

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Courtmacsherry**

Ref: **717**

County: **Cork West**

Mark: **216**

Category: **B**

Date: **02/07/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	36
The Built Environment	40	29	29
Landscaping	40	26	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	23	22
Litter Control	40	32	32
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	26	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	24
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	216	210

Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for your completed application form, map and 5 year programme. Please advise the term of the 5 year plan (date started). This is a very comprehensive plan and takes into account all aspects of the village. Keep up your co-ordination with the Local Authority, FAS and Bord Failte.

The Built Environment:

The RC and COI Church buildings look well, as does the community centre. Commercial premises such as Golden Pheasant Crafts, the Lifeboat Inn and Courtmacsherry Ceramics were also attractive. Work is in progress at the Courtmacsherry Hotel. The Lifeboat Station is an outstanding building and it displays the high regard with which it is held locally.

Landscaping:

The Local Authority park looks very well with its playground, football, pitch and green areas.

I note your long - term plan to redesign and landscape this park. It was being well used on the day of adjudication.

There are nice picnic benches, the old anchor and the map of Courtmacsherry. Margins are well trimmed. Plans are noted to plant trees and shrubs on the bank at the estuary side of the green

area below the community centre.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

I note your plan to co- ordinate the ' birds of the estuary' and 'angling' sign boards. The seating along the Seven Heads walk to Timoleague provides an opportunity to observe the sea bird life in comfort. Additional guidance is available in the conservation volunteers of Ireland leaflet, entitled ' Developing Community Environmental Projects '

Litter Control:

The village was well placed in the highly competitive Co. Cork 'litter - free competition'. There was just some minor trace of litter observed on the day of adjudication. Please advise in future of any measures being undertaken to promote anti-litter awareness in the community.

Tidiness:

Kerb side weed growth etc. appears to be kept well in check. The pier area was also very tidy.

The one area that would need improvement would be the area with staked trees in the foreground and side of Harbour Court. There is high grass at the base of the trees.

There was some weed growth in the tennis court which would need to be attended to.

Residential Areas:

The area inside Harbour Court self catering scheme looks very well maintained. St. Joseph's cottages and the houses and gardens in the vicinity of the Lifeboat Inn and near the Courtmacsherry hotel looked well.

Boundary walks, fences and gardens were by and large well maintained.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The Seven Heads Millennium walk is a wonderful amenity and one the village can be well proud. The pier and this area was well maintained. The caravan and camping area looks well maintained. The speed limit signs on the Dunworley road would need to be washed. The newly created parking bays near the Church work well and regulate parking in this area.

The Grotto is also very well maintained and commemorates the Marian year 1954

The new village signs with the life boat image are very colourful and attractive.

General Impression:

Courtmacsherry is a beautiful coastal village with a long and distinguished association with the sea. Keep up the good work.