

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **WATERVILLE**  
County : **KERRY**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 10-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	33
The Built Environment	40	30	29
Landscaping	40	29	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	14
Litter Control	40	26	26
Tidiness	20	11	10
Residential Areas	30	24	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	22
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>192</b>

## **Waterville, County Kerry**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for forwarding support data, map etc. with application form. The Tidy Towns Sub Committee is working towards a three year plan but also very importantly you have drawn up a strategy of co-operation with the statutory bodies. Also you have outlined the achievements made and this is equally important because it is by actual achievement that encouragement will be given to the community to continue with a determined effort to attain further progress.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The standard of buildings within the village continues to be quite good. Public buildings such as the Garda Station were excellently presented as was the nearby Irish Coast Guard property. The Cable Station "Office" looks very impressive. Many properties in the vicinity of the Cable Station complex have been refurbished and overall this area of the village is clearly enhanced as a result. The stone facing to the Waterville Community Centre premises looked well. The church buildings and schools in the village were again well presented. Business premises throughout the village were generally well maintained.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The tree planting in St. Finian's Terrace looks very well. The landscaping work carried out in the vicinity of the playground/tennis courts is of a very good standard; the stone surrounds for much of the flower planting is attractive. Also the landscaping at the Sneem end of the village is being well maintained. The planting in the large green area along the sea front is maintained to a very good standard and looks impressive.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Due to its very attractive natural location, the area no doubt has appeal for many species of wildlife anyway. However if the community can add to this by provision of nesting boxes etc., this aspect of your programme should be pursued. The idea being such an interesting one, should have a lot of appeal for the local community and for visitors. In this regard also the Currane River is also an asset.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

The control of litter has to be kept to the forefront of any Tidy Towns plan. Many areas of the village were quite free of litter at the time of adjudication but in a prominent area like that at the Sneem end of the village (which has been made quite attractive with stone wall, landscaping etc.) there was a considerable amount of litter. The Tennis Courts/Playground areas were tidy and free of litter.

## **TIDINESS**

A reasonably good level of tidiness is being maintained but there are areas, which would need to be improved. For example, that area in the immediate vicinity of the Irish Coast Guard property was again untidy this year. Also open spaces interspersed with business premises along the street would need to be tidied up. The large green areas with picnic tables etc. along the sea front area were very tidy. The area in the vicinity of Waterville IRD premises was also quite tidy.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

New housing development in the village is noted. The entrance to and the cottages in the "Waterville Cottage" project are excellently maintained. The residential areas in the vicinity of the playground/Tennis Courts are excellently maintained. Houses in the vicinity of the old Cable Station continue to improve significantly.

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

The approach road from Cahirciveen was quite tidy but traffic signs and poles here were rusted and in need of repainting. The car park in the vicinity of the Waterville Community Centre premises was quite tidy. The Lough Currane road was also quite tidy. The new stone wall on the Beenbane road in the vicinity of the Playground/park is a big improvement. As outlined in your data, it is important to preserve natural hedging e.g. fuchsia etc. The Grotto at the junction for the Lough Currane road is well maintained. The Charlie Chaplin sculpture along the village street is well maintained.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Large numbers of people pass through this village and such volume brings its own problems in relation to tidiness etc. However the community deals quite well with the problems and the village is generally well presented. The community should continue with its efforts and in particular continue to work with the statutory bodies. Also the fact that you are working towards a fixed plan helps the community to select priority projects for attention.