

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Dunmanway**

Ref: **454**

County: **Cork West**

Mark: **205**

Category: **C**

Date: **17/06/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	29	29
The Built Environment	40	31	32
Landscaping	40	31	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	24	20
Tidiness	20	12	13
Residential Areas	30	23	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	31	30
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	205	201

Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for your application form and very well drawn map. Your success in the inter village litter challenge and the Muintir na Tire litter free roadsides competition was well earned.

The committee should draft a 3-5 year rolling plan (no more than 5 pages). This would help the adjudicator see where the committee intends progress to be made. The letter from your Local Authority Engineer is encouraging given budget restrictions. There is good community involvement, however try to encourage more school children participation and promote the visibility of the Irish language.

The Built Environment:

The primary buildings in the town look well again this year. The provision of crested street nameplates will be a welcomed addition and will be of great use to the visitor. Please ensure that the nameplates are bilingual. An Chistin Cafe, the Credit Union Building and Ó Murchú pub looked very well, as did the Library and Community College.

The Heritage Centre is a valuable resource and needs more sign posting. The model school will look well when works are completed.

A number of buildings would need attention namely; the Garda station, D O Leary and sons, the Maxol Petrol Station at the Macroom approach and the building at the side of Weather Master upvc.

More use of floral decoration would also enhance the commercial areas.

Landscaping:

The approach roads are generally well landscaped particularly the Clonakilty road. Where possible the committee should plant trees, native varieties particularly those with local associations. The pitch and putt course, playground and Sam Maguire park looked well. The seating area near the lake was much admired. The planned construction of scale facades of 'Tower House' on the Ballineen, Bantry and Clonakilty approach should look well when completed.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The information being compiled by the Youth Club on wildlife in the area will look very well if sited at the lake. The committee could consider identifying wildlife habitats in the catchment area, consider planting native berry-producing trees and shrubs, providing bird, bat roosts or nesting sites. Guidance is available in the conservation volunteers of Ireland leaflet, entitled 'Developing Community Environmental Project's.

Litter Control:

The towns success in the litter league competitions is paying dividends as are the weekly clean ups, visits to schools and work done by litter wardens.

Tidiness:

Weed growth at the base of kerbs appears to be under control. However, there was some weed growth on the bridge.

The public toilets would need some work, graffiti should be removed and hand dryers etc. repaired.

Residential Areas:

Some areas would need name signs to help with identification. The overall standard was very good and the housing on the link road from the car park to main street was very good as was the housing at Shangarry Heights, Castle St. and the area around the school attended by Sam Maguire. The plan to provide a colour scheme is a good one.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The square looks very well since it has been completed. The cobble paving looks very well also.

The main car park near the river would need lines.

The approach roads look well but would need a trim. Town welcome signs would need to be washed.

General Impression:

Good steady progress is being made, compile your 'workable' plan and tackle a realistic number of items each year. Keep up the good work!