

Tidy Towns Competition 2005

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Causeway**

Ref: **102**

County: **Kerry**

Mark: **241**

Category: **B**

Date: **11/08/2005**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	40	41
The Built Environment	40	35	35
Landscaping	40	34	34
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	22	22
Litter Control	40	34	33
Tidiness	20	15	14
Residential Areas	30	24	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	30	30
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	241	239

Overall Developmental Approach:

Causeway has developed well over the years and good efforts have been made to make the best of the resources and the possibilities within the village. The structure of the village is a typical Irish village with the cross at the village centre and cluster of shops. A comprehensive plan of action is needed at this stage as has been mentioned before. Such a plan will enable an overview of the work achieved and focus on the next five years. A timescale can then be put in place and a schedule of work. This can be reviewed each year. The plan will help to bring the village in the right direction.

The Built Environment:

There is a very good standard of paint décor with the houses in the village. This provides a very clean and colourful atmosphere. As mentioned last year – painting the backs of buildings in that area visible from roads is an excellent idea. There are some buildings, which need serious attention, these will be clearly known to the committee and hopefully some resolution will emerge. The comprehensive School and sports hall is a good buildings and the view from the top entrance on the Ballyheigue road is great. The stonewalls through the village are very attractive and it is wise to make the most of these. The school is well painted and hopefully the mesh fence will be replaced soon.

Landscaping:

The many landscape features on the approach roads are a trademark of the village and give a very nice impression. The planting at the foot of the wall at the cross roads is especially attractive. Roses peeping over the school wall are a pleasant feature. Many gardens are well kept and add a lovely sparkle of colour to the village by their contribution. The entrance and road frontage at Marian Terrace is well treated. Tree planting is always beneficial especially when trees are planted for future generations in the same way as our past generations planted the large trees we enjoy today.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The picnic area is making some contribution under this heading but a more structured approach would be to establish a walk in which people could observe interesting features of nature as they strolled. Display boards are useful too. Perhaps in association with the schools a project could be established and local knowledge included in the research.

Litter Control:

There is generally a good litter control programme in place. Some small pieces of litter were noted along the roadside in the village. Constant vigilance is needed here particularly with such passing traffic.

Tidiness:

There is a very good degree of tidiness within the village. This is helped by the well painted and neatly presented plant displays and the stonework of walls through the village. The recycle bins are tidy and neatly secured.

Residential Areas:

The Marian Terrace is attractively maintained. The choice of colours for the house painting is fresh and bright and the collection of colours makes a pleasant sight. The planting to the front of this terrace is also very attractive. St. Martins Close is also nicely presented. Individual gardens along the roadside contribute well to the overall landscape of the village. The attractive houses alongside the church are well maintained. It is good that some people live right in the centre of the village.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Road surfaces are generally good. The junction at the cross is very dangerous for those emerging from the Ballyduff/Ballyheigue roads as the vision seems a little concealed.

General Impression:

Causeway is a very attractive small village to visit. The well cared for appearance is heartening. With a good plan more interesting projects can be identified and worked upon..

Second Round Adjudication:

The village nameplate on the approach from Ballyheigue was in need of repainting on the day. Weeds had been sprayed along this road but the dead weeds had not been removed. Tin roofs should be repainted in their traditional red or green colours – one to a recessed area of Main Street looked a little rusty. Fly posting is a practise, which should be actively discouraged. The cheerful display of geraniums at the crossroads in the centre of the town was admired. The standard of litter control on Second Adjudication Day was not as good as First Adjudication, unfortunately. Quite a few papers were apparent on Ballybunnion side of the town, which was disappointing, given the fact that

a litter bin was located nearby. The wildlife board with the birds of Causeway indicated on it was admired, as was the bird-feeding table at the picnic area. Evidence of fresh whitewashing was apparent on the Ballybunnion road, at a gable wall and another patch of wall nearby. This adjudicator is in agreement with the comments of the First Adjudicator regarding the preparation of a Work Programme.