

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **CEANN TRAGNA**  
County : **KERRY**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 10-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	30
The Built Environment	40	27	26
Landscaping	40	24	23
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	19
Litter Control	40	30	30
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	22	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	20
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>189</b>

## **Ventry, County Kerry**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Ventry is welcome to the 2002 Tidy Towns Competition. The village enjoys a superb location with a backdrop of hills behind and the sea at its lower reaches. Ventry has grown substantially over the last number of years and development appears to have enhanced the physical environment of Ventry. The village is being considered for the Waterside Award.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

New developments are fitting in well and complement the built environment of the village. Halla Ceann Trá is presented to an excellent standard together with its carpark. Both the Café and Penneys Pottery are excellent in presentation also. The Post Office continues to impress and the school was admired. Well done to all involved.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The village greens are being nicely maintained. The development of the green area behind Quinns carpark as a village amenity area pending permanent development might be considered. The boundary of the caravan park at the beach could be improved. Flower displays looked well.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The beach was very clean, well done. Details of local walks might be presented on an interpretive panel in the village centre for the benefit of all. If there have been wildlife surveys done in recent times, information could also be provided on an interpretive panel. The new quay and angling facility is a wonderful development and enhances the experience of living and visiting Ventry.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter control is excellent. Please submit details of your litter management strategy as these could be a source of additional marks.

### **TIDINESS**

The Recycling Point is well located but the bottle bank was full to capacity and bottles were stacked (neatly) at its base. Perhaps this needs to be emptied more often. Weed growth surrounding the stone work of the raised area at the corner of the road which leads up to the pony trekking facility should be eliminated altogether. Weed growth along kerbs was also noted.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The holiday home development is very well presented. As in previous years, older more established residential properties are presented to an excellent standard. The freshly whitewashed boundary walls of properties adjacent to the Ventry Inn is a nice touch.

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

The carpark at the beach was quite well presented but there is room for improvement. The mound of earth and rubble in the corner should be removed altogether. Overall the road surface in the village and at entrances was good but some sections, particularly along roadside edges need refurbishment. A nameplate at the entrance from the Slay Head road needs to be realigned. Quinns carpark could be resurfaced.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The overall impression of Ventry is excellent, well done on developments planned for the next few years, we look forward to many repeat visits.