

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Lios Poil**

Ref: **337**

County: **Kerry**

Mark: **172**

Category: **A**

Date: **03/07/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	28
The Built Environment	40	24	23
Landscaping	40	21	20
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	24	23
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	19	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	20
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	172	167

Overall Developmental Approach:

The village is a pleasantly located one and the community obviously makes a good effort in presenting it as an attractive place. While progress is being made, perhaps a plan may be drawn up for future Tidy Towns activity. By following such a course, work could be undertaken on a priority basis and results may be more readily seen by the community at large.

The Built Environment:

The buildings, generally, in the village looked well. The National School - Scoil Naisiunta Eoin Baiste was well maintained. The hall nearby was also well presented. The church and adjoining grounds were excellently maintained. Shop premises, including the Post Office, were also well presented. The old creamery building would need to be turned into some use.

Landscaping:

The large green area at the Annascaul end of the village was very well maintained and considerably enhances this area of the village. The planting within the grotto area was neatly maintained. The landscaping at the entrance to Ionad Pobail agus Pairc Imearthra CLG Lios Poil was good. Perhaps the community and the Committee may consider further planting of appropriate species of plants in the vicinity of the village. This could include a good supply of plants, some of which may provide

colour etc.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The community is fortunate in that the village is located in a rural area. In this regard, natural vegetation in the area provides a ready habitat for more wildlife species. In this regard and in the context of a further landscaping programme, appropriate planting could also have beneficial and positive implications for wildlife in the area.

Litter Control:

Litter generally seemed to be under control and the whole community should strive to maintain this position. It is noted that you have arranged for litter bins to be put in place outside shops, etc. and such efforts are worthwhile. It was also noted that there was no litter in the vicinity of shops, Post Office etc. It is also advantageous to involve the schools in this aspect of the Competition in that it helps to create an awareness at an early age.

Tidiness:

The area around the old creamery is generally untidy and this would need to be attended to. The area around shops, telephone kiosk etc. was tidy. The grotto area was also very tidy. Areas around the church, school and large green area were also quite tidy. Footpaths, where they exist, could be made to look more tidy.

Residential Areas:

Houses and gardens on the various approach roads to the village were well presented. Houses in the village too were quite well presented. In many instances, gardens adjoining houses on approach roads were colourful and well attended to. All residents can play a role in this aspect of the Competition.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The approach roads to the village, particularly the main ones, were well maintained. On the Annascaul road, the "Fáilte go dtí Lios Poil" sign in stone looked impressive and was well maintained. The small entrance gate to the otherwise attractive grotto was rusted and in need of cleaning and repainting. The Volunteers monument near the church was well maintained but grass and weed growth along the base of surrounding walls should be attended to. Also, grass and weed growth along footpaths in the vicinity of Siopa an Droichid should be attended to. There was quite high grass and weed growth along stretches of stone walls within the village area.

General Impression:

As has been acknowledged this is a very attractively located village. The community is making a good effort at good presentation. These efforts should be continued with. As indicated, the drawing up of a work programme would greatly advance the overall situation.