

# Tidy Towns Competition 2003

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Ring**

Ref: **515**

County: **Cork West**

Mark: **195**

Category: **A**

Date: **02/07/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	37	37
The Built Environment	40	20	20
Landscaping	40	24	21
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	17
Litter Control	40	36	35
Tidiness	20	7	7
Residential Areas	30	20	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	21
General Impression	10	8	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>186</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for your completed application form, well drawn map and plans for this year. It would be useful for the committee to draft a three to five year rolling plan setting out your goals on a phased basis.

It is important to foster a close working relationship with bodies such as the local authority, the ESB and other relevant statutory bodies. The involvement of school children has a lot of merit.

### The Built Environment:

There are a few buildings in need of repair. A useful instrument that the Local Authority could utilise is the Derelict Sites Act. This could help solve this problem.

The building beside Barry's pub mentioned in last years report still requires attention. The old mill building is an important building for the village, if the owner agreed it may be worth floodlighting this building for effect at night.

Kitty Mac's and Barry's bar have nice floral decoration. Pubs should try and replace plastic drinks signs with a more traditional style of sign.

## **Landscaping:**

The planting opposite Kitty Mac's pub and the boats filled with bedding plants is very colourful. There are very nice flower tubs on the ground and mounted on the mill and other locations. The grass margin along the coast road is extensive and must require a lot of work.

## **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

The wildlife board in the village is very informative and gives the visitor and insight into the wildlife in the area. It is incredible to think there are 132 species of wildlife in Clonakilty Bay. The village has 60 swans which is a very large concentration. It may be possible to create a 'coastal walk' along the margin of the coast road as this shows the magnificent location of the village.

## **Litter Control:**

The adjudicator did not observe the waterside litter and debris mentioned in last years report. The village weekly clean-ups have really paid dividends. Please advise any other measures you are undertaking to promote anti-litter awareness in the community.

## **Tidiness:**

There is no kerb side weed growth which is a great achievement. There were just two black spots noticed in terms of untidiness. One is on the coast road, on the left as you leave the village there is some old farm machinery parked there and similarly opposite the new houses at Coakley's Cross the old vehicles and debris would need to be removed.

## **Residential Areas:**

Some private house in the village need attention, but the majority look very well namely; the mature terrace on the Darrara side of the village, Arundel Mills look well and the newly constructed terrace at Coakley's Cross would be enhanced if the area opposite was improved(covered above under tidiness).

## **Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

Grass margins are all very neatly trimmed particularly on the coast road. If possible trim grass on the tops of walls as well. There is an excellent view of the village from the coast road. The proposal to erect street lighting is a good one, but ensure that the style of lighting is in keeping with the village setting.

The pier and slip way look clean, one boat on a trailer looks like it is past its best and should be removed.

## **General Impression:**

For a village which is quite new to the competition Ring is making great strides. Keep forging ahead and implement a new initiative each year. Keep up your good work - the village is visibly improving.