

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Asdee**

Ref: **340**

County: **Kerry**

Mark: **216**

Category: **A**

Date: **24/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	36
The Built Environment	40	28	28
Landscaping	40	29	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	19
Litter Control	40	31	31
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	23	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	29	30
General Impression	10	6	7
TOTAL MARK	300	216	218

Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for submission and details of your work on hand. Asdee is an interesting village with a good deal of through traffic. We appreciate your problems in getting support from the community but would point out that the whole thrust of Tidy Towns revolves around community effort. Many of your problems are beyond the scope of your committee and areas like improvements in road structure and provision of essential services are the responsibility of the local authorities. We note the work done on the new water supply.

The Built Environment:

We find that many buildings have attractive traditional features and all too many have yielded to the more modern material when carrying out repairs and improvements. We would urge you to stick with the traditional architecture: for instance we note the excellent restoration of the cottage with red sash windows on the Ballybunion approach. The church boundary wall should be painted and the school needs cleaning also. Jack Js is a new building but the car park area is very poor and needs attention. Many buildings in the village need attention and you should organise a painting blitz.

Landscaping:

We acknowledge the work done by committee and individuals on providing colour through flower

beds, window boxes and hanging baskets. The grotto is well presented with some attractive shrubs. You have a problem with weed growth and many gutters and forecourts were in need of spraying: this should be done in May.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

You have a great opportunity to develop an amenity area at the river bridge. Would it be possible to acquire some land on the river bank and have it developed. You should contact Leader who may be in a position to help you. Leader has already contributed to many tidy towns centres throughout the country. Such a riverside amenity would give you opportunity to promote wildlife and perhaps get the school children involved in listing the popular local wildlife.

Litter Control:

The village was free of litter on adjudication day, so well done to all concerned.

Tidiness:

Because of the many areas of dereliction, unoccupied premises, rusty corrugated roofs, and neglected open spaces, the village looks untidy. This is a pity in view of your own good work with landscaping etc.

Residential Areas:

For the most part houses were well presented but some need attention. Some have attractive gardens with high colour.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The condition of the road structure is disappointing and needs urgent attention from the local authority. Road surface is poor and margins are neglected.

General Impression:

The village has potential for a great deal of improvement. It would be a pity not to match the recent developments of improved infrastructure with improved environmental projects. Despite your small numbers you can effect change. Call a public meeting and get the Co. Council officials and politicians, together with other relevant agencies to attend and formulate a plan for improvement. We wish you well in your endeavours.