

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Cappoquin**

Ref: **696**

County: **Waterford**

Mark: **215**

Category: **B**

Date: **13/06/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	40	40
The Built Environment	40	23	23
Landscaping	40	28	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	24	24
Litter Control	40	31	32
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	23	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	27
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	215	215

Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for all the information and for the map sent with your entry form all of which were most useful on adjudication day. Reading through your comments it would appear that while you have a number of new projects in hand e.g. the restoration of the library and the building of the new Community Centre your committee are concentrating in the main on maintenance which is very praiseworthy indeed. For the future however you should consider the matters raised under this heading in last years report regarding the production of a three/five year plan drawing on the assistance of whatever Agencies are available to you such as your Local Authority, FÁS, Duchas, your Regional Tourism Authority (based in Waterford) and, of course, your local community and schools. A plan is important because not alone does it identify what needs to be done but can also be used as a yardstick to measure what progress you are making.

The Built Environment:

Your Church, Credit Union, Grotto, Garda Station and Schools are being well maintained and looked very well again this year. Many commercial premises were nicely presented. Others are still in need of refurbishment and painting. Unoccupied houses and derelict sites appear to be still with you a matter in which your Local Authority should be able to help.

Landscaping:

Your trees and shrubs are maturing nicely but part of your planning should be to identify other areas where similar work can be carried out. Window boxes and baskets of flowers, where presented, looked very well and created a nice ambience in the town.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Glenshelane Woods and River Walk were again visited this year and are nicely presented. However, again it is suggested that you consider developing a wildlife project at one of these sites which would greatly enhance its attraction. Perhaps there is someone in your locality who is knowledgeable on this. In the event please also consult with the Heritage Council.

Litter Control:

The main streets in Cappoquin were practically litter free on adjudication day and for this congratulations are to be extended to all concerned. Unfortunately the area of Twig Bog was very badly littered and, in this respect is a disaster area. It would appear that litter is being dumped there. Some minor littering was also to be seen opposite the school on the Mellary Road which detracted somewhat from that area which otherwise looked quite nice. Perhaps an additional litter bin would help.

Tidiness:

As last year, Cappoquin was again presented in a neat and tidy manner – Twig Lane being again the exception. One would expect that eventually your Local Authority will have to take steps to remedy this situation with the property owners concerned.

Residential Areas:

Many of your housing estates were again visited this year and, in general, are being well maintained. In some cases open spaces needed cutting. The new housing estate on the Mellary Road has large open spaces which, at this stage, badly need attention. Some lovely household gardens were to be seen which together with the already mentioned window boxes and hanging baskets created a very nice atmosphere in the town and reflected greatly on their presenters. The landscaping in front of the GAA pitch looks very nice and greatly enhances the Dungarvan approach.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Approach roads were very nicely presented again this year and work on the Lismore approach was noted on adjudication day. The car park at Twig Bog also looked very well. The main streets in Cappoquin and the footpaths are being well maintained. However the surface of the road to Mount Mellary is somewhat uneven.

General Impression:

As stated earlier the emphasis seems to be on maintenance and this is a very important aspect of the competition. In other centres and before settling down to plan objectives for the next three to five years, surveys of the town or village have been carried out in order to establish where and how many problems exist. As a result of this plans have been drawn up to deal with as many of these problems as possible within available physical and financial resources. It is suggested that Cappoquin might follow this pattern. In the event the adjudicator looks forward to returning next year to see what further progress has been made.

