

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Waterville**

Ref: **586**

County: **Kerry**

Mark: **207**

Category: **B**

Date: **23/06/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	35
The Built Environment	40	31	30
Landscaping	40	30	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	14
Litter Control	40	26	26
Tidiness	20	13	12
Residential Areas	30	24	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	25
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	207	202

Overall Developmental Approach:

The village overall is improving and working towards the goals outlined in your three year plan will help to bring a more coordinated approach to your efforts. Perhaps if a priority approach was now adopted it would help further to give better and more obvious results for the community. In any case, efforts which are being made at present help to make this village more attractive for the local community and for visitors.

The Built Environment:

There is generally a good standard of buildings throughout the village. The new Post Office has indeed been completed and is now busily functioning. The FÁS premises are attractively presented. The Waterville Community Centre premises were also well maintained. The school premises of Scoil Naisiunta Naomh Fionain - St. Finian's National School were well maintained. The Church of Ireland church of St. Michael and All Angels is a lovely imposing building; the Catholic church building was well maintained. The restored Cable House premises looked very well. Some of the buildings identified in last year's report as being in need of attention have not been dealt with.

Landscaping:

The standard of landscaping generally throughout the village is very good. Along the promenade

area landscaping here is very well maintained; here too, the large green areas are well attended to. Also the landscaping and green area in the vicinity of St. Finian's Terrace looked very well. Landscaping work in the area adjoining Waterville Cottages was excellently presented. Well maintained landscaping can have a very beneficial effect on the overall aspect of a town or village and, in the case of Waterville, it is noted that this aspect of the Competition features in your three year development plan.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The proximity of the village to water does, in itself, attract particular species of wildlife. Appropriate landscaping as it matures should also provide habitats for some species of wildlife. The continuing programme of work in the Murreigh area should enhance further habitats. It may prove beneficial if the community were to obtain specialist advice as to the best methods to employ in order to attract and retain more wildlife in the vicinity.

Litter Control:

In most areas of the village the litter situation seemed to be generally good, with some exceptions. There was a considerable amount of litter along the footpaths on the Lough Currnae road. There was also some litter in the green area in the vicinity of the Millerick monument. However the village centre and the vicinity of the Post Office were clean and free of litter.

Tidiness:

The area in the vicinity of the Waterville Community Centre was quite tidy. Also, the village centre was tidy, in the vicinity of Post Office, shops etc. The area near the James Butler Monument was very tidy. The area in the vicinity of Waterville Craft Market was very tidy and neatly presented. While the area within the entrance to Waterville Golf Links premises was very tidy, the immediate area at the entrance was in the process of being tidied up and hopefully, when this is completed, this area will be more presentable. The large green areas throughout the village were generally very tidy. The area in the vicinity of the Irish Coastguard Station was quite tidy.

Residential Areas:

Like many other towns and villages at present, there is a considerable amount of house building in progress in the vicinity of the village. The standard of residential areas within the village is quite good. Houses and gardens near the large open green area beyond the Hall are very well maintained. At St. Finian's Terrace, the houses and gardens are beautifully maintained. Also, the standard of holiday homes in and around the village is such that it enhances the general standard of housing within the village.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The approach roads to the village were generally tidy. The stone walls at this end of the village looked well. The multi-lingual welcome sign here was clean and well maintained. Planting at the stone wall here looked well. The new footpaths which have been constructed near the the Waterville Cottages improve this area considerably. Part of the road surface on the Cahirciveen approach road close to the village would need to be improved. The stone walls near the Community Centre looked well. The Tennis Courts near the Community Centre are well maintained. The traffic signs for the national school and the poles at either side of the school were rusted and in need of cleaning and repainting. The traffic signs and pole across from the James Butler monument were also in need of repainting. The Grotto and adjoining area were well maintained. Both the Charlie Chaplin and T.C. Millerick monuments were well presented.

General Impression:

This is a beautifully located village on a very scenic and busy route. The community is making a good effort to enhance the village. As has been indicated, if the community continues to follow a planned work programme on a priority basis, results will follow. The village has a distinct advantage because of its very attractive natural location.