

# Tidy Towns Competition 2003

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Ardfield**

Ref: **612**

County: **Cork West**

Mark: **213**

Category: **A**

Date: **20/06/2003**

|                                | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 2003 | Mark Awarded 2002 |
|--------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Overall Developmental Approach | 50           | 36                | 36                |
| The Built Environment          | 40           | 30                | 30                |
| Landscaping                    | 40           | 32                | 30                |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 30           | 16                | 16                |
| Litter Control                 | 40           | 37                | 37                |
| Tidiness                       | 20           | 13                | 12                |
| Residential Areas              | 30           | 16                | 16                |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas  | 40           | 26                | 25                |
| General Impression             | 10           | 7                 | 7                 |
| <b>TOTAL MARK</b>              | <b>300</b>   | <b>213</b>        | <b>209</b>        |

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for your completed application form and easy to read map. The committee should put together a 3-5 year plan (no more than 5 pages) this would outline in a phased basis your future plans. The area has forged strong links with the Local Authority. Help and advice is also very forthcoming from other statutory agencies.

### The Built Environment:

The Church is a fine structure, the building and grounds are obviously well cared for. The old Church (Hall) building is still in need of corrective action. The school building and grounds look well, the building is greatly enhanced by the beautiful window decorations created by the school children - well done! The St. James GAA club looks well but its paint work would need refreshing in the medium term.

### Landscaping:

The graveyard is well tended, the parking area to the foreground of the graveyard is nicely delineated with raised planting. The map, planting and picnic area were much admired. The Map provides a lot of information on the area.

The parking area at the GAA grounds need more definition, it is currently very ad-hoc. The

floodlight tennis court is a wonderful amenity. St. James's well would need more signage near the Well itself as it could be easily missed.  
The grounds of the Church are very well maintained.

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

The Wildlife area above the graveyard is a good sanctuary for flora and fauna. Consider the planting of native berry-producing trees and shrubs and the provision of bird and bat roosts.  
The walkway near the GAA ground would be a good area to develop also. This may be a project suitable for the primary school. Additional guidance is available in the conservation volunteers of Ireland leaflet, entitled 'Developing Community Environmental Projects'.

### **Litter Control:**

Litter appears to be well in check again this year. The annual May Day and weekly clean-ups appear to be paying dividends. Please advise of any measures the committee are taking to promote anti-litter awareness in the community.

### **Tidiness:**

Weed growth at kerbs and at the base of buildings and walks is kept in check. The FAS employee and forgoie club are to be congratulated.

### **Residential Areas:**

The standard of private housing is of a good standard. Boundary walls hedged and gardens are well tended. The houses near the school and the off wood road, near St. James's well, looked very good.

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

The car parking area at the cemetery is in excellent condition.  
The water feature on the Clonakilty road is very attractive. Margins and hedgerows are well maintained. Road surfaces and road signs are in good condition.

### **General Impression:**

Ardfield is making steady progress. This progress could be better measured with the drafting of a 3-5 year rolling plan. This would give the committee a blue print to help prioritise tasks.