

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Inishbiggle Island**

Ref: **706**

County: **Mayo**

Mark: **172**

Category: **A**

Date: **30/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	60	35	
Litter Control and Tidiness	60	30	
Home, Harbour Areas and Other Facilities	60	30	
Representation of Roads, Walls and Hedgerows	60	42	
Overall General Presentation	60	35	
TOTAL MARK	300	172	

Overall Developmental Approach:

Welcome to the Tidy Town competition, your efforts to date are to be commended. It's great to see you have a good working relationship with both the County Council and FAS, you will need their continued assistance and support in order to progress.

The coming of the cable car will present new difficulties, with increased visitors and possible new interest in house building/refurbishment. This challenge must be managed and a good start for the district council should be an Island development plan.

Litter Control and Tidiness:

While there were a few bottles and cans in the ditch, in general the Island was litter free and tidy save for the very many abandoned rusting cars, tractors and trailers. There is a particularly concentrated collection on the north side of the Island where the road turns south to the old School. You will need the Council's assistance to remove them along with their own rusting tar barrels.

Home, Harbour Areas and Other Facilities:

While there are derelict homes for obvious reasons, others like the Post Office and the Church are well presented. The arrival of the cable car may change this and may encourage new people to settle on the Island. This is to be welcomed but it's important that new homes are built in the traditional style appropriate for the Island. The harbour areas have few facilities save a launch pad and the cable car development will require new infrastructure for car parking, storage, toilets and

information boards. This is a good opportunity to design a set of road signs and maps to assist the visitor in experiencing the Island.

The development of the Old School offers the opportunity to design a small hostel and camping facility to allow visitors to remain overnight and provide a source of income for the Community Council.

Representation of Roads, Walls and Hedgerows:

Given the very limited road traffic, the roads seem adequate save for a few areas. The hedgerows were a delight on the June day that this Adjudicator enjoyed a visit to your Island. The rugged beauty of the Island was much in evidence; the colour of the heather and bog cotton was pure delight. It is this rugged beauty that will attract so many potential visitors and so it is important to protect it.

Overall General Presentation:

This Adjudicator was in awe of the beauty and timelessness of Inishbiggle and the Island has great potential to do well in the wildlife, flora & fauna sections of the competition. However, given the low population, you are fighting an uphill battle so you will require and deserve the full assistance of the County Council and FAS to progress over time.