

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Ring**

Ref: **103**

County: **Cork West**

Mark: **204**

Category: **A**

Date: **25/01/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	39	37
The Built Environment	40	24	20
Landscaping	40	25	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	20
Litter Control	40	36	36
Tidiness	20	7	7
Residential Areas	30	20	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	23
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	204	195

Overall Developmental Approach:

Many thanks for your very comprehensive submission. Although the map you supplied was very useful for orientation purposes, it was somewhat too small a size to explain the locations of your various projects. Good luck with your efforts to procure a FAS worker. As you seem to realise, a lot of work will probably take place in the village over the next few years as the derelict sites are developed. Your work with the County Council Architect in regard to the future development of the village is to be highly commended, and will stand to you.

The Built Environment:

A couple of premises such as the pubs looked extremely well - Kitty Macs and Barry's at the central part of the village. Deasy's Bar looked extremely well in its strong red colour with a new deck. It is to be hoped that projecting plastic signs will be replaced in the not too distant future, with ones of a more traditional timber variety.

Landscaping:

The green area opposite Kitty Macs was admired, with its benches looking over the waters edge. The other open space by Falvey's was admired, with its timber sleeper surround and attractive timber benches. The boat filled with petunias on the Clonakilty Road was admired, as were the numerous

hanging baskets and window boxes throughout the village. You should consider permanent planting and trees in order to give a year round effect and an appearance that will stand the test of time.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The wildlife panel in its prominent location was admired and numerous swans were evident to Clonakilty Bay on adjudication day. Do consult your Tidy Towns Handbook for ideas for further developing this aspect of the competition.

Litter Control:

The standard of litter control on the day was generally quite good, although a single paper was evident opposite Kitty Macs and another few items were apparent on the various approach roads to the village.

Tidiness:

The door to the stone shed on the Clonakilty Road should be repainted before next year's competition. A yard area containing outbuildings with tin roofs near the terrace of houses, looked somewhat neglected. Some consideration should be given to repainting these roofs in their traditional red colour before next year's competition. Dereliction is a distinct problem, as you know yourselves, and your work in regard to imposing the Derelict Sites Act is to be commended. Both pier areas were fine, but that on the Clonakilty Road was to a higher standard. The old farm machinery, including tanks etc. was still evident on the Ballinglanna Road and looked most unfortunate.

Residential Areas:

The new houses with their dry stone walling were admired, as was the attractive terrace with raised gardens and wonderful displays of michaelmas daisies. A charming bow - fronted house beside Deasy's on the Clonakilty Road was greatly admired. Arundel Mill sports some traditional vertical hung slate, is maintained to a very high standard and contributes well to this category of the competition.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The sign on the Lislevane Road should be painted up before next year's competition. Both the Clonakilty and Ballinglanna Roads were generally well maintained.

General Impression:

Ring is a most attractive village, set in the quite magnificent location of Clonakilty Bay. It looked well cared for on a sunny June adjudication day, with its many boats bobbing in the sparkling water.