

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Annascaul**

Ref: **489**

County: **Kerry**

Mark: **208**

Category: **B**

Date: **03/07/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	33
The Built Environment	40	29	28
Landscaping	40	30	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	19
Litter Control	40	26	25
Tidiness	20	14	13
Residential Areas	30	20	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	29	28
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	208	202

Overall Developmental Approach:

The community is obviously taking a strong interest in the presentation of the village and overall a good standard is being attained. The additional data submitted with the application form is noted. The community should continue to work and take projects on a priority basis. By pursuing such a course, additional progress will be made and the community will be encouraged by such progress.

The Built Environment:

There is generally a good standard in the presentation of buildings throughout the village. The Clubhouse in the GAA Field is excellently maintained. The National School was also beautifully presented. The Community Centre premises was also nicely presented. The shops and other business premises including the Post Office are generally very well presented. The Catholic Church and adjoining grounds were excellently maintained. However, the old Hall looked somewhat dilapidated.

Landscaping:

The landscaping work throughout the village was generally very good. The landscaping across from the disused petrol pumps looked very well. The landscaping at the Jerome Connor Memorial Park is beautifully maintained. Also, the landscaping in the vicinity of the garage at the Tralee approach

was very well maintained. The use of flower boxes, hanging baskets, for example in the bridge area, were impressive. The landscaping near the GAA Clubhouse is very well maintained. Also, the landscaping across from the entrance to the GAA Field was very well maintained.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The location of the village is such that there is much natural habitat in the area for wildlife. The river is a valuable asset to the community and probably provides habitat for many wildlife species. The lake in the vicinity is similarly a good source of wildlife habitat. The information leaflets produced on the area's wildlife are very worthwhile.

Litter Control:

There seems to be a good control of litter in and around the village. Throughout the village, in the vicinity of shops, Post Office etc. , there was no evidence of litter. Your approach of requesting householders to gather any litter themselves does indeed seem to be working. It is also a very good idea to involve the local youth in this aspect of the Competition and, in particular, challenging them to find solutions. It should, however, be noted that young people are not the only culprits when it comes to litter.

Tidiness:

The entrance to and the general area of Abha na Scail CLG- The Paddy Kennedy Memorial Park was excellently maintained and very tidy. The open space near the old Hall looked very untidy. The open green area across from the Post Office looked very tidy. The village streets and areas adjoining shops etc. were very tidy. The entrance to and the area in the vicinity of Ballinclare Burial Ground was tidily maintained.

Residential Areas:

The standard of houses and gardens in and around the village was generally good. Many houses on approach roads etc. had colourful well maintained gardens. Within the village, houses were generally very well presented and the use of colourful window boxes and hanging baskets had an overall positive effect.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The Jerome Connor Memorial Park, along the main street of the village, is impressive and generally well maintained; however the nearby seats/picnic tables would need to be repainted. The Tom Crean Explanatory Board at the bridge is also very appropriate to the village and is well maintained. The stone wall stretches through the village looked very well. The road to the lake and the road leading beyond the Post Office were reasonably well maintained. The approach roads to the village from Dingle and Tralee were both very well presented; grass verges were particularly neatly trimmed in the latter and the tree there looked well. The grotto and surrounding area was beautifully maintained. Poles for traffic signs etc. throughout were in many instances rusted and in need of cleaning and repainting. The old water pump near the church is a nice feature and could do with repainting. The disused petrol pumps in the village centre do not enhance this area.

General Impression:

Overall the community is proceeding on the right lines. This is a most pleasant village and is obviously a source of pride for those who live there. The Committee and the community should continue to work to bring about further improvement.

