

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Ballineen-Enniskeane**

Ref: **564**

County: **Cork West**

Mark: **199**

Category: **B**

Date: **17/06/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	31
The Built Environment	40	30	30
Landscaping	40	31	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	27	25
Tidiness	20	10	9
Residential Areas	30	23	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	21
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	199	192

Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for your completed application form, map and five year plan. It may be more helpful to phase your five year plan in order that the committee can prioritise works.

Keep up your working relationship with the Local Authority and the schools. Help should also be sought from FAS and your Regional Tourism Authority for example.

The Built Environment:

Work was underway at the station house during adjudication this will be a fine addition to the community when completed.

The Church and school looked very well, the latter displaying a beautiful 'Special Olympics' sign in the window. O Driscoll's post office looked well. The village Inn has lovely floral decorations but should replace plastic drinks signs with more traditional styled signs. The community centre will need painting in the short-term. Murphy Family Butchers looked well also.

Landscaping:

The topiary horse continues to impress. The green areas of the pitch and putt, playground and GAA grounds are well kept.

The seating area along side the Bandon river is a restful retreat, with a magnificent view of the ten arched bridge. The grounds of the Church look well but grass cuttings should be collected if possible. The planted raised areas on the Dunmanway approach looked very well. The plan that all shrubberies are to be cut back and reorganised with emphasis on year round colour is applauded.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The location of the villages adjacent to the Bandon river gives the villages a natural advantage. Start by identifying the wildlife habitats in the catchment- what conservation or protection measures are needed.

This could be a project for the primary school or youth club. Additional guidance is available in the conservation volunteers of Ireland leaflet entitled 'Developing Community Environmental projects'.

Litter Control:

Congratulations on winning the inter-village litter challenge last year. Keep up the encouragement of school children. All these aspects are playing dividends so continue to promote anti-litter awareness.

Tidiness:

The provision of recycling facilities is a great local amenity-particularly as they are near the school they will have an added benefit.

Continue your battle with kerb side weeds. The public toilet building looked clean and well maintained.

Residential Areas:

The traditional style houses make good use of decorative plaster work and floral decoration to enhance them even further.

St. Mary's Villa, Lilac Court and the three houses near the bridge and housing near Bandon co-op were very impressive. The new development at Derrigra Crescent should look well when complete. The Gothic house continues to look well but the removal of disused petrol pump from its foreground would be an improvement.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The Dunmanway approach looks very impressive with the occasional raised planted area. The Macroom approach was also good. Road surfaces are reasonably good. The car park at the Church would need to have its white lines repainted. The Bandon River should have a bilingual name plate on the bridge.

The car park near Granger Sawmills is in excellent condition.

General Impression:

The two villages mesh very well together to create a relaxed atmosphere. Good progress is being made-keep up the good work.