

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **CURRANS**  
County : **KERRY**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 07-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	27
The Built Environment	40	29	29
Landscaping	40	28	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	29	29
Tidiness	20	13	12
Residential Areas	30	19	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	24
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>190</b>

## **Currans, County Kerry**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Currans is welcome to the 2002 Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for this year's submission. It is good to note the support the committee gets from residents and that you work so closely both with FAS and your local authority. You mention a three year plan, however details have not been submitted, these can earn additional marks so it would be a good idea to forward these with your application next year. The limestone bridges were admired and are a strong visual element of Currans.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Both pubs are well presented, however it is suggested that the dated plastic neon signs be removed. The community hall is beautifully painted and indeed the first glimpse of the village from the eastern approach is of the community hall, which creates a very good first impression of Currans. The church and its carpark look really well, particularly the latter. Some sections of the church may need to be repainted shortly due to weather staining. We look forward to the appropriate redevelopment of the old creamery for the community.

### **LANDSCAPING**

As noted above, the church carpark was admired, particularly in respect of its landscaping. Landscaping at the western entrance to the village was admired also. It is suggested that a small seated amenity area be developed at the telephone kiosk. This might be incorporated into your landscaping programme. Stands of mature trees lining approach roads are a handsome visual feature of Currans.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The banks of the railway bridge facing into the village present an opportunity for a display of wildflowers. We note plans for the landscaping / development of the river banks for amenity. It is good to note that you intend to make it wheelchair accessible. Another suitable project might be to conduct a survey of wildlife with details of habitats and species.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter control is excellent. Keep us informed of your litter management strategies, these could be a source of additional marks.

### **TIDINESS**

The village has an overall appearance of tidiness. A few side areas and field gates and entrances could be improved together with a number of outbuildings. There are no major

problems under this heading.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The green roadside areas to boundary walls of residential properties at the western end of the village look really well. It is suggested that roadside areas to boundary walls at the eastern end of the village be developed to complement the former. Residential properties are well presented in general and many gardens were admired. There are no major problems under this heading.

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

The southern road (by the church) was badly potholed. Nameplates on both the eastern and southern roads were partially hidden by the overgrowth. It is suggested that growth be cut back by at least fifty metres before nameplates. As noted above, the area around the telephone kiosk could be improved and perhaps some street furniture could be provided here. The stone work of bridge walls was admired.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The overall impression of Currans is favourable. We look forward to charting your future progress, especially in relation to the development of the river banks.