

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Cappoquin**

Ref: **514**

County: **Waterford**

Mark: **223**

Category: **B**

Date: **29/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	41	40
The Built Environment	40	23	23
Landscaping	40	29	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	24	24
Litter Control	40	33	31
Tidiness	20	15	13
Residential Areas	30	25	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	27
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	223	215

Overall Developmental Approach:

It is gratifying to read that you continue to have the support of Waterford County Council, FAS, LEADER, Coillte, commercial interests and your community for the excellent work which you are doing in the town. All concerned are to be applauded. Thank you indeed for all the information sent with the entry form and for the map which was most useful on adjudication day. Your Streetscaping and Landscaping Plan is excellent and the Adjudicator looks forward to seeing the results of this project next year and in future years. Cappoquin is progressing well in the competition but, in addition to the above mentioned plan, you should try to identify under the different headings on the entry form projects which you can carry out over the next 2/3 years annually which will also be instrumental in getting you additional marks in the competition.

The Built Environment:

All your public buildings were again visited this year - your Church, Credit Union, Grotto, Schools, Library, Fire Station, Garda Station, Day Care Centre etc. All were nicely presented and are being very well maintained. Most commercial premises again looked well, but some were in need of refurbishment. Hopefully these shortfalls will be encompassed by your Streetscaping and Landscaping Plan. Building at Twig Bog was noticed and it is assumed that this is the Community Hall project. It is hoped that the Old School, which is now boarded up, will be put to a good use and will rejoin the list of well maintained public buildings. Your comments have been noted regarding the refurbishment of the Library. The derelict sites situation is still with you but your comments

regarding negotiations with the Local Authority have been noted so hopefully the problem will solve itself in the not too distance future.

Landscaping:

The landscaping at the GAA Park is to be admired as indeed is that at various sites throughout the town and on approach roads. Hanging baskets, window boxes and tubs of flowers, where presented, are being very well maintained and added greatly to the overall appearance of the town. While the planting of flowers and flower beds is not to be discouraged, nevertheless do try to plant trees and shrubs at further identified sites throughout the town which will give you some colour on an all year round basis. Lovely trees have been planted in the past. Trees and shrubs planted now will be for the future and posterity will thank you for them. In the event, consult with your Local Authority who generally have a staff member who is qualified in this subject.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Your comments regarding your ongoing work with Coillte and the County Council at Glenshelane Woods and River Walk are noted and both sites were again visited this year. These are a lovely facility to have so close to the town and, as mentioned last year, would make admirable locations for a wildlife project which, not alone would greatly enhance the area and be an attraction for residents and visitors alike but would also get you additional marks in the competition.

Litter Control:

Except for odd mini-littering, Cappoquin was litter free on adjudication day. Congratulations to all concerned. In this respect the area of Twig Bog has greatly improved. Some minor littering was to be seen at the car park at Glenshelane Woods which was obviously an overflow from the existing litter bins.

Tidiness:

The area of Twig Bog is still untidy but shows some improvement on last year. Your comments regarding the timber yard and the garage have been noted and the sites were visited on the day. They are indeed somewhat unsightly but hopefully this problem will also be solved within the context of your new plan. Otherwise the town was presented in a very neat and tidy manner and reflects greatly the interests which your commercial premises and your residents have in the preservation of their environment. Well done to all concerned.

Residential Areas:

Most housing estates were again visited this year and in general are being very well maintained as are their open spaces. In this respect, some improvements were noted from last year following the planting of trees, etc. Individual houses, throughout the town, in the main, look well. Lovely gardens were to be seen particularly on the Mellary Road and where presented, window boxes and hanging baskets added to the overall landscaping of Cappoquin. In a small town this type of collective and individual effort is to be applauded and is very important in terms of the competition. You cannot succeed without it. Where possible do try to form Residence Associations and give them representation on your committee. With the growth of new houses in Cappoquin the maintenance of open spaces will be beyond the facilities of FAS and your County Council and will need attention of a more local nature.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Approach roads in general are nicely presented particularly those from Dungarvan and Lismore where some very nice landscaping was admired. Road surfaces are being well maintained as indeed are pathways and car parking areas. Back streets are being well presented and, in the main, are

being kept tidy and litter free.

General Impression:

Cappoquin is a very busy town but at the same time has great potential to progress in the competition. In this respect, future results will undoubtedly depend on planning and attention to detail and all the indications are that you are heading in that direction. However, do not lose sight of the comments made under this heading last year regarding the production of a plan following a survey of the town and, in the event, do send a copy to the Adjudicator next year. In the meantime, continue to maintain what you have already achieved, which is the backbone of your entry and the Adjudicator looks forward to coming back to Cappoquin again next year and to seeing many of the projects which you have in train come to fruition.