

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **CAUSEWAY**  
County : **KERRY**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 06-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	38	38
The Built Environment	40	33	32
Landscaping	40	33	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	17
Litter Control	40	32	32
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	22	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	26
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>219</b>

## **Causeway, County Kerry**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Causeway is welcome to the 2002 Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your detailed submission. Your list of achievements over the last few years is amazing for such a tiny village, the community are obviously committed to the quality of the environment and the quality of life in Causeway. Your achievements are more admirable when one considers the sheer numbers of people that pass through your streets each day, from the six hundred plus students to the one hundred and fifty plus workers in the local factory. We wish you well with the implementation of your plan. The village enjoys wonderful panoramic views both from the northern entrance to Causeway and from the site of the ring fort, these views should always be protected.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Most buildings were well presented. Cantillons was admired as was Leahy's shop with its nicely painted gable wall at the west end of the village. The school at the northern entrance looked as though it had been freshly painted also and the old forge looked well. We wish you well in your plans to feature a boat in the curtilage area of the property opposite the school. Climbing plants on walls at various points around the village were admired and these will enhance their environs as they mature.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Well done on the planting of shrubs on top of the wall leading from the school into the village, however on the day of adjudication they were a little overgrown so this area needs to be managed better. The small amenity area at the eastern end of the village is an attractive development as is the stand of mature trees further in the road. The ring fort interpretation panel was interesting and well illustrated, however the area itself was disappointing in its presentation. A lot more work appears to be necessary to bring this area to the required standard. The landscaped car parking area near the church at the northern entrance was very much admired. Flower displays throughout the village were a welcome display of colour and additional seating has been noted also at the crossroads. The new flower beds on the southern entrance are a nice feature and tree planting at the ESB sub station and the handball alley is appropriate.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Congratulations on the wildlife interpretation panels at the eastern end of the village, these are beautifully illustrated. Has there been a species count of wildlife and bird species?

If so, perhaps you could send in details with next year's submission and this will enable you to be considered for the wildlife award.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter control throughout the village was excellent. Again, do send us in details of your litter management strategies as these can earn additional marks also. Given the number of students that pass through your small village each day, we would like to know how you manage to keep the village litter free.

### **TIDINESS**

You are, of course, aware of your derelict / vacant buildings and the problems that these present for the environment. In time these problems will be resolved. There is probably not that much that the committee can do about them at the moment, however weed growth was quite prevalent along stretches of kerb in the village and at roadside edges and this will stop you from progressing much further in the competition under this heading.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Roadside areas to boundary walls on the north road were noticeably weedy. Might residents here grass these areas to create a strong visual impact? Marion Terrace is presented to a high standard as is St. Martin's Terrace, well done. The large house at the crossroads in the village centre looks well and is host to two interpretive panels. Both together give quite a cluttered appearance, it would be best if only the sign depicting the parish area was featured at this site and the panel featuring the Causeway crest was relocated to a more suitable site. Well done on both panels.

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

Road surfaces are quite good in Causeway and new stretches of footpath were noted. Some older stretches need to be properly surfaced. The new namestones have been noted and admired. The posts of some road signs need to be repainted. We look forward to the ducting of wirescape in the village centre at some time in the future. The curtilage areas of some buildings are badly potholed and need resurfacing.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The sculpture representing the school crest on the southern entrance was admired, this makes an excellent introduction to the village, well done. The overall impression of Causeway is most favourable, we look forward to charting your future progress. Congratulations on a significant increase in marks this year.