

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Knightstown**

Ref: **201**

County: **Kerry**

Mark: **249**

Category: **A**

Date: **03/08/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	42	41
The Built Environment	40	34	34
Landscaping	40	34	34
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	25	25
Litter Control	40	35	34
Tidiness	20	15	14
Residential Areas	30	23	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	33	32
General Impression	10	8	9
TOTAL MARK	300	249	246

Overall Developmental Approach:

Your Tidy Towns Committee is obviously working along the lines of the three year plan which you have submitted. A considerable amount of improvements are being carried out throughout the village with the result that it is a cheerful attractive place, enjoying as it does a most pleasant natural location. The village overall is being enhanced by your efforts in the competition and this is to be welcomed.

The Built Environment:

The new public toilet building is a tastefully designed one and is excellently presented. The Church of Ireland church of St. John the Baptist is a lovely building; entrance gates, grounds, etc. are excellently presented. St. Dereras Hall was nicely presented. The Clock Tower building has been beautifully restored and is an interesting feature in this area of the village. The Catholic church is an imposing building and together with the adjoining grounds is excellently presented. The Lifeboat Station premises is a prominent one in the pier area and it is very well maintained. The new Rehab building on the road to "The Burial Ground" looks well.

Landscaping:

The development at Altazamuth Park area is an excellent idea. Landscaping which has been carried

out here looks well and helps to make it a very pleasant area. The flower planting which has been carried out with the stone surround at the Chapeltown end of the village looks well. Also, the flower planting at the entrance to Valentia Hospital is attractive. Planting at the promenade area and the attractive large green area was excellently maintained.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The Altazamuth area is a very attractive one for wildlife and should attract different species of wildlife. The bird boxes which have been put in place here should also attract some species of birds. Many other areas in the vicinity of the village including the grounds of the Church of Ireland church provide habitat for different wildlife species. The village is located close to water and this should also be an advantage for some other wildlife species.

Litter Control:

It is noted that your committee conducts a continuous anti-litter campaign. Litter bins are in place throughout the village and at the time of adjudication there was no litter in evidence. Keep up this effort.

Tidiness:

Overall, the village area was quite tidy. The area around the new public toilet building was very tidy. Also, the area in the village centre was very tidy. The pier area too was very tidy in particular that area around the Valentia Lifeboat Station premises.

Residential Areas:

Houses and gardens throughout the village were attractively presented. The old Cable Station houses located on the road to "The Burial Ground" looked bright and attractive. Houses in both Peter Street and Jane Street were attractively presented. Indeed, houses and gardens in all areas of the village overall are very attractive.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The resurfacing of the road to the Lifeboat Station is noted and this improves the general area considerably. The approach road from Chapeltown was very neatly presented and the large green area here was very well maintained. On this road the "Fáilte go Knightstown" sign looked very attractive. The plentiful fuchsia hedging along this road looked really well. The "yield" traffic sign and pole at the Church of Ireland church/burial ground junction needs to be cleaned and repainted and, in addition, it is concealed by overgrowth. The Shore Road approach was also quite tidy.

General Impression:

This is a very pleasantly located village and the work that the Tidy Towns Committee is enhancing its overall image considerably. In pursuing a coordinated plan for the competition, you are working on the right lines to achieve further progress.

Second Round Adjudication:

The magnificent montbretia roadsides which are such a feature of the village of Knightstown (and, indeed have won awards in the competition previously!), looked somewhat neglected, in comparison to previous visits this adjudicator has made to the village. Cow parsley and yellow hogwart marred its appearance somewhat. Do discourage the practise of flyposting, as it gives approach roads a rather cluttered appearance. The church was as well maintained as ever, and Altazamuth House was very fresh! Some of the houses on Market Street appeared quite grubby. The Royal Pier Bar was in need

of painting, and the Dive Centre sported broken signage. The promenade area was as well presented as ever. Knightstown was a pleasure to visit as always, but the adjudicator felt, as previously stated, that this time the town looked somewhat neglected in comparison to previous visits.