

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Currans**

Ref: **395**

County: **Kerry**

Mark: **197**

Category: **A**

Date: **18/06/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	28
The Built Environment	40	30	29
Landscaping	40	29	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	30	29
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	20	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	24
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	197	192

Overall Developmental Approach:

The inclusion of a map of the village with Entry Form was helpful. Perhaps your committee will also consider drawing up a plan for future Tidy Towns activity. It would be helpful from your own point of view to have a programme for work which you could attend to on a priority basis.

The Built Environment:

Buildings generally in the village were very well presented. The Currans Community Care Centre was excellently maintained. The Church of St Theresa & St Colmcille is impressive and well maintained. The licensed premises were also well presented. Presumably the old creamery building will be put to some use in time.

Landscaping:

The landscaping in the external green areas in the village is very pleasant. These green areas are being very well maintained and enhance the village considerably. Also, the landscaping in the car park near the Church looks well.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The village is in a very pleasant location and no doubt such a location already attracts a considerable amount of wildlife. For the future, your committee may consider obtaining specialist advice on the possibility of advancing the wildlife potential of the area. Such a project could include identification of habitats for specific species etc.

Litter Control:

The village was generally free of litter at the time of adjudication. Referring again to your development plan for the future, it would be advisable to include a litter strategy in this. For example, this could outline specific actions for continuing to keep litter under control and potential ways in which support could be obtained from other organisations in this endeavour.

Tidiness:

The village was generally tidy throughout. However, the general area in the vicinity of the old creamery would need to be tidied up. Old wooden pallets were lying about and there was a considerable amount of very high grass and weed growth in the vicinity. The area around the old national school was quite tidy. The car park at the church was very clean and tidy.

Residential Areas:

Houses and gardens in the vicinity of the village were generally very well presented, such as the houses and gardens along the road leading out from the village at the Church junction. Also, houses and gardens on other approach roads were also attractive and well maintained. Attractive and colourful gardens contribute substantially to creating a more pleasant and attractive environment.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The Railway/River Bridge is an important feature of the village and the walls were particularly clean and attractive. The Farranfore approach road to the village was quite tidy. On the Castleisland approach road, grass verges were neatly trimmed giving a good impression. It should be noted that place name signs and traffic signs in and around the village were in need of cleaning

General Impression:

This is a pleasant attractive village and the community should give every possible support to the efforts being made by the Tidy Towns Committee. The whole community will benefit from a more pleasant environment. As indicated, if you coordinate your efforts by way of a plan of work to be done it would prove beneficial.