

# Tidy Towns Competition 2005

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Cappoquin**

Ref: **245**

County: **Waterford**

Mark: **231**

Category: **B**

Date: **05/08/2005**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	42	41
The Built Environment	40	24	23
Landscaping	40	30	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	24	24
Litter Control	40	35	33
Tidiness	20	16	15
Residential Areas	30	26	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	27
General Impression	10	7	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>223</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

The work which has been carried out in Cappoquin by your committee with the assistance of Waterford County Council, LEADER, Coillte, FAS and your local residents was evident on adjudication day. The results of these activities are to be seen and quantified under the different headings of the competition and which is reflected in the marks. Thank you indeed for all the information sent with the entry form and for the map. Your Street and Landscaping proposals continue to make interesting reading and obviously what you have been doing and achieving to date has been influenced by this. Some of the items listed in your List of Suggested Improvements were to be seen this year. Progress is indeed being made. Well done to all concerned.

### The Built Environment:

Again this year, public buildings are being very well maintained and great credit is due to those who are responsible for your Church, Credit Union, Grotto, Schools, Library, Fire Station, Garda Station, Day Care Centre, and Health Centre. Work on the construction of the Community Centre is, indeed, progressing well and the children's playground is being very well maintained and is a lovely facility to have. Twig Bog has improved somewhat but is still a problem area. Your comments in this respect have been noted and hopefully further improvements will take place before next year. Again, in the case of the old school, your comments have also been noted and hopefully it will not be with us in 2006. Derelict sites are still a problem but it is gratifying to read that some of these areas will be developed for private houses. The nice railed area at the Market House was much admired as were

your Irish/ English Signs.

### **Landscaping:**

Some very nice landscaping was to be seen throughout the town particularly at the GAA centre, at Upper Shanbally, on approach roads and through the provision of window boxes, hanging baskets, tubs of flowers and planters which reflect great credit on their providers. Trees and shrubs planted in the past are maturing very nicely and create a lovely atmosphere throughout the town. Continue in this vein. While the planting of flowers is not discouraged nevertheless trees and shrubs have a more lasting quality and require little maintenance. Your Streetscape and Landscaping Plan will be of great benefit to you in this respect. The area around the Grotto also looked lovely this year and many incidences of landscaping, particularly on the Mellary road, were noted and admired.

### **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

Glenshelane Woods and River Walk were again visited this year. Excellent work has been done with the provision of new signs, seating and picnic tables. The car park area has much improved and the river was completely free of debris and litter. Do however give further consideration to the provision of additional facilities such as a Wildlife Board showing what species are available locally and, perhaps, the production of a piece of literature giving information on what can be seen in the locality of the woods and river which would be of interest to both residents and visitors alike.

### **Litter Control:**

Other than very minor littering in the main street the town was litter free on adjudication day. Another great achievement which reflects great credit on your commercial interests and your residents and speaks highly of their regard for their living environment. Well done to all concerned.

### **Tidiness:**

Comments made in last years report under this heading are still applicable. There is still some evidence of open storage and Twig Bog will, unfortunately, remain a problem, at least in the short term. Otherwise the town was again presented in a very neat and tidy manner. Your Tidy Town message is obviously getting through. To have the use of a sweeper is a great advantage and was, in fact, seen in action on adjudication day.

### **Residential Areas:**

It is indeed encouraging to read that your committee have a number of representatives from streets and it is assumed Residents Associations which is a great step forward. Cappoquin has a wonderful selection of housing, both old and new. Terraced houses in the center of the town are very attractive. Some however could do with a coat of paint. Housing estates are being well maintained as are their open spaces and, in many cases, the planting of flowers and shrubs was observed. Individual houses too are being well looked after and, in practically in all cases except for the terraced they had lovely gardens in full bloom which added considerable to the overall appearance and atmosphere of Cappoquin. In the case of the terraced houses some had lovely hanging baskets and window boxes, thus making a very substantial contribution towards your Tidy Towns effort. Great credit is due to all concerned.

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

Approach roads into Cappoquin and their grass verges are being very well maintained. Road surfaces are excellent and this, together with the condition of pathways and car parking areas reflects great credit on your Local Authority. Back areas and streets again looked well. Perhaps in some cases road surfaces could be improved but, in general, they were presented in a neat and tidy manner and litter

free

### **General Impression:**

Cappoquin is improving each year and judging by the size of your committee there is tremendous interest in what you are trying to achieve which means that this improvement will continue on into the foreseeable future. Work closely with your Local Authority on such things as derelict sites, landscaping where appropriate to them and with your business interests and local residents on the question of litter and tidiness. In that event it should not be long before Cappoquin will be strongly competing for some of the many awards which can be had through the competition.

### **Second Round Adjudication:**

With its fine stone walls the Lismore approach was admired. Regular clearing of overgrowth from the stone walls on the Dungarvan Road is required. The streetscape with some effective urban type spaces such as at the Market House and the street trees is commendable. There was much fresh paint about but quite a few shabby buildings persist. Also roofs tend to be mossy. Some back yards and forecourts could be tidied. A light scattering of litter was noted in some parts of the town. The modest Garda station is notably well kept. The residential areas were perhaps the best presented aspect. We look forward to returning next year.