

# Tidy Towns Competition 2003

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Chapeltown**

Ref: **497**

County: **Kerry**

Mark: **192**

Category: **A**

Date: **23/06/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	25
The Built Environment	40	26	26
Landscaping	40	25	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	24	23
Litter Control	40	26	26
Tidiness	20	15	14
Residential Areas	30	19	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	25
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>187</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

It is good to note that participation in the Tidy Towns Competition provides encouragement for your community. The committee is obviously working on the right lines, however it would be useful if it worked to a plan of action over covering a three or five year period. It would be advisable to take projects on a priority basis and possibly you are doing this already.

### The Built Environment:

Buildings in the village area generally well presented. The school building and adjoining grounds were very well presented. The Church of St. Dararra and St. Teresa is a prominent building in the village and is very well maintained. The Childcare Centre was also well presented. Premises such as the Post Office were well maintained.

### Landscaping:

The picnic/little park on the river bank at the bridge is an excellent development. Nice landscaping has been carried out here. In addition, seating, picnic tables etc. have been put in place. This area is obviously well attended to and, in fact, was being attended to at the time of adjudication. The river is a valuable asset in this area and the access provided enhances this area further. Making provision for disabled access is to be welcomed. Colourful flower tubs are in place coming into the

village from the Portmagee side. Flower tubs are also in place in the village. Also, very colourful and well maintained flower tubs are in place at the chapel gate.

### **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

Being so close to the village, the river is an advantage for many wildlife species. There is, in the vicinity, natural habitats which no doubt entice other wildlife species. The provision of Bird Boxes in the little park at the riverside near the bridge is a good idea and hopefully this will attract other species of bird life to this already very pleasant area.

### **Litter Control:**

At the time of adjudication there was a considerable amount of litter on the footpath near the school. In other areas of the village, the litter situation seems to be under control. Control of litter is a problem which most communities have to deal with and there is therefore a need to be constantly on the look out for this.

### **Tidiness:**

Work is in progress at the boundary wall of the Playing Field and this will no doubt be tidied up in due course. The area in the vicinity of the Post Office was quite tidy. The area in the vicinity of the Church was also very tidy. The village overall was quite tidy at the time of adjudication.

### **Residential Areas:**

Generally there are some attractive houses and gardens in and around in and around the vicinity of the village. On the approach from Portmagee, Shore road etc. there was some attractive houses and gardens. Other houses at Geokain View were nicely maintained. Some householders make good use of flower tubs and this enhances the overall aspect of a house/street.

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

The approach road from Portmagee was quite tidy. The "Welcome to Chapelstown, An Caol" sign on this approach looked well. A new wall at the boundary of the Playing Field is being completed. There are some nice stretches of stone walls along this approach also. Close to the village on this approach, the road surface would need to be attended to. There is an attractive stone wall surrounding the church/grounds. The sign for the grotto near the church needs to be cleaned and repainted. The Shore Road approach road to the village was quite tidy; there are some nice stretches of stone walls along here too. The Knightstown approach road to the village was also well maintained.

### **General Impression:**

This is a pleasant attractively located village. Progress is being made in a number of areas and the community should continue this work. It would be advisable to draw up a plan of matters to be dealt with. By following such a plan and taking projects on a priority basis, the benefits would become clear to the community