

# Tidy Towns Competition 2003

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Ceann Tragha**

Ref: **121**

County: **Kerry**

Mark: **200**

Category: **A**

Date: **03/07/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32	31
The Built Environment	40	29	27
Landscaping	40	24	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	19
Litter Control	40	30	30
Tidiness	20	14	13
Residential Areas	30	22	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	22
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>195</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Ceann Tragha has a magnificent location. It is also an attractive village with a pleasant atmosphere. A considerable amount of traffic passes through, but this seems to be satisfactorily dealt with by the local community.

### The Built Environment:

Buildings throughout the village are generally impressive and well presented. Once again Halla Ceann Tragha is attractive and excellently presented. The National School was also beautifully presented. The Post Office Building is most attractive and beautifully maintained.

### Landscaping:

Flower displays around the village added much colour, for example the window boxes at the hall were most attractive. The green areas in the village were beautifully maintained.

### Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

With such a natural location, there is no doubt there are suitable habitats in the vicinity for many wildlife species. The placing of Information/Educational Display Boards for Ventry Wildlife at the

beach area is an excellent idea. Also, involving local school pupils in the release of seals has important educational values.

### **Litter Control:**

Litter control in some areas is good but in some cases attention is required. The pleasant pedestrian walk down to the sea from the village centre across from the Post Office is an attractive amenity but there was a considerable amount of litter along here. There did not seem to be a litter bin here and perhaps consideration may be given to have such a container placed somewhere along the walk. Other areas of the village, for example in the vicinity of business premises, Post Office etc. were free of litter. The car park area near the beach was also free of litter. Your efforts to involve the school pupils in Bruscar/Litter campaigns are excellent as this creates an early awareness of this problem.

### **Tidiness:**

The village throughout was generally tidy. The area around the Bottle Bank was quite tidy. The area in the vicinity of the Telephone Kiosk was clean and tidy. The general beach area was tidy and generally clean. The immediate area around the Lifeguard's hut was tidy and free of any litter.

### **Residential Areas:**

Householders in the village and on approach roads presented their houses neatly. Where gardens were attached, these were colourful and well attended to. Holiday homes/cottages and adjoining areas were very neatly and tastefully presented.

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

The approach road from Dingle was well presented, with grass verges etc. neatly trimmed. However the place name sign here for the village was in need of cleaning and repainting. The Ballyferriter approach road was also quite tidy. It was noted that many traffic signs/poles in and around the village were rusted and in need of repainting. In the case of one minor approach road, only one 30mph sign was in place which was rusted and the other was missing altogether. The sign for the Community Alert Area needed to be cleaned. The stone wall and seating in the vicinity of the Post Office were well maintained.

### **General Impression:**

As indicated, this is a lovely village and a good effort is made to present it well. The community should continue with their efforts. It is hoped that the observations in this report will be of some assistance in further enhancing a very attractive place.