

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Cnoc An Iúir**

Ref: **366**

County: **Kerry**

Mark: **208**

Category: **A**

Date: **23/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	
The Built Environment	40	27	
Landscaping	40	30	
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	
Litter Control	40	29	
Tidiness	20	14	
Residential Areas	30	22	
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	29	
General Impression	10	7	
TOTAL MARK	300	208	

Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for your submission and details of work on hand. We read you are getting good cooperation from the community and that you are also involving the school children. You are also aware of your problems and the couple of black spots of long standing. We congratulate you on your endeavour award last year and hope it will lead to further progress.

The Built Environment:

As mentioned in previous years the church dominates the village on this busy road. The building itself is quite dull and its design is unusual and certainly not typical of the traditional church buildings we are accustomed to in rural areas especially. We suggest you need more colour and the car park surface needs to be upgraded. Some of the buildings in the village need fresh painting; the corner house on the road up to the old school has a nice display of flowers, but the building itself would benefit from painting. We notice the old school is undergoing major refurbishment and extension. We look forward to its completion next year. Your will note our comments of last year regarding retaining the traditional features of the building and we hope this will come to pass.

Landscaping:

There is a good display of trees, shrubs and flowers throughout the village and we commend you for

your consistency regarding this section. You still have great potential for more tree planting. You might also consider two Fáilte signs for the principal approaches. Many individuals have excellent window boxes and hanging baskets. The rose garden behind the railings in the village needs attention.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

We notice your efforts to liaise with the school teachers and pupils in an effort to create more wildlife promotion. Your committee might consider organising an essay competition with the teachers on the subject of local wildlife. This might stimulate an interest.

Litter Control:

You do not have a problem in this section and the village was litter free, apart from one can in the church car park, so well done.

Tidiness:

Your problems here relate to two untidy areas in particular. These areas have been well mentioned in previous reports and all you can do is keep trying. The old road is poor in condition and needs improvement. Grass cutting is not as good as previous years. The GAA club house still has no identity: we suggest an appropriate bilingual sign for here. Also the area around the club house is poor.

Residential Areas:

Houses are well presented and well maintained and many have some attractive flower gardens. We would urge you to coordinate house painting and pay attention to boundary walls. The school, grotto and cemetery all look well again this year.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The road structure is excellent and well maintained. Approach roads could be improved by cutting the grass: however, it is acknowledged that this rural area has a great display of wildflowers and these attract favourable comments from our many visitors, so we do need a balance.

General Impression:

An other good performance by Cnoc an iÚir, but you now need to resolve your problems under tidiness and the completion of the old school restoration. You have come a long way in a short period of time. Árd mholadh do gach éinne a chuidigh le bhfúr niarrachtaí.