

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Inishturk Island**

Ref: **627**

County: **Mayo**

Mark: **150**

Category: **A**

Date: **07/07/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	60	25	
Litter Control and Tidiness	60	20	
Home, Harbour Areas and Other Facilities	60	32	
Representation of Roads, Walls and Hedgerows	60	40	
Overall General Presentation	60	33	
TOTAL MARK	300	150	

Overall Developmental Approach:

I note you formed a new committee in late 2003 but there is little in your entry form regarding your programme of work. You will require a detailed programme of work identifying problem areas and outlining solutions and building new relationships with the County Council and FAS to assist your own efforts. It should be noted that both FAS and the County Council tend to assist those who do most to assist themselves. The building of the pier extension may encourage additional visitors.

Litter Control and Tidiness:

This is a major problem area. The harbour area in particular was untidy and cluttered and the rusted dumper seems exemplary. The area at the junction beyond the Health Centre is a jumble of maintenance material and old pallets, which could easily be improved. Litter control, outside the community centre in car park is also a problem.

Home, Harbour Areas and Other Facilities:

In truth the only good thing about the harbour area is the visitor information map, which like the other painted signs like "Curraun Beach" are well presented. As the harbour area gives the first impression of the Island, it is the critical area for your committee. There is a major clean up required here on the quays and beach area. The rusted cars/dumper and material on the beach should be removed and a waste management system be introduced with Council assistance.

The Church, Post office/B&B were well presented and the health centre is a most attractively

designed building but the weeds in the car park area should be removed. Many of the homes on the southern road are well presented as was the School and the views south make this an ideal visitors walk which should be signposted with an information board on local history, flora & fauna etc.

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 July 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 your efforts to protect it to date are most impressive.

Overall General Presentation:

This Adjudicator was in awe of the beauty and timelessness of Inishturk despite being disappointed by the presentation of the harbour area. Your Island has great potential to do well in the wildlife, flora & fauna sections of the competition.

A local hard working committee will quickly win the support of local and national organisations and together, working to a plan, you will reap the rewards that the Tidy Towns competition has brought to so many other areas.