

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **TARBERT**
County : **KERRY**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 09-08-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	42	41
The Built Environment	40	33	32
Landscaping	40	29	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	23	22
Litter Control	40	26	25
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	25	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	24
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	224	218

Tarbert, Co. Kerry

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The splendid submission and attached notes proved very helpful on adjudication day. The three copies of town map outlining progress and problem areas illustrates a genuine keenness to make progress in all sections of the community. As a new committee it is commendable that you are making such an impact so soon and building on the legacy passed on by the previous committee. A subsequent progress report dated 19/6/01 was also in time for adjudication assessment.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Tarbert has undergone significant developmental changes since the last visit by this adjudicator. The town is richly endowed with many fine public and private buildings and there is a compatible blend between the old Tarbert and the new developments. Again this year the church and school looked well but the Old Creamery is very poorly presented. Shopfronts that catch the eye include the Wicked Wolf, with attractive hanging baskets. J. Savage, The Anchor, Toothsies, Credit Union, and the interestingly illuminated corner Pharmacy with its attractive bilingual text. Well done too to the Fire Station and the Esso Station.

LANDSCAPING

You have done well in this section and your success in grass cutting, hedge trimming and attending to a large number of hanging baskets is commendable. The picnic site on the Glin approach is excellent and offers nice views of the harbour area. Approach roads are good in all directions. The long road to the Ferry is demanding in maintenance time, but you have done well. This is an important road and offers great views of mature Oak, Ash, Beech and Sycamore trees as a link with the previous generation. The many green areas outlined in your submission are well presented.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

You have great scope and potential for high marks here. Indeed, it is hard to escape the presence of wildlife in Tarbert because of your proximity to the river. Your work in introducing mallard for subsequent release is praiseworthy and will add to the plethora of local wildlife. The illustrated display board might now be better sited on the Woodland Walk, near the footbridge.

LITTER CONTROL

Your many colourful signs produced on the computer offer an important reminder and request to visitors and locals to keep Tarbert Tidy. Litter control was good on adjudication

day and litterbins seem adequate in number.

TIDINESS

Your problem areas here relate to poorly presented farm gates, derelict and unoccupied houses, untidy open spaces and poorly presented boundary walls. However, it must be acknowledged that the core centre of the town was quite tidy.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Your efforts in keeping the grass cut at the housing estates is influencing residents to present their houses and gardens to a high standard. St. Patrick's Terrace was good this year. You have potential for more tree planting on the Ballybunion approach. Donard's Crescent was well presented.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Road surface is good throughout. The square is your strong point and the tree planting of previous years continues to enhance. The view coming from the ferry to Tarbert offers an insight into many back gardens. Many residents have recognised this and developed their gardens attractively, so that they are pleasing to the eye of many a visitor making a first visit to Kerry.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Over a two day visit, this adjudicator found a pleasant town with good evidence of community and individual effort. Your challenge now is to match your enthusiasm with progress on areas needing improvement. You need to work to an agreed and achievable plan and phase your work according to your energy – well done on an improvement.

SECOND ADJUDICATION (09/08/01)

Grass cutting was again of a high standard. However, weedy kerbs were a distinct problem in some areas, particularly on the road to the ferry. There is great scope to replant on the riverbank against the rear boundary of street properties. Virtually no litter was to be seen which is a commendable achievement. The only problem areas in this regard seemed to be one overflowing litterbin. Several private entrances and field gateways with relatively little effort could have been much tidier. It is suggested that a hedge, possibly eschallonia be planted alongside the rear boundary of the picnic area on the Limerick Road. We wish you well with your future endeavours and look forward to returning next year!

