

# Tidy Towns Competition 2003

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Belgooly**

Ref: **550**

County: **Cork South**

Mark: **175**

Category: **A**

Date: **28/06/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	23	23
The Built Environment	40	23	22
Landscaping	40	25	23
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	14
Litter Control	40	30	25
Tidiness	20	9	9
Residential Areas	30	23	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20	19
General Impression	10	7	5
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>162</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Belgooly Tidy Village's Committee is certainly an active and large one. The adjudicator was disappointed to note that you still haven't produced a three to five year work programme. This document need only be two or three pages long, outlining your plans for the village's future and setting a timeframe against the implementation of these plans. It would be of immense benefit to yourselves and the adjudicators, in order to monitor your progress as the years go by. Belgooly is a most attractive village, with much potential. It is on the busy Cork to Kinsale Road and the spin-off effect of this should be of benefit to you. The village is in need of a cohesive centre and focal point.

### The Built Environment:

The stone church, raised up on its grassy grounds, was admired. There are some magnificent old buildings which, unfortunately, are in bad condition - such as the old mill. The restoration of these would be of great benefit to the village, if this were possible. Belgooly Community Centre looked quite charming in blue and white. The convenience store / post office / petrol station was well maintained. Coleman's Bar looked very fresh with hanging baskets and window boxes. The Huntsman will need painting up before next year's competition - in particular the sign on the gable was extremely faded. This is an attractive traditional pub front and its retention is commendable.

### Landscaping:

In response to the application form you have mentioned tree planting and the flower tubs that you have placed around the village. Do ensure that tree planting and permanent planting are not neglected when considering this category of the competition. These will be an investment for the future. The area to the front of the sculpture of the man standing on the concrete pipes, had been planted since this adjudicator's last visit to the village. The concrete post and wire fence on Cork Rd. should be replaced with indigenous hedging of beech or hawthorn or a stone wall. The attractive planted area behind petrol station was admired.

### **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

The display board will be most informative. The estuary is a most interesting area from a wildlife point of view. Do enlist help in relation to getting expert advice on a management plan for wildlife habitats. Perhaps this could be incorporated with a walk?

### **Litter Control:**

The collection of litter 3 nights a week seems to be paying off - the only visible litter was on the Kinsale Road. Perhaps, some more litter bins could be considered, just in case?

### **Tidiness:**

Dereliction is a real problem in the village. Efforts need to be made to disguise a number of these. An unfortunate one beyond the Huntsman on the side road looked most sad. This road was in reasonable condition apart from the Engineering Workshop, which sported a rusty roof. The recessed area by the phone box looked neglected. The old greenhouse behind the red house was unglazed and looked sadly neglected.

### **Residential Areas:**

The Meadows Estate, with its attractive planted area at the entrance, was admired for its use of traditional materials and construction methods, such as vertical slate, stone and render. However, weeds were evident to the kerbsides within the estate itself. The modern colourful houses behind the raised stone bank on the Cork side of the village was admired, as was the terrace of houses with stone boundary walls with roses peeping above, in the centre of the village.

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

The standard in this category was extremely good. The Cork Road is an attractive approach to the village and was well maintained and the verges along the Kinsale Road were also in good condition. The grass had been cut to form a walk along the water's edge which is a most attractive feature.

### **General Impression:**

Belgooly is a lovely village, which suffers great problems due to its derelict areas - it is to be hoped that progress will be made in this regard in the not too distant future.