

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **ASDEE**
County : **KERRY**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 03-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	36
The Built Environment	40	29	29
Landscaping	40	28	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	19
Litter Control	40	30	30
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	23	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	29	29
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	216	216

Asdee, County Kerry

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Asdee is welcome to the 2002 Tidy Towns Competition. Asdee is a beautiful rural village set amidst lush countryside and although located on a relatively busy road, has an ambience of peacefulness. Unfortunately there were no incidental seated amenity areas noted during adjudication whereby this peacefulness and the sounds of nature could be enjoyed. Perhaps the FAS group might take on such a project at some stage in the future. Thank you for your continued participation in the competition, we always enjoy our visits to your lovely village.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The school, church, Community Centre, Jesse James Bar and Kennedy's shop were all quite well presented. The school was a little bit weatherstained on some section and might need cleaning soon. The carparking area of the Kennedy's Grove Inn property was in need of attention. It is noted that this building is for sale and perhaps this will be attended to when its new owners take over.

LANDSCAPING

The flowerbeds at the Ballylongford / Listowel junction were admired and flower displays throughout the village were in full bloom during adjudication. The grotto was nicely presented also. Young trees in the school grounds are maturing well. Those behind field boundaries will make a significant contribution to entrances to the village as they mature.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Asdee's rural location on the banks of a stream presents many opportunities for a wildlife project. The bank of the small stream at the bridge would be ideal if designated as a small nature reserve or indeed as an incidental seated amenity area. Stands of Montebretia on the western approach were not yet in bloom during our visit, however one can imagine the stunning displays of colour later on in the summer.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control was quite good throughout, however some paper coffee cups had been discarded at the bridge wall, one wonders how long they had been there. You have not included any details of your litter management strategies. These can gain additional marks and they are worth including in your application.

TIDINESS

The main problem under this heading was weedy forecourt

areas and side areas to properties, particularly a property located beside the Post Office and the bridge wall. Kerbs to footpaths throughout the village were weedy also.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Residential properties in almost all cases were presented to a high standard and some gardens were admired. The main points to note under this heading is the maintenance of roadside boundary walls and, in particular, to roadside areas to boundary walls which should be kept free of weed growth and of ugly potholes. Side areas and rear areas that can be seen from the public road should also be kept tidy.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The main problem under this heading concerns back areas, particularly around the Community Hall, this area featured some building materials and dumped rusted machinery. Some attention will need to be given to road surfaces, potholes were noted here and there. Stretches of footpath as already noted must be kept free of weed growth. Street furniture could be improved upon somewhat and some public seating should be provided.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The overall impression of Asdee is favourable but a greater effort will need to be paid to the amenity value of the village if Asdee is to progress further in the competition. Thank you for your continued participation.