

# Tidy Towns Competition 2003

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Cahersiveen**

Ref: **671**

County: **Kerry**

Mark: **210**

Category: **C**

Date: **23/06/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	37	36
The Built Environment	40	31	30
Landscaping	40	29	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	19
Litter Control	40	26	26
Tidiness	20	12	11
Residential Areas	30	20	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	28
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>205</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

This is a very interesting town located on a very busy scenic route. A considerable effort is being made to improve the town by A.C.A.R.D. in conjunction with the Local Authority and Cahersiveen Community Council. Obviously, a coordinated approach on a number of local issues is being adopted. However, a greater community involvement is required in order to achieve greater impact.

### The Built Environment:

There are a number of fine buildings throughout the town, many of which are well presented. The premises of Mean Scoil Naomh Eoin Bosco was well attended to as was Scoil Mhuire na mBraithre Criostai. A prominent building in the town, the Old Barracks is well presented. Cahersiveen Fire Station premises was well maintained. The Market House stone building in New Market St. looked well. The Courthouse is a fine historic building. There are a number of premises which would need to be attended to, for example what seems to be the disused premises of the Sive Mineral Water Company. Work in progress at the Valentia Observatory is noted. The Cahersiveen Community Centre premises in Bridge St. would need to be refurbished and when this is undertaken, perhaps consideration may be given to replacing the plastic sign with a painted one. It is noted that efforts are being made overall to deal with derelict sites, for example at the Fair Green area. The Post Office building was nicely presented.

## **Landscaping:**

A good effort is being made at landscaping in areas throughout the town. Landscaping at the entrance to St. Anne's Hospital is well maintained. Also, landscaping in the vicinity of the Barracks looked well. The tree planting across from the Fire Station and in the large green area nearby is well maintained. Landscaping at approach roads to the town, especially that at the Glenbeigh side also looked well. The mature planting at the Fair Green is an asset to this area of the town. The O'Connell Park is a fine and impressive development.

## **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

The town has a magnificent natural location and no doubt provides habitats for various species of wildlife. The plan to develop the Carhan River as a bird and wildlife sanctuary is an excellent one and will enhance the area considerably. Also, the satisfactory conclusion of work at the Old Mass Path will be a very positive development.

## **Litter Control:**

While many of the major streets were quite free of litter, and this probably is a result of the street cleaning programme which you have organised with the Local Authority plus of course the effort of local business people, there will however need to be a much greater effort made in this regard. It was, for example, very disappointing to see a very substantial amount of all types of litter within the area of the Holy Well in Old Market St. and even in the well itself. It is noted from your submission that the local Youth Club is involved in your Tidy Towns efforts. May it be suggested that this active group would take on the responsibility for maintaining this lovely project in the town centre; such an arrangement would ensure a proper presentation of this interesting attraction. There was a considerable amount of litter throughout Bridge St. and litter was also noted in the vicinity of the Post Office.

## **Tidiness:**

The major streets of the town were quite tidy. However along these streets, there are many open spaces opening off the streets and these would need to be tidied up. The entrance to and the general area in the vicinity of Holy Cross Cemetery was quite tidy. O'Connell St. was very clean and tidy. Quay St. was also quite tidy. The Reenusheen road could be tidied up. The designated Casual Trading area was quite tidy. The general area in the vicinity of An Leabharlann was also tidy.

## **Residential Areas:**

The standard of residential areas in and around the town was very good. Houses and gardens across from St. Anne's Hospital were very nicely presented. Also houses, gardens and the green area at Fertha Drive were nicely maintained. Residents in the Woodbrook area had their houses and gardens well presented. Also the houses and gardens adjoining the green area in the vicinity of the Fire Station were also attractively maintained. The houses and gardens on all approach roads to the town were also of a very good standard.

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

The approach roads to the town were generally good. The road from Waterville was tidy and the footpaths here were quite clean; also the stretch of stone walls here looked well. The entrance to and the general vicinity of St. Mary's GAA Club Playing Field and premises were quite tidy. The sign for the Garda Station from Main St. was rusted and in need of cleaning and repainting. The new footpaths in parts of New Market St. looked well. The Old Road area was quite tidy as was the Avenue area. The Sigerson Clifford monument in the town was well maintained. The monument to "the Volunteers" is also being well maintained. In Old Market St. the Tobar na Croishe Naofa - Holy Well is an interesting and a unique feature in a town centre and should be taken better care of. The approach road from Glenbeigh was very well maintained.

**General Impression:**

As has been indicated, this is a beautifully located town. The efforts which are being made to improve the town are making a difference. If the entire community supports these efforts for the future, much greater progress could be made. The town has many natural assets and if a coordinated approach is maintained and supported for the future, a real transformation could be brought about.