

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Goleen**

Ref: **555**

County: **Cork West**

Mark: **196**

Category: **A**

Date: **28/06/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	28
The Built Environment	40	34	34
Landscaping	40	25	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	35	35
Tidiness	20	12	11
Residential Areas	30	23	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	16	17
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	196	197

Overall Developmental Approach:

The adjudicator is very concerned to note that a Tidy Towns Work Programme or Plan was not submitted with the entry documentation.

Progress in the competition will be dependent on everyone working towards the same ends. With this in mind you must prepare a "3 /5 Year rolling Tidy Towns Work Programme". This programme should have the support of the community, local groups other agencies and the County Council. It would therefore guide you Tidy Towns actions for the next three to five years. The Work Programme will detail the Tidy Towns objectives to be achieved by your committee in the years ahead. The preparation of such a Plan that is updated annually is now an essential aspect of the Tidy Towns Competition.

Do keep in mind that what is required is a simple Plan or document that should be drawn up by your Tidy Towns Committee.

You are working closely with the local School and Cork County Council and this is highly desirable. Hopefully some of the pupils will be Committee members in a few years time.

The Built Environment:

The new pathway project is noted. The "Green Kettle" building is a very prominent building in

Goleen. However the gable wall visible coming down the hill is unpainted and perhaps this can be rectified. The building opposite uses a very brave colour that is totally appropriate. Can a new productive use be found for the old Church on the Crookhaven road. Your adjudicator has mentioned this before. Perhaps there is a community use that could be considered with the owner of the building. The National School has been freshly painted but the railings surrounding the property now need attention. They should be painted either matt black or a strong colour - red / blue perhaps. The nearby stone Catholic Church is a prominent building in Goleen. Here the presentation is excellent and the road boundary wall seems to have been freshly painted. Another building that caught the eye is the Health Centre.

Landscaping:

The Grotto is well presented but the nearby landscaped area is now overgrown. There is great potential for some good landscaping at the Pier area, an area that needs tidying up. The grassed area on the approach to the Pier has been very tightly cut and is looking somewhat burnt. Cutting too tightly can lead to these sorts of problems.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Your potential nature project is noted. The harbour area is an excellent one for wildlife. Perhaps you can carry out a local wildlife and flora survey. The findings of this survey can then form the basis for outdoor weather-proof display panels.

Litter Control:

Litter control on the day of adjudication was quite good in the village centre. Incidental litter was noted in other areas. Overall litter control is above the normal standard.

Tidiness:

There is an untidy area on the Akakista approach opposite the concrete steps. The field gate here could perhaps be painted a bright colour. Some poles for signposting are also in need of re-painting. The area around the Coast & Cliff Rescue Centre needs major tidying up. Again there is potential for some nice landscaping in this area. Derelict properties are a problem in Goleen and the adjudicator recognises that your Committee is aware of the difficulties. The approach to the Pier area off the main street is extremely untidy and ugly. This short stretch of lane needs urgent attention - it creates a very poor impression. Also the backs of houses as seen from the road towards the Pier is rather unsightly and this issue needs urgent community attention. The Pier area itself needs attention also. Weed growth has got out of control and old ropes, nets and other materials need to be tidied and perhaps stored in a different area. This area would be an excellent location of a new wildlife / flora plaque. Flyposting and some projecting signs were noted in Goleen and these must be discouraged.

Residential Areas:

Attractive single storey dwellings were noted on the approach to the Catholic Church. On the Crookhaven road some road boundary walls need to be painted, but good landscaping was also noted in this area. A beautifully presented property was noted opposite the Co-Operative Society building. The Goleen Holiday Cottages continue to be well presented. However the planting of some mature trees here is recommended.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Generally approach roads were not up to standard. With the exception of the Ahakista approach roads there seems to be little evidence that approach roads are being maintained on a regular basis in terms of bank and verge attention. The village sign using the very large rock on the Ahakista

approach is very effective. Generally roads banks need to be trimmed and road verges should not be forgotten either.

General Impression:

Goleen is a very attractive village full of character. There is much new development work under way at the moment. Hopefully all these new developments will be properly landscaped before builders leave the site. Good luck with your future projects.