

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **INNISHANNON**  
County : **CORK**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 13-06-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	34
The Built Environment	40	32	26
Landscaping	40	32	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	34	34
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	23	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	30	28
General Impression	10	8	8
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>207</b>

## **Innishannon, Co. Cork**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Innishannon Tidy Town's aims to keep the village as natural as possible is indeed a marvelous aspiration. The adjudicators appreciate your problems in relation to the vast volume of traffic passing through the village on this the main road from the city to West Cork. Everyone evidently works hard to keep the village as well presented as it is. Your work in relation to village entrances have definitely paid off. The use of trees is most effective in this regard and will be a marvelous asset to the village's future. Do, however, put together a work programme outlining areas in which you intend to improve upon and setting deadlines for these objectives. This will help both yourselves and the adjudicators to assess your progress as the years go by.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Most buildings of the village looked extremely fresh including the AIB, Chemist, Johnny Crowley's, the Private Collector and the Garda Station. The Parochial Hall set above the main road, however, is in need of a fresh coat of paint before next year's competition, as indeed will the hall opposite, which had most attractive displays of hanging baskets and window boxes. The Shell garage had also contributed to the overall cheerful appearance with its planters to the front. Indeed many premises had marvelous displays of hanging baskets and window boxes throughout the village. Do ensure that plastic projecting signs are removed and replaced with ones of a more traditional timber variety.

### **LANDSCAPING**

This is an aspect of the competition in which you obviously show great pride. The attractive landscaped area with cart, milk churns and tubs filled with geraniums and pansies opposite the Private Collector was greatly admired. The picnic area on the Bandon Road at the Kilmacsimon junction looked well as did the roses planted to the front of the cottage in this vicinity. This building will need to be painted before next year's competition if possible including its tin roof freshly painted. The attractive planting to the stone walls of the bridge and the wild flowers overhanging the wall opposite were also greatly admired. The trees along Main Street add greatly to its appearance. The grotto was as well maintained and cared for as ever. Landscaping along the Cork Road at Gort na Milaoise and the area opposite with its new trees were both greatly admired. In particular, the grassy banks with trees planted at the Kinsale Road junction looked quite magnificent.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

This is an aspect of the competition which should not be

neglected. Innishannon is fortunate in this regard, in relation to the wealth of wildlife in the vicinity with its extensive woodlands, riverside area, mature trees and hedgerows along approach roads. Do get local experts involved in identifying wildlife habitats which could be highlighted for any interested parties.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter control was extremely good on the day with very little litter evident on the day. Congratulations on your win in the anti-litter league competition.

### **TIDINESS**

Tin roofs to out buildings appeared to be a problem in several locations – such as behind the Innishannon Marine building and an out buildings on the outskirts of the village on the Cork side. The railings to the bridge should be repainted. Do discourage advertising hoardings as they can give the village a very cluttered appearance. The timber gable of Innishannon Marine is in extremely bad condition and creates a very bad impression for the visitor.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Houses in both the village along the main streets and its approaches were extremely well maintained and cared for on adjudication day. Of particular note are the attractive houses colourfully painted behind the stone arches which maintain the street line.

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

The main streets of the village and approach roads were well cared for on the day. Both the Bandon approach and Cork approach had neatly cut grass verges and most attractive displays at the village nameplate. The new trees along the latter were greatly admired and have been mentioned elsewhere in this report. Signage appeared to be a problem, presumably due to the high level of traffic passing through the village. Directional signs for both Kinsale and Riverstick were both extremely grubby on the Cork approach – the pole to the latter was quite rusty. Grubby directional signs at the junctions of the Bandon Road and Kilmacsimon Road also created a bad impression on this side of the village.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Innishannon is a most attractive village on the busy Cork to West Cork Road. Despite the huge volume of traffic passing through the village it is extremely well cared for by all.