

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **KNIGHTSTOWN**  
County : **KERRY**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 07-08-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	41	40
The Built Environment	40	33	31
Landscaping	40	33	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	24	23
Litter Control	40	34	33
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	23	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	32	31
General Impression	10	9	9
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>236</b>

## **Knightstown, Co. Kerry**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

The adjudicator would like to thank you for the comprehensive documentation submitted with your Tidy Towns Entry Form, including your Action Plan 1998-2001. Towards the end of this year the Plan will need to be moved on by a year. Your Committee of just ten people is achieving very good results and the support of FAS and Kerry County Council is obviously of significant importance.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The resurfacing of the road to the Lifeboat Station projects is noted, as is the excellent presentation of the Lifeboat Station itself. The restoration work on the two derelict houses is a welcome development. At the Catholic Church the Car Park is excellently presented apart from the pile of small stones. A small building is under construction at the Pier area, but otherwise this area is excellently presented. This is important as so many visitors come to Valentia Island by the Car ferry. On adjudication day Market Street looked especially well and a very good choice of colours is used for the various buildings here. The Knightstown Coffee premises with its brave red colour, hanging baskets and window boxes is especially eye catching. A fine low stone wall was also noted towards the top of Market Street. The Church of Ireland church and grounds are very well presented and this is an important habitat for wildlife. Many of the kerbs have been painted white and this creates an excellent visual definition between the roadway and pathway. On the small road to the Hospital building the grass here has been cut but the cut grass has not been removed.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The Altazamuth Walk is an excellent development and the new trees look well. The timber fencing will need to be re-painted shortly, and the dumping of some cut branches inside the fencing at the lower end was noted. The wildlife area here is a welcome development and it is indeed being used by wildlife. What happened the paths through this area which were developed about two years ago – the remains of them are still to be seen?

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The Altazamuth walk mentioned above is one of the key wildlife areas developed by the Committee. Have you considered providing some information plaques on the wildlife to be seen in and around the village? On the walk the smells of the various plants and trees is an attractive feature.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

On the day of adjudication litter control was very good and

only occasional pieces of litter were noted.

## **TIDINESS**

The pile of stones in the Car Park at the Catholic Church should be removed. Likewise the blocks and pile of sand in the small car parking area at the bottom of Market Street should also be removed. A few untidy back areas were noted off Market Street, and these should receive your early attention with the co-operation of the owners.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Private houses in Knightstown are very well presented and the level of planting and landscaping is quite high. Areas that stand out include the fine terrace of houses along the Strand. At the nearby Cable Station houses some of the long grass has been cut but not raked away. The remainder of the grass should also receive attention. The Lighthouse Keepers houses on the road to Glanleam look well and a few of them remain to be painted.

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

Your approach roads have obviously received your special attention and they were all well presented on adjudication day. The Shore road approach is especially attractive. You have got the balance just right between the cutting of the banks and verges, and the preservation of areas needed by wildlife.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Well done to Knightstown on another good year's work, and the adjudicator wishes you well as you begin to plan your work for 2002.

## **SECOND ADJUDICATION (07/08/01)**

Unfortunately this adjudicator did not arrive by sea - on but a beautiful sunny August afternoon one could scarcely imagine a more stunning approach to a town. Nonetheless the road from Chapeltown is again admired for the montbretia, fuchsia, etc which frame the view of the first buildings of Market Street. It was good to see the refurbishment of some old housing stock together with new interventions. It is hoped that you are ever vigilant regarding the type of new development to ensure that all are in scale and harmony with the town. The Church of Ireland grounds have improved immeasurably since this adjudicator was last in Knightstown just as much of the village. Your new work plan is looked to next year. Scarcely any litter was noted again on this visit - a commendable achievement. The bold colours are most effective in the context of the equally colourful landscape and seascape. It was particularly pleasing to see the retention of Knightstown Coffee and Gift Shop is original shopfront. It is a pity that the new small building at the quay side has horizontally proportioned windows when most about are vertical. We wish you well with your future endeavours!

