gatepost opposite the Church. Weed growth should also be tackled at the bridge and Grotto area. The shrub/tree cuttings should be removed from the area at the entrance to the Public house (alongside the River).

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The private houses look well, the main house in the Village has a nicely tiered garden, which is obviously well tended. The building materials in the foreground should be removed when this work is complete.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The Mount Uniacke approach looks well and the area opposite the school looks well cut. The 'Yield' sign near the Church needs attention, as does the fingerpost pole at the Youghal, Killeagh and Tallow junction. The walls and margins on the Youghal approach need attention. There is an absence of speed limit signs on some approaches as mentioned last year; this should be taken up with the Local Authority. There are nice old stonewalls which are complimented by the wall around the Church and grounds.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Inch is in beautiful location with a small but active Community. To make progress in the Competition efforts should be made to tackle issues highlighted in the Tidy Towns adjudication report each year if possible.