

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **LIOS POIL**
County : **KERRY**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 03-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	28
The Built Environment	40	23	23
Landscaping	40	20	20
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	21	21
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	16	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	18	18
General Impression	10	6	5
TOTAL MARK	300	161	160

Lios Poil, Co. Kerry.

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The adjudicator is very concerned to note that a Tidy Towns Work Programme or Plan 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 your 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 your committee to run a series of seminar evenings based on the contents of this Tidy Towns Handbook.

The School compost project is noted and this will serve several worth-while environmental needs. The Clean Up The Parish Week mentioned on your Entry Form is a very good method of focusing public attention on your Tidy Towns aims and objectives for Lios Poil.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Church looked well and it has a fine area of well kept grass in front. The Creamery has been freshly painted. The Post Office is well presented as is the shop next door. The old Lios Poil sign over the entrance to the shop is an interesting and attractive feature. At the road bridge the bridge walls require painting, and first of all the weed growth should be removed from this area. The old Lartigue Railway Bridge is a very interesting aspect of local transport history. Perhaps an information plaque can be erected in the village to give the history of this unique railway development.

LANDSCAPING

The green area by the telephone box is well maintained. However to improve further the presentation, weed growth

should be removed from the surrounding kerbing. At that stage the kerbing can be re-painted.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Your river area is potentially attractive and important also for wildlife. Do try and develop further amenities that will encourage wildlife to your area. The first step however is to identify the species which inhabit any such areas. 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 signposted. 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. Has your Committee considered the erection of some information plaques about the wildlife to be seen in the area ?

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control is quite good, though some litter was noted in the river on both sides, and at the road verges on the Milltown approach to Lios Poil.

TIDINESS

The grass at the Antiques Shop needs attention as does the small vacant area between the Post Office and the river bridge. Long grass was noted at the wall in front of the Grotto. At the car sales area on the Milltown approach some screening could be effective here.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The small number of houses in Lios Poil are being well maintained by the owners.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Some of the verges have been very roughly cut and the long grass has not been removed. In keeping with the needs of wildlife cutting should not take place before July each year. The attractive village signs were noted. On the Dingle approach some work has been done on the sloping road-side grass area. With some further work this could become a feature of Lios Poil.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

High volumes of traffic pass through Lios Poil, and this makes your Tidy Towns work more difficult. Do make sure that you have a Tidy Towns Plan and that you up-date it each year.