

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CHAPELTOWN**
County : **KERRY**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 12-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	23
The Built Environment	40	26	25
Landscaping	40	24	21
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	23	22
Litter Control	40	26	26
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	18	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	24
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	187	177

Chapeltown, County Kerry

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Chapeltown is welcome to the 2002 Tidy Towns Competition. Congratulations on the substantial increase in the size of the Tidy Towns Committee. The village has indeed increased its marks substantially over last year, the adjudicator is impressed with your progress. Well done on working in co-ordination with statutory bodies, with the local engineer in particular and, of course, achieving the help of a local contractor and local landscaper. The development of wheelchair access from the Forge to the picnic benches is welcome.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Roadside façades of the Lyne and the Minitel Bar and Restaurant are well presented together with the Church and the Post Office, however the boundary wall of the Church could be upgraded and the two gable walls of the Post Office could be either cleaned, painted or planted with a climbing wall. The presentation of both the Restaurant the Childcare Centre is good, however the curtilage area here is potholed and needs to be resurfaced. Congratulations on developments at the football field.

LANDSCAPING

The landscaped area at the junction of the Quarry road and the main road was admired, well done. Congratulations also on proposed developments for landscaping around the sewerage treatment facility and the green area at the housing estate on the Chapel road. Try to feature a variety of plants for seasonal interest and try to keep to native rather than ornamental plants. Your Tidy Towns Handbook should be a source of ideas in this regard. Picnic facilities are both functional and aesthetically pleasing.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Well done on your plans to introduce wildlife to the river area and congratulations on the bird boxes, these will enhance the wildlife experience of Chapeltown. The committee might now consider undertaking a bird species count.

LITTER CONTROL

Performance was good under this heading and your score here is very high. No doubt this is due in part to the co-operation achieved between the local school and the Tidy Towns Committee.

TIDINESS

The Builders Providers yard and the vehicle yard located on

an entrance to the village look untidy and should be screened, perhaps with planting. Ensure that all building materials are removed upon completion of construction work at the sports grounds.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Encourage householders to maintain their roadside boundary walls freshly cleaned or painted as necessary. A particularly weedy roadside area to a boundary wall of a private house was noted on the Shore road. The single storey houses on the Quarry road were admired. We look forward to the landscaping of the greens at Geokaun View. Perhaps a children's play area could also be provided here.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Nameplates look well and the flowering Fuscia lining approach roads were admired. Well done on the footpaths along the Quarry road. Street furniture was generally well presented. The development of the fifteen car public car park is a much needed facility in Chapeltown.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The overall impression of Chapeltown is one of on-going development with upgrading of facilities and is favourable. Well done on the substantial increase in marks this year.