

Tidy Towns Competition 2005

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Cahersiveen**

Ref: **622**

County: **Kerry**

Mark: **211**

Category: **C**

Date: **21/06/2005**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	37	37
The Built Environment	40	32	31
Landscaping	40	30	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	20
Litter Control	40	26	27
Tidiness	20	12	11
Residential Areas	30	21	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	28
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	211	210

Overall Developmental Approach:

The committee has been very active over the past number of years and a lot of achievements have been made. The future planning is all-important now in combination with the care and maintenance of all the projects that have been completed. A programme - in detail, of each objective with a time scale, costing and regular review is needed. The ideas in the material submitted with the entry form are helpful and shows the great commitment in the town to progress. The 20 member committee is sizable and expectations will be high from such committee.

The Built Environment:

There are many fine buildings in the town. The church and square forms a central focus. The church looks very well, particularly with the well cared for grassed areas surrounding and the rose borders and railing containers. The community centre- an interesting building, is looking sad and in need of attention. The credit union looks well as do the two shops along the side of this building. The Legal Aid offices offer a new style of architecture to the town. The old barracks is interesting and the purpose it now serves is very fitting. The barracks will need attention to décor as weathering of the walls is occurring. The old Ivernagh showroom building at the square hopefully will be taken over by a new occupant soon and redecoration will take place. Unsightly rusted corrugated sheds at the bridge near the barracks and at the entrance to Fertha Drive hopefully can be dealt with in future planning. There are very attractively painted houses in the town – for example – those on the Old

Post Office Road. Attractive stonewalls on approaches to the town from Killorglin and at Eurospar give a nice character. The main street has a wide assortment of shop fronts. While many of these have been upgraded over the years there are a number remaining in poor condition and these need attention.

Landscaping:

There are many fine examples of good landscaping. The entrance road from Killorglin is attractively treated especially at the area by the Memorial park. Much needed work was in progress at this park during adjudication where the pebble paths were being cleared of excessive grass weeds. The Town Park on the other hand appears sadly neglected. The shrubs are overgrown, the paths on the bank lost and the litter level deplorable. Beautiful landscaping was observed at the Flexco building – which could serve as an example to industrial and office buildings. The meteorological building appears devoid of landscaping and the legal aid buildings has very good landscaping. It is good to read that there are plans to deal with the Fair Green. A comprehensive landscape plan is needed for the Fair Green with the inclusion of much tree planting. Perhaps a reshaping of the square to incorporate a line of narrow trees would be helpful and some new paving also. Container planting by business premises and homeowners add a great sparkle of colour to the town. The Bank of Ireland garden is a very pleasant surprise. The Post Office front area shows little imaginative landscaping. The Holy Well is very pleasantly presented.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The riverside walk offers a great opportunity for wildlife observation. Display boards and information about the wildlife that may be observed would be helpful. Local publications where the presentation of locally gathered information could be made available would also help. Consider projects of this type possibly with an involvement from the schools.

Litter Control:

In the main street areas there is a good level of litter cleanliness. Litter was noted very much at the Barracks, through the Town Park and the Locomotive interior was in a very sorry state (remarks about the condition of this were made in last years report)

Tidiness:

Good efforts are being made at improvements in the town. The derelict and badly cared for buildings are a source of untidiness at the moment and a big effort is needed to reduce these. Also the sheds as mentioned above are causing concern. The building projects usually cause disruption but these are remedied when the building is complete. The placing of all cables underground would be a very helpful move.

Residential Areas:

There is a great amount of residential accommodation within the town and this helps greatly to keep life within the town. Many of the homes are very well kept and they contribute greatly by their efforts. The terrace of houses opposite the Legal Aid buildings look especially well. Houses along the Fair Green area show various levels of care. The estate – Fertha Drive needs serious landscaping work. This estate appears to have no trees yet there is ample space to accommodate a landscape scheme

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Road surfaces within the town have become very patchy in places- especially the side streets and back areas. The approach from Killorglin is attractively presented and has good road surfaces. Improvements to the Waterville side will be helpful.

General Impression:

Cahersiveen has a great heritage and all the work of the committee leads to greater appreciation of this fine town. There is a considerable amount of work to be done especially in the presentation of the remaining shops that need upgrading and also at the Reenellen Road area. The Old Convent and the site opposite the Holy Well also need to be resolved. Hopefully with the plans for the next five years much progress will be made.