

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **CEANN TRAGNA**  
County : **KERRY**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 03-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	29
The Built Environment	40	26	25
Landscaping	40	23	23
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	18
Litter Control	40	30	30
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20	20
General Impression	10	7	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>184</b>

## **Ceann Trá, Co. Kerry.**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

The adjudicator would like to thank you for the comprehensive documentation submitted with your Tidy Towns Entry Form this year. The photographs were also most useful to the adjudicator on the day of adjudication. It is very encouraging to note that very good support that your Committee is getting from the community, and this is evident based on the progress that you continue to make. You mentioned the new Plan that Kerry County Council are preparing for the area and it is hoped that this Plan will reflect in full the aims and objectives of your Committee.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The two new traditional houses are a great addition to the village and a good contrasting colour scheme has been used. As usual the Community Hall is excellently presented, though it will probably need re-painting for 2002. The Caravan Park would be improved with the addition of kerbing or some suitable internal roadway definition. It is good to see the natural stone exposed in the end wall of the Skippers premises. The National School is most beautifully presented – an excellent use of colour and flowers. However perhaps the painting of the gate in a matt black colour would add even further to this excellent presentation.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Both greens in the village centre are excellently presented and they are being very well maintained. As mentioned in the 2000 some planting in the car park would improve the appearance of this much-used area.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The adjudicator was very pleased to read that you have a bird survey underway. Hopefully the results of this will be made available to the public, and that you can then start to develop facilities to encourage further wildlife into the village. The Blue Flag beach is excellently presented, and the two information panels in the car park are most interesting. The new bridges at the beach area have made a big difference to circulation here.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Your new litter bin is noted and in general litter control was quite good on adjudication day. Some litter was noted on one of the grass areas in the village centre, and in the beach car park. On the approach road to the beach litter was again noted. It is obviously difficult to control the litter situation in the beach car park and access road area – frequent cleaning is the only solution.

## **TIDINESS**

In the main car park weed growth was noted at the base of the low walls and this creates an untidy appearance. Some litter was noted here also. The small field behind the car park should perhaps be screened. On the road to the beach, the area on the left inside the timber fencing looks untidy with long grass and weeds. Perhaps this area can be screened. The abandoned trailer beside the toilets in the beach car park should be removed. The toilets are being well maintained, as is the yellow Lifeguard unit. The other yellow units are in need of re-painting or perhaps facing the units in natural timber might be considered. If re-painting, then green might be a good colour. The white washed stone wall in the village centre is in need of re-painting as soon as possible.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Private houses in the area are being well maintained and many have beautiful gardens and landscaping. Good use of colour is again made here. Both the Self-Catering Group Schemes look very well and are being well maintained.

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

The Dingle approach road is well presented and other approach roads have had their banks or verges trimmed. However the long cut grass has not been removed and this looks extremely untidy. On the road down the hill approaching the School, the village sign is partially obscured by vegetation growth.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Ceann Trá is a beautiful village where the Tidy Towns movement is so strongly supported by the total community. Well done on what has been achieved to date and the adjudicator looks forward to further progress in 2002.