

# Tidy Towns Competition 2004

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Eyeries**

Ref: **608**

County: **Cork West**

Mark: **272**

Category: **A**

Date: **06/08/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	48	47
The Built Environment	40	37	36
Landscaping	40	34	34
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	26	26
Litter Control	40	37	37
Tidiness	20	18	18
Residential Areas	30	27	27
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	36	35
General Impression	10	9	9
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>269</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Eyeries Tidy Town Committee is one which continues to show a strong level of interest in the village's development and future. Your encouragement of the retention of the traditional timber sash windows is an excellent initiative and one which should be adopted throughout the country! It was noted that there are a number of new housing schemes springing up in the village. Do ensure that these are appropriate to the character and nature of Eyeries, as it would be appalling to see the village losing its unique charm! Many thanks for the magnificent map which looked as marvelous as ever. It was interesting to note that you so strongly appreciate the contribution of the whole community. You appear to have a good relationship with the local County Council. Your work in relation to the tidying of the river area is to be greatly commended.

### The Built Environment:

The National School was extremely fresh with its attractive and colourful murals to the boundary wall, as usual. In terms of commercial premises, O'Sullivan's was fresh, as was O'Shea's Bar. The adjudicator was interested to note the highlighting of the corner detail at Causkey's Bar in a different colour shade. Again, this had taken place at the church where the piers / buttresses had been picked out with a slightly different shade in order to subtly emphasise them. This has been very successful. The Post Office was quite fresh as was the Health Centre and the public lavatories were extremely well maintained, as ever.

## **Landscaping:**

The attractive planting to the tops of stone walls as one enters the village were admired, as was the magnificent displays of montbretia. Attractive planting of sweetpea, petunia and pansies on top of the stone wall adjacent to the seating area was admired as was the planting opposite O'Sullivan's. The pump had been freshly painted at the bend in the road and the attractive planting of marigolds, hydrangeas and petunias at the public lavatories was greatly admired. Do resist the temptation to gild the lily - your incidental landscaped spaces are extremely attractive - do ensure that you don't over prettify the village!

## **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

A bird table was noted at the open space near the public lavatories and health centre. The adjudicator was interested to note that you have witnessed a resurgence in wildlife due to revised farm practices. Your work in relation to attracting birds and butterflies by maintaining the hedgerows is to be commended. Also of interest was the re-emergence of different bat species. Your work in regard to the walking route is of great interest also.

## **Litter Control:**

The standard of litter control on the day was extremely good, although one or two papers were seen on the Strand Road.

## **Tidiness:**

Generally the village has a very neat and ordered appearance. One or two problem areas were a rusty tin roof to a shed on the Kenmare Road and the roof of a shed on the Old Road approach which should be repainted before next year's competition. Do remove building materials once work is complete - a pile of sand was evident at the beach area. It was noted that an out building at the entrance to the village had its tin roof freshly painted in red with matching trims, which looked very well! The doorways and blocked up windows of an old stone outbuilding on the Old Road also created a good impression

## **Residential Areas:**

Attractive planting to Coulagh Bay House B&B made a very good impression on the Kenmare Road. An attractive garden to what appeared to be the Garda Station, was also admired on this road. A new house was being constructed and hopefully this will maintain the same high level of landscaped gardens. The village houses were as freshly painted and colourful as ever - even to the chimney stacks!

## **Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

The Kenmare Road was well presented, as was the Castletownbere Road. The Old Road also looked extremely well with attractive grass to the top of its stone walls forming banks. A new surface was noted to the Strand Road.

## **General Impression:**

Eyeries is a most attractive village which continues to maintain an extremely high standard in the competition. Do ensure that any future developments taking place do not spoil the village's unique and distinct character.

## **Second Round Adjudication:**

A delightful village in full colour greeted this adjudicator making a first visit to Eyeries on a lovely summer's day in August. Your actions epitomise the true spirit of Tidy Towns and there was a great sense of individual and collective effort in evidence. You are also leaders in your field of presenting a litter free village with no public litter bins apparent, which seems unique. The high quality of fresh painting is commendable and a hallmark of the village. You have also made a decision to refrain from window boxes and hanging baskets: which in your case would be superfluous in view of the plethora of flower planting and also a great display of wild flowers. We found the rear of O'Sullivan's disappointing on the approach from the strand. The road to the strand itself is very poor and needs attention. We would also suggest you intensify your your efforts to screen the roadside chainlink fencing at the playing field. Well done on a well presented public toilet and environs. Another excellent performance by Eyeries. Tugtar moladh do gach éinne a bhi bainteach leis an iarracht seo!