

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Doonbeg Village**

Ref: **496**

County: **Clare**

Mark: **228**

Category: **B**

Date: **25/06/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	42	42
The Built Environment	40	28	30
Landscaping	40	35	34
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	24	23
Litter Control	40	30	30
Tidiness	20	14	13
Residential Areas	30	22	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	26
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	228	226

Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for the very detailed documentation and excellent map. Doonbeg is situated on the Atlantic and a river also runs through the village so you have an abundance of riches which you are endeavouring to develop to their full potential. The partnership approach which you are using by involving all the community and the relevant statutory bodies is the way to achieve your aims. Visitors to Doonbeg I am sure appreciate your efforts. On the day of Adjudication, a number of artists were busy drawing the old Castle and families were enjoying themselves on the Doughbeg Beach where your Committee have provided a welcome amenity area.

The Built Environment:

Most business premises, with some exceptions, were very well presented with good use of colour throughout. The Church and grounds were maintained to a high standard and the newly painted Garda Barracks was noted. However, there are some below standard premises to be seen in the village and the efforts to overcome this problem must continue. As the rest of the village progresses these buildings will stand out to a greater extent. The new wall at the amenity area at Doughbeg Beach was noted.

Landscaping:

The flower beds in various locations in the village were looking well and, as previously mentioned the involvement of young people in this work is commendable. The new seating in the lakeside amenity park adds to this amenity. However, some weeding here was needed.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The resident ducks were in evidence and being enjoyed by the artists mentioned above. Many different types of sea birds were noted on the way out to the pier. Some display information on these would be of interest to visitors.

Litter Control:

There was very little evidence of litter on the day and the new litter bins installed this year were noted. Congratulations to the young people who assist you in these endeavours.

Tidiness:

The village mostly presented a tidy appearance with the kerbs weed free. However, the car park near the cemetery on the way to the pier had an untidy aspect and also the area around the pier as mentioned in last year's report.

Residential Areas:

The new houses in the village were looking well and those on the street which were completed had the surrounds nicely landscaped. No doubt, this landscaping will continue with those houses still to be completed. Other houses throughout the village were also well presented and the Mobile Home Park was neat and tidy.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Signage throughout the village was mainly well kept including the Failte signs on the approach roads. The resurfacing of the road to the pier was noted but on the Kilrush Road surfaces and roadside verges remain poor.

General Impression:

An attractive village whose residents care for its wellbeing. There are still some obstacles to be overcome but no doubt the Doonbeg Tidy Towns Committee will face these challenges in the years ahead.