

# Tidy Towns Competition 2003

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Ennistymon**

Ref: **690**

County: **Clare**

Mark: **190**

Category: **B**

Date: **18/06/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	38	35
The Built Environment	40	24	23
Landscaping	40	29	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21	21
Litter Control	40	13	11
Tidiness	20	15	16
Residential Areas	30	23	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	21
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>183</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for entry form and excellent documentation which accompanied same. The fact that you liaise with seventeen groups in your work is impressive as is the fact that you involve the Transition Year Students in your activities. Your aims and objectives as set out are admirable and we look forward to seeing completion of many of your projects including the Riverside Walk and the renewal of the Town Square in the future. Ennistymon is a town with great character which deserves to reach its potential.

### The Built Environment:

Many premises throughout the town were well presented including the Church, the Community Centre, Unglerts Bakery, Data Display, McGrotty's Medical Hall, Station House B & B and the Falls Hotel to mention but a few. The Fire Station was also admired but the gates needed painting. As mentioned in your documentation, derelict buildings are still to be found in Ennistymon and two examples are the building next to the entrance to the Cascades which stretches right back to the riverside and also the premises opposite the Post Office. Good infill building is taking place in certain areas and some good use of colour is being used throughout the town.

## **Landscaping:**

The landscaped areas throughout Ennistymon were looking well and the pleasant green area now at the entrance to the Falls Hotel was noted. However, the Cascades area was still a disappointment with brambles on the steps leading up to the viewing area and litter at the beginning of the riverside walk here. A street cleaner was noted working in the town and perhaps he could also take in this area. Brackets for hanging baskets were noted on the bridge but no baskets were in place.

## **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

The planting and maintenance of landscaped areas and tree planting contribute under this heading. The Nature Trail planned on completion of the River Walk will provide more insight into the flora and fauna of the area – again it is good to see that young people will be involved in this project.

## **Litter Control:**

However the sprinkling of litter at the Cascades was noted, Ennistymon was virtually litter free and this is a very worthwhile achievement.

## **Tidiness:**

Back laneways were neat and tidy. However, there was some kerbside weeds to be seen throughout. Which should be removed and the areas sprayed early in the season. The vegetable stall in the Square, because of its construction, presents an untidy appearance.

## **Residential Areas:**

The private houses on approach roads and throughout the town are contributing to your efforts. Some new houses being built as infill on the Ennis road are appropriate to their surroundings and again good use of colour is to be seen.

## **Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

Road surfaces were poor throughout as was signage. In the case of the latter there was a proliferation throughout the town which should be rationalised if possible.

## **General Impression:**

Ennistymon is a pleasant town to visit and no doubt the Albanian team for the Special Olympics enjoyed their recent visit. The town has potential to do well in the competition and the plans now

drawn up should assist in achieving this aim. Keep up the good work.