

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Bere Island**

Ref: **543**

County: **Cork West**

Mark: **204**

Category: **B**

Date: **27/06/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	60	45	43
Litter Control and Tidiness	60	31	31
Home, Harbour Areas and Other Facilities	60	44	42
Representation of Roads, Walls and Hedgerows	60	43	42
Overall General Presentation	60	41	40
TOTAL MARK	300	204	198

Overall Developmental Approach:

The adjudicator would like to welcome the four new Committee members. The documentation submitted with the Entry Form was most helpful to the adjudicator. The Conservation Plan 2002 is a really positive and forward looking development. The involvement of school children and their teachers in your Tidy Towns activity is welcomed, and hopefully some of these children will become future Committee members.

You have developed a most interesting project involving the archive of 700 photographs, and hopefully this can be published in the near future. Your two main problems of waste management and scrapped cars are noted. The work at the Hostel looks well and hopefully visitor numbers to the island will grow year by year. The plans for the Old School sound interesting and hopefully they will start as soon as possible. The Marina at Lawrence Cove was quite busy on the day of adjudication and it is encouraging to see visiting boats using the facility.

Litter Control and Tidiness:

Obviously there is still a continuing problem in regard to scrapped cars. However the adjudicator has noted that you plan a removal programme each year. There are also a number of items of abandoned machinery and larger vehicles. Though more difficult to remove from the island, you should see if some action can be taken here also. The under-grounding of some of the cabling is welcomed and hopefully this project can be continued in future years. Hopefully your plans to purchase a mulcher / bailer will be realised and this project will be as successful as the group purchase of compost bins. The West End Car Park has been greatly improved but some tidying up is still necessary here. The area around the island plaque is still quite untidy and needs your urgent

attention. Likewise the long weed growth at the car park at the foreshore side needs attention.

Home, Harbour Areas and Other Facilities:

The presentation of the east end harbour area has been improved but there is still a number of apparently abandoned vessels that should be removed. At Rerrin work is necessary at the harbour area in terms of general tidying up. There is potential for some landscaping at Rerrin near the seats by the entrance to the Pier. The public lighting improvements have been noted, and the road works that have been completed. The work at the Martello Tower will be a most interesting amenity when completed. However the road up to the Tower will need to be tarred if the site is to be used by visitors. The views from here are really spectacular. It might be interesting to provide a mounted weather proof map at the Tower so that visitors can orientate themselves. It is encouraging to see some new private housing development underway. At the village of Rerrin some private houses have been painted attractively. A derelict building here needs attention and hopefully the re-development will start shortly.

Representation of Roads, Walls and Hedgerows:

Sign-posting is an urgent priority and the adjudicator is aware that you have plans in mind for this. The road banks on the approach to Rerrin are in need of trimming and should receive your early attention. The use of natural stone in some of the development work now under way is welcomed. You have started to work on the Wildlife aspect of the Competition and hopefully you will expand this work for 2004.

Overall General Presentation:

The presentation of Bere Island is improving each year and the work of your small Committee is to be commended. You seem to have a very clear focus on what you need to do on the island. Do remember the importance of your 3/5 year plan. This will guide the work of your Committee on an on-going basis.