

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CURROW**
County : **KERRY**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 07-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	31
The Built Environment	40	29	29
Landscaping	40	29	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	25	23
Litter Control	40	31	31
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	25	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	26
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	217	211

Currow, County Kerry

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Currow is welcome to the 2002 Tidy Towns Competition. The village is located between a number of busy roads and yet presents an opportunity to enjoy the magic of the countryside. Pleasing sounds during our first visit included the Angelus, the cry of wild fowl and the braying of a donkey. All of which gives Currow an ambience of peace and tranquility.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Most buildings are well presented. Both McCarthys and the Post Office looked well as did the church. One large building needs to be upgraded or redeveloped as, due to its scale, it has a negative effect on the built environment of the village.

LANDSCAPING

Landscaping in the church carpark behind the church on the Scartaglen approach was very much admired. It looked as though there had been an attempt at landscaping at the southern entrance to the village, a pergola was noted here but the area was totally overgrown. Perhaps this might be completed for next year's competition. The grotto at the northern end of the village looked beautiful in its simplicity. The stone work here was admired. The ivy clad walls look well. Landscaping at the wildlife park is beautiful.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Well done on the newly developed Kileentierna Wildlife Park / The Priest's Lake. It is being considered both for the Wildlife Award and the Landscaping Award. The cemetery out the Scartaglen road was being neatly maintained. The wall here however needs to be refurbished and the mounds of rubble and earth outside in the corners should be removed.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control was very good, well done. Do forward details of your litter management strategies as these could be a source of additional marks for you.

TIDINESS

The village was quite tidy overall, however a few outbuildings need to be upgraded and a derelict property on the Scartaglen road was noted also. The recycling point was tidy and no doubt adds to the tidy ambience of Currow. Storage on the footpath outside the Centra / Post Office is not a good idea, could it perhaps be relocated?

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Many boundary walls at the northern end of the village need to be cleaned / painted or, in some cases, stone faced. Gardens of private properties were well presented in general. The new developments out the Scartaglen road are well appointed. Encourage the new residents to take responsibility for the maintenance of associated green areas.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The old style nameplates were admired. Continue to reveal as much of the stone walls as possible, both in the centre and on approach roads. The bridge wall and adjacent ditch wall needs to be refurbished. Some stretches of footpath and road, particularly along edges, are in need of upgrading and some road signs need attention also.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The overall impression of Currow is one of a village that offers a peaceful haven between a number of busy roads, well done, this is no small achievement.