

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CAHERSIVEEN**
County : **KERRY**
Category : **C**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 04-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35	34
The Built Environment	40	31	30
Landscaping	40	28	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	18
Litter Control	40	26	26
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	20	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	24
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	202	197

Cahersiveen, Co. Kerry

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The adjudicator would like to thank you for the most useful map of Cahersiveen and the details of your work programme for 2001. All items on this were noted during adjudication.

However the adjudicator is very concerned to note that a Tidy Towns Work Programme or Plan for a three to five year period, was not submitted with the entry documentation.

Progress in the competition will be dependent on everyone working towards the same ends. With this in mind you must prepare a "3 /5 Year rolling Tidy Towns Work Programme". This programme should have the support of the community, local groups other agencies and the County Council. It would therefore guide you Tidy Towns actions for the next three to five years. The Work Programme will detail the Tidy Towns objectives to be achieved by your committee in the years ahead. The preparation of such a Plan that is updated annually is now an essential aspect of the Tidy Towns Competition.

Do keep in mind that what is required is a simple Plan or document.

A Tidy Towns Handbook was issued by the Department of the Environment and Local Government to all Tidy Towns Committees. This is a highly useful document which will be a great help both to established Tidy Towns Committees and to all new entrants. It is divided into a series of seven Action Sheets that together cover all aspects of the Competition. It might be most useful for a committee to run a series of seminar evenings based on the contents of this Tidy Towns Handbook.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

There is much building work under way in Cahersiveen and this is most encouraging. The provision of the information plaque for the old Carhan Mill is welcomed. At the Pier area the new Marina is a welcome development and it is encouraging to see some of this work now under way. The new slipway at the Pier will greatly facilitate deep sea angling visitors. The Technical School and grounds are attractively presented, and in the centre of Cahersiveen the Barracks Mural in New Market Street is very eye catching. On the Waterville side of the town the entrance area for the Meteorological Station needs to be re-painted. The Daniel O'Connell is an eye catching stone building, and indeed stone is a key feature of Cahersiveen. Stone as a facing medium has been used most successfully at the new Social Welfare Offices. Is there any new use in mind for the old CBS building

in Bridge Street? The façade of the Sive Mineral Waters premises needs attention, and re-painting is an early requirement. At the Fire Station the boundary wall onto Russel Street needs to be painted.

LANDSCAPING

The Daniel O'Connell Park looks well and the Cahersiveen sign in flowers near the entrance is very eye catching. The new planting at the Fair Green area looks really well and this area is being transformed. However weed-killer has been used on the grass in a few areas and the grass will need to be replaced. At the new College at the Waterville side of town some tree planting in the large grassed areas is strongly recommended. At the Hospital the landscaping looks really well.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The provision of the Flora and Fauna signs is welcomed, though the adjudicator could not find them, and they were not marked on the map supplied (you have not lost marks because of this!)

Your river area is very attractive and important also for wildlife. Do try and develop further amenities that will encourage wildlife to your area. Wildlife can be encouraged by the planting of native berry producing trees and shrubs. The provision of bird and bat roosts and nesting sites in any old buildings might also be considered by your Committee. Make sure that any wildlife areas to which the public have access are properly sign-posted. In terms of access do remember the needs of people with disabilities. The development of these amenity walks and nature trails will add greatly to you area in the years ahead.

LITTER CONTROL

In the centre of Cahersiveen litter control is reasonably good. However outside of this area litter was noted in a number of locations. These included the entrance to the new Car Park and in the Car Park, the Pier area and Racecourse road. Considerable quantities of litter were also noted in Quay Street.

TIDINESS

The new developments on the Old Road have opened up some untidy views down to the backs of houses and back gardens, and this needs your attention. Before the Hospital on the approach from Cahersiveen an untidy car park area was noted on the left-hand side. In a number of instances road boundary walls require washing and re-painting. New Street and Main Street have a number of very untidy open spaces. Can these be screened perhaps with timber screening until a new use is found for them? The Pier area in general is very untidy and there is a derelict property here also. Considerable work will be needed in the Pier area before the arrival in September of the European Angling Championships. Parts of

Russell Street would be improved by a clean-up.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

So much welcome development of new properties, and the renovation of older buildings is transforming the Old Road area. This is very strongly welcomed by the adjudicator. Traditional finishes for houses are important here, and there are one or two unfortunate choices for finishes that were noted on adjudication day. The major new housing development off New Street is noted, and it is hoped that this development will incorporate appropriate landscaping. Weed growth at kerbs in some housing estates is a problem, and it should be the responsibility of each property owner to look after their own area. Weed killer is being used at kerbing but the dead weeds have not been removed, and this looks very untidy.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The new footpaths have been noted at Marian Place, Fair Green and at Valentia Road. These look very well indeed. One of the major recent developments is the new Car Park. This is excellently laid out and a major facility for the town. Approach roads are generally well presented apart from cut or dead grass that has not been removed. Weed-killer should be used sparingly as there can be negative wildlife implications.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Much has been achieved of a positive nature in Cahersiveen in the past few years. It is important that the environmental aspects of these new developments are reflected in your Tidy Towns Action Plan, that the adjudicator has referred to at the beginning of this report. Good luck with your future work.