

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **WATERVILLE**
County : **KERRY**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 12-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35	34
The Built Environment	40	30	30
Landscaping	40	29	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	14
Litter Control	40	26	26
Tidiness	20	12	11
Residential Areas	30	24	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	23
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	202	198

Waterville, County Kerry

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Waterville is welcome to the 2002 Tidy Towns Competition. Congratulations on your fund raising efforts. It is also good to note the co-operation of Kerry County Council, national school and youth club, as well as having four men on the FAS Community Employment Scheme. Well done also on the initiative of trying to involve holiday home owners in the Tidy Towns effort, we wish you well with this. The village is experiencing rapid growth in common with many others and this presents both a challenge and an opportunity to the Tidy Towns Committee.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Well done on the refurbishment of the old VEC building and Garda barracks. Buildings which need to be painted include Peter's Place and Coom A Cista. Some sections of the Butler Arms Hotel needs to be whitewashed as does the Post Office premises. The P. & F. O'Sullivan is one of the first buildings encountered on entering Waterville from the Caherciveen road and it creates a poor impression, it needs to be refurbished urgently. New developments are settling into the villagescape well and the colour scheme is attractive. The Centra looks excellent but its carpark could be resurfaced. The over-large plastic neon sign on the Keatings premises ought to be removed as a matter of urgency. The Carsphairn Lodge holiday cottages look isolated on their site and their colours don't sit easy in their setting.

LANDSCAPING

Tree planting at the old VEC and on the Beenbane road will enhance their environs as they mature. Landscaping marking the entrance from the Caherdaniel road is excellent and the raised green verge in the centre along the shore is being neatly maintained. Greens in the village centre are well landscaped overall and the picnic tables are a nice touch. The wire of the tennis court needs to be refurbished. We look forward to the landscaping of the grounds of the Garda station. The grounds of the Church of St. Michael's of All Angels look really well.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The new nesting boxes will attract additional bird life to the area and provide a pleasurable audio and visual experience. Hopefully the birds will be more successful at finding the bird boxes than the adjudicator was! The beach, shoreline and waterfront area are being maintained to a high standard. Your Tidy Towns Handbook will be a source of ideas for projects under this heading.

LITTER CONTROL

The beach was clean during adjudication and it is good to note your twice weekly clean-ups as well as your major National Spring Clean-Up initiative. Litter control was very good throughout, however some was noted in the Centra car park.

TIDINESS

Your weed control programme appears to have been successful as this was not a major problem during our visit. The Recycling Point was tidy. An untidy side area to Scarrif Meats was noted. Sites in the process of being developed are being maintained relatively tidy, well done.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

There are many new developments in the course of construction at the time of adjudication and, judging by the advertisement hoardings, many future developments planned. This will present both a challenge and an opportunity to the committee. A challenge in that as the town grows there will be more areas to look after and to keep clean and an opportunity to get more residents involved in the Tidy Towns initiative. Do try to get new residents involved with the green open spaces in their own areas and maintaining both their boundary walls and the area immediately outside of their boundary walls to the same high standard as their houses.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

We look forward to the completion of work on the promenade. The carpark at the shore was neatly presented. Some roadsigns need to be refurbished or cleaned. A profusion of signs was noted at the crossroads near the church and the petrol station. The wirescape at the Tourist Office looks particularly bad and hopefully it will be ducted over the coming years. Stretches of footpath need to be refurbished.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Waterville is a very pleasant village, which looks well. We wish you well in future developments and the implementation of your planned work programme.