

# Tidy Towns Competition 2005

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Goleen**

Ref: **572**

County: **Cork West**

Mark: **200**

Category: **A**

Date: **01/07/2005**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	28
The Built Environment	40	35	35
Landscaping	40	26	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	35	35
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	24	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	16	16
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>200</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Goleen is welcome to the 2005 National Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for this years submission which was basic as you describe it, with no supporting information or documentation. What a pity there is so much resentment regarding the Tidy Towns Competition and the feeling that outsiders are coming in and telling the community what to do; this is of course far from the truth of the situation. All suggestions are made in the light of indicating how the village can compete successfully and make progress in the Competition. This report will not offer any suggestions but will make basic observations. Goleen is located in a scenic area only eleven kilometres from Ireland's most southerly point. It is an attractive village and it is little wonder that there is a demand for residential property in the village. We note from your submission that there are fifty / sixty new dwellings planned for Goleen over the next five years. We wish you well in assimilating new residents successfully into life of the community.

### The Built Environment:

The church at the end of the village was charming and featured an attractive stone wall; Scoil na gCailín is an attractive development also. The village is made up of a stock of handsome buildings, most of which are nicely presented, in particular a large three storey building which still retains its sash windows to front and rear was admired. The rear of this building is highly visible on re-entering the village from the harbour. A good overall presentation under this heading.

## **Landscaping:**

Trees and shrubs throughout the village together with the flower displays look well. Mature trees are a valuable part of the heritage left by previous generations, hopefully those that have been planted in recent years will form an equally valuable heritage for future generations. Native species are always preferred to exotics as these have an important role to play in the diversity of wildlife habitats.

## **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

Mature wild hedgerow was noted for its colour and diversity and outbreaks of monte bretia. Again this year, displays of nasturtium at the timber chalets complemented by ox-eye daisies were admired. Many walkers were enjoying a summer stroll in the environs of the waterfront and foreshore area at the time of adjudication; this area has considerable potential for recreational amenity development.

## **Litter Control:**

Litter control was good at the time of our visit, well done. A high standard has been maintained since last year. Do let us know how you achieve good litter control as it can earn extra marks

## **Tidiness:**

The recycling point has been noted and it was being maintained in a tidy manner. The area around the harbour and slipway had an overall air of neglect as it was very untidy and stone walls here were disfigured by two foot high weeds.

## **Residential Areas:**

Most dwellings were beautifully presented and gardens looked well with the mature displays of wild flowers in wild hedgerow. There is an excellent use of stone boundary walls throughout the village and on approach roads. Houses fronting onto the Main Street are nicely finished with the continuous stone wall to separate facades from the main road. The Dunes is an attractive new residential development and a second development to site off the Mizen Head Road was noted also. Hopefully you new neighbours both existing and proposed will take responsibility for their own areas and be a little less negative about the Tidy Towns initiative.

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

Nameplates looked well and bridges were presented in their natural state. The namestone, 'Goleen The Mizen Village' was particularly admired. Outcrops of sheer rock- face at various points added visual interest and drama to the village. Car parks were reasonably well presented. The road to the harbour was overgrown to the extent that the speed limit sign was hidden.

## **General Impression:**

Goleen is an attractive village with fine amenity potential. It is undergoing transition period which we hope will enrich the life of the community in every respect.

## **Second Round Adjudication:**

