

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **KNIGHTSTOWN**  
County : **KERRY**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 05-08-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	41	41
The Built Environment	40	34	33
Landscaping	40	34	33
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	25	24
Litter Control	40	34	34
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	23	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	32	32
General Impression	10	9	9
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>243</b>

# **Knightstown, County Kerry**

## **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Knightstown is welcome to the 2002 Tidy Towns Competition. The entire island community is to be congratulated on the car ferry development, this is a grand achievement which facilitates island living. Congratulations also on the promotion of Knightstown's heritage regarding the Altazamuth Stone development and associated walk. Thank you for details of your three year plan, it made interesting reading and we wish you well in its implementation. We are, of course, always mindful that work is being achieved with very little financial resources, well done!

## **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Buildings are presented to an excellent standard in Knightstown and the Catholic Church and its grounds was particularly admired. All business premises were well presented together with the two hostels. The new Residential and Day facility is a work in progress and looks promising. Its completion will make an important contribution to the built environment in Knightstown. The overall colour scheme at the waterfront was admired.

## **LANDSCAPING**

Flower displays around the village complement the variety of wild flowers on approach roads. The grounds of the Church of Ireland are really beautiful, well done to those concerned. Well done on the development of the promenade, harbour and pier and on the well maintained greens along the waterfront.

## **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The foreshore area looked well. The wildflower meadow located beside the Altazamuth Walk was not yet in flower during adjudication, but the adjudicator can imagine the beautiful yellows here when these are in bloom. The village must be host to a wide variety of wildlife and we would love to hear of species details together with any activities undertaken to promote a greater awareness for the permanent and holiday community.

## **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter control was excellent during our visit. Litter bins appear to be adequate and well done on keeping the campaign for greater litter control and tidiness alive.

## **TIDINESS**

Knightstown has a very good overall appearance of tidiness, some derelict / vacant

sites and premises were noted, but these do not detract from the overall appearance of the village and no doubt will be developed in due course.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The Light Keepers residential units out the road by the Heritage Centre look quite well. Would it be possible to have the two plain cement finish ones painted/whitewashed to complete the terrace and to achieve a level of consistency here? Houses along the Shore Road were admired in respect of their roadside boundary treatment in particular and the houses themselves in general. New housing developments look well and are settling into their environs. The new residents will hopefully be a resource for the Tidy Towns Committee.

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

Stands of wild flowers and wild flowering hedgerows along approach roads are a wonderful introduction to Knightstown. The entire view of Knightstown on approaching the village from the sea is exciting and the village is being considered for the Waterside Award. Street furniture such as seats, signage and others were all well presented.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The overall impression of Knightstown is excellent. The village is presented to such a standard as to make it a pleasantly unforgettable experience for the visitor.

## **SECOND ADJUDICATION (05/08/02)**

Continual efforts keep Knightstown looking very well. The use of slate and the association with the Altazamuth Stone make this village particularly interesting and unique. The promenade is kept beautifully and gives a lovely impression of the village. The church, sitting with the promenade as a carpet to its front is set off very well. Escallonia hedging, Fuchsia and New Zealand Flax is well utilised and grows so well in this seaside environment. The Altazamuth walk was looking well with many of the wild flowers now in bloom. The slate wall on Jane Street is attractive. The colourfully painted buildings give a very cheerful look to the village. A market sale was concluding during this adjudication - the litter resulting from this was astonishing and there seemed to be no immediate attempt to clean it up. The public houses were extremely busy being a bank holiday – the amount of cigarette butts that accumulate on the ground outside pubs was enormous and a system to collect them would be helpful.