

# Tidy Towns Competition 2004

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Timoleague**

Ref: **447**

County: **Cork West**

Mark: **237**

Category: **B**

Date: **03/08/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	39	38
The Built Environment	40	34	33
Landscaping	40	31	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	28	28
Litter Control	40	33	32
Tidiness	20	15	14
Residential Areas	30	25	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	24
General Impression	10	8	8
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>233</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Timoleague Tidy Towns Association, the adjudicator was pleased to note, have a high level of support from the local community and a good relationship with Cork County Council, in the form of its engineer's and architect's department. Your work with local developers in relation to new housing estates being constructed within the village environs is to be highly commended. The adjudicator was pleased to note that there has been an increase in the local population. Your work involving establishing committee members on each street is to be highly commended. It was good to note that you had taken on board comments made in previous years reports, in order to formulate your work programme.

### The Built Environment:

The school looked quite fresh on the day, as did commercial buildings such as the Abbey Bar and Dillon's. Shops on Mill Street, Abbey Street and Main Street generally looked well - although the boarded up shop in this latter location appeared unfortunate. The railings and gates to the Catholic Church appeared a little rusty and should be painted up before next year's competition. Some landscaping could be considered at the curved wall behind the statue of Our Lady to the front of the church. Although Foley's Garage looked fine, its canopy is quite rusty. The shops and houses along the main streets had developed stronger colour schemes since the adjudicator's last visit to Timoleague.

## **Landscaping:**

Landscaped areas throughout the village were generally quite good and well maintained. The old lathe on display with flowers to the front was very interesting. St. Patrick's statue and its environs were generally well maintained with new trees planted, as indeed was the abbey with a nearby display of michaelmas daisies, old graveyard surrounding it and the green area opposite to the riverside. Do ensure that you keep as much green space as possible when re-organising the car parking in this location.

A Planning Application notice for a children's playground was noted beside the Catholic Church. The new graveyard was well maintained but its boundary wall will need painting before next year's competition.

## **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

The adjudicator noted your work in relation to restocking the lagoon with ducks. Again, as last year, there was no sign of them on the day, but there was certainly much evidence of bird life in the locality. Perhaps you could consider getting the local school children to draw up a project in relation to the wildlife habitats in the locality? This could be incorporated with a wildlife walk.

## **Litter Control:**

The standard of litter control on the day was generally very good with little litter in evidence on adjudication day.

## **Tidiness:**

The public lavatories were generally fine but a rusty gate adjacent to the ladies should be repainted up before next year's competition. The sign indicating the history of the village in this vicinity should be painted before next year's competition, as it is beginning to appear quite neglected. A stone wall was damaged on the roadside opposite the graveyard and should be repaired before next year. The information boards each side of the Abbey will also need attention.

## **Residential Areas:**

Houses along approach roads and in the village centre were generally well maintained on the day. The many colourful houses to the main streets were admired, some with magnificent displays of window boxes.

Some attractive bungalows and gardens beside the Abbey, overlooking the bay were admired.

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

The Courtmacsherry Road affords the visitor a magnificent view to the Abbey as one approaches from this direction. The Clonakilty Road appeared somewhat neglected, although the wild roses to the hedgerows were greatly admired. Directional signs for Bandon on the main street appeared quite rusty, as did those at the junction of the Kinsale and Bandon Roads. In terms of street furniture, the traditional phone box was well painted, although the picnic benches and tables to the waters edge by the Abbey will need some attention before next year's competition.

The phone box sported a padlock on the door and no phone was visible - hopefully this will be repaired before too long.

## **General Impression:**

Timoleague a most attractive village, steeped in history and with much to offer visitor and resident alike. It looked well cared for on a sunny June adjudication day.

## **Second Round Adjudication:**

It was a pleasure to visit Timoleague for the first time and observe the very good work in progress. You have a great deal to be pleased with and the bright colours in evidence for many miles on the Kinsale approach are enticing to the visitor. It is also good to witness many new infill housing developments, offering the committee an opportunity for increased membership. We would urge you to firm up your three-year plan and tackle the many projects outlined in your submission. We like the information details in the abbey, which itself is extensive. We feel the two principal approaches could be improved with better weed control and neater margins: - you might consider a Fáilte sign at the bridge. The broken wall opposite the new cemetery in need of repair. We hope the current housing developments will finish well and blend in with the traditional character of Timoleague. Litter control is good again this year and this is reflected in your marks.