

# Tidy Towns Competition 2003

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Shannonvale**

Ref: **691**

County: **Cork West**

Mark: **211**

Category: **A**

Date: **17/06/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	38	36
The Built Environment	40	25	25
Landscaping	40	33	33
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	34	34
Tidiness	20	7	7
Residential Areas	30	24	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	28
General Impression	10	7	8
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>208</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for your application form, well drawn map and five year development plan. The five year plan is very well put together and many of the tasks have now been completed. The co-operation between the village, the Local Authority and the ESB certainly paid dividends in terms of the beautiful street lighting.

### The Built Environment:

Shannonvale is a lovely traditional village with fine stone bridge over the river Argideen. The Mill building is a piece of history and the adjudicator wishes you success if you seek a preservation order on the mill and the surrounding area.

### Landscaping:

Trees are the most important plant in the urban landscape, and the Shannonvale Committee has recognised this. Continue to plant native varieties in suitable locations. The planting near Phair's pub looks well. The play area in the village green has disimproved, no doubt due to the problem with sewage surfacing in the park. This matter should be attended to urgently as it also constitutes a health risk.

The area near the Big Cross would need a trim.

## **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

There are a number of tasks listed in your plan, namely: the provision of feed baskets and bird tables, the construction of wild life storyboards (children's activity) and sign boarding River Argideen and river walk. These will go a long way to increasing your performance in this category. Additional guidance is available in the conservation volunteers of Ireland leaflet, entitled 'Developing' Community Environmental Projects'

## **Litter Control:**

There was some trace of litter between Phair's pub and the village but this did not spoil a great effort by all concerned. Include in your documentation any measures being taken to promote anti-litter awareness in the community.

## **Tidiness:**

The problem still exists in relation to untidy sites. Two in particular; one above the old cottages and another opposite the village park are very visible. Screening is suggested as per last years report. Weed growth should be tackled on the pathway to the river in the town park.

## **Residential Areas:**

The new terrace of houses look very well indeed and integrate nicely into the village. The older houses above the town park continue to look well. The house opposite the older cottages has some unique garden ornamentation. Hillside farm on the road to the West Cork Technology Park also looked very well. It is obvious that all local residents have great pride in their domestic dwellings.

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

The approach from the Big Cross side of town would need a trim as would the approach from the West Cork Technology Park. The new lanterns look well - while also providing a useful function.

The bridge is a major feature of the village and continues to look well.

## **General Impression:**

Very nice traditional village. Rejuvenation of the town park(following tackling of sewage problem) will help matters greatly.