

# Tidy Towns Competition 2004

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Currans**

Ref: **279**

County: **Kerry**

Mark: **200**

Category: **A**

Date: **11/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	28
The Built Environment	40	30	30
Landscaping	40	30	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	15
Litter Control	40	30	30
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	25
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>197</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for entry form. We are at a disadvantage in not having details of your work programme. We are also unaware if you have a plan of action for future developments. You have an unusually spread out village and you need to define the limits of your entry. You have escaped the intensive developments of neighbouring villages and the attractive rural ethos of the village is well preserved. You have potential to be a high scorer in the competition. As a matter of urgency you now need a three year plan that will chart the way forward for a much enhanced village.

### The Built Environment:

The attractive church dominates the buildings in the village. This is your strong point and you should try and emulate the standard of this building and its environs and apply it to most other areas of the village. The community hall is a disappointment with unsightly weed growth outside the entrance doors. This building should be a model of neatness and good presentation. Also the old national school is now in need of painting on this important location.

### Landscaping:

You have worked hard in this area and the grass cutting, flower beds, approach road developments and tree planting all combine to give a good performance. You also have very good individual effort

and some gardens excel. The lime tree planting is superb and illustrates the great value of planting for the future. You should now extend this policy of planting similar species and making a strong environmental statement. The grass cutting is very good and the vista from Riverside to the community hall is splendid. The treble arched bridge is unique and a great identifiable feature of the village. You should now research its history and erect an information plaque at a suitable location giving details of its origins.

### **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

The rural setting of Currans is favourable for the promotion of wildlife. You should do a short survey of the wildlife species in the area and erect a display board. Better still, develop a river walk and erect a series of information plaques as part of the walk.

### **Litter Control:**

You have a serious black spot in the area beside the telephone kiosk. This is most disappointing as the litter bin was full and broken on adjudication day. The small limestone pillars and little gate here is gem and should be preserved and cleaned up. This is a one or two evening project for the committee and the results would improve this important corner.

### **Tidiness:**

Many areas are untidy due to dereliction and uncared for open spaces. You have several contradictions throughout the village: side by side with lovely landscaped areas you have dereliction, weed growth, and poorly presented buildings.

### **Residential Areas:**

Your individual effort is very good and we acknowledge the fine houses with well developed gardens, front and back. Well done on the mural display down from the church. The long rusty corrugated shed near the church is quite unsightly and the owner should be encouraged to improve. You should consider erecting a number of Fáilte signs at the approach roads to the village.

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

Road structure is in good condition but many roads have overgrown hedges. Because of the layout of the village many side and back areas are visible from the road and should be presented to a high standard.

### **General Impression:**

This adjudicator was making a first visit to your village and was impressed with the lovely rural aspect of the area. As mentioned you have potential for high scoring. You need a plan of action and we suggest you contact your local engineer and get the Kerry Co. Council on your side. The work done in previous years will further enhance with the passing of time. We wish you well for 2005.