

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **FINUGE**
County : **KERRY**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 04-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	37	36
The Built Environment	40	27	26
Landscaping	40	30	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	18
Litter Control	40	30	30
Tidiness	20	15	14
Residential Areas	30	24	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	31	29
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	221	213

Finuge, County Kerry

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Finuge is very welcome to the 2002 Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your completed application and work plan. We congratulate you on work achieved to date and wish you well in the achievement of planned projects to 2005. We sympathize with the problems you are experiencing with speeding traffic through the village and hope this problem can be resolved. It is good to note your liaison with statutory bodies and local residents. The overall character of Finuge is exemplified by stands of mature, semi-mature and new trees, neat grass margins and well managed hedgerow. To the travelling public, the village may be perceived as just another village on a busy thoroughfare, but a closer look reveals that Finuge has so much more to offer. The village is being considered for the Landscape, Wildlife and Heritage awards.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Both the shop and the pub are well presented although it is recommended that the out dated beer signs on the pub be replaced. The thatched cottage is being well maintained and the Teach Siamse Tire together with the grounds were very much admired.

LANDSCAPING

As noted above, stands of mature and semi-mature trees are a characteristic feature of Finuge and it is good to note new planting for future generations. Flower displays were colorful and appropriately sited throughout the village. The Sean McCarthy Memorial space in the village centre was admired. Pairc O'Suilleabáin is one of the best seen anywhere in the country in terms of its roadside boundary treatment, well done!

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Congratulations on the designation of the nature reserve, the sign marking the entrance would suggest rabbit, heron, fox and birds. Has there been a species count? If so, perhaps we could have the results of this. It could help you to win the wildlife award. The Finuge Bog Walk is appealing and the adjudicator hopes to come back and take this walk some time. Well done on the information panel regarding this.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control was excellent again this year, congratulations to all concerned. Your rota system appears to be working, there is obviously a high degree of awareness of the importance of litter control with the general public.

TIDINESS

You score well under this heading also. Keep up the good work encouraging people to maintain their curtilage areas, field, field boundaries etc. to a high standard of presentation. The red timber gates to several fields were very much admired, well done to those responsible.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Residential properties were presented to a high standard in most cases, although a little more attention needs to be paid to some roadside boundary walls and roadside areas to boundary walls. The garden of the residential property beside the nature reserve was admired, the combination of gravel surface and raised flower beds is a little unusual.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Newly surfaced stretches of road were noted together with the new bridge which is a successful combination of stone and rail and which facilitates scenic views of river and its banks. Stone walls were admired also. Roadside verges in the vicinity of the bridge were eroded. Nameplates looked well.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The overall impression of Finuge is most favourable and the village deserves its reputation for the quality of its environment. Good luck for the future.