

Tidy Towns Competition 2005

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Asdee**

Ref: **617**

County: **Kerry**

Mark: **214**

Category: **A**

Date: **17/06/2005**

| | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 2005 | Mark Awarded 2004 |
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| Overall Developmental Approach | 50 | 36 | 36 |
| The Built Environment | 40 | 28 | 28 |
| Landscaping | 40 | 30 | 29 |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 30 | 18 | 19 |
| Litter Control | 40 | 31 | 31 |
| Tidiness | 20 | 15 | 15 |
| Residential Areas | 30 | 23 | 23 |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas | 40 | 27 | 29 |
| General Impression | 10 | 6 | 6 |
| TOTAL MARK | 300 | 214 | 216 |

Overall Developmental Approach:

Asdee is to be complemented on the efforts made by the very small committee of four people. It is difficult to make great strides with such a small committee. A drive for more committee members would be worthwhile at this stage. The village is based on a single axis – just one road with the entire village to either side of the road. Heavy traffic is a difficulty here. The projects referred to in your notes are all very worthwhile – the Blessed Well and the bridge area in particular, also the attention to trees referred to. Sponsorship and practical help are priorities. The map was very helpful.

The Built Environment:

The church and school look well and there are a number of well-painted buildings through the village. Some however need attention to painting. The road frontage wall of the school needs attention. The grotto is nicely treated – tucked into the side in a secluded fashion. The derelict building opposite the church hopefully can be dealt with soon. The frontage area at Jack J's continues to detract from the road frontage of the village road. The old handball alley is very hidden and the planted containers draw attention to it now. Railings beside the grotto and the Asdee.com building could do with some attention. As stated in previous reports - to maintain the integrity of the village character it is important that alterations in existing housing conform to the traditional style of the village.

Landscaping:

Keeping the landscaping in shape is difficult with a small committee. Dependence is really on individuals to take care of their own properties and the areas immediately outside of these. A number of well-tended gardens add greatly to the overall appearance of the village and as such contribute very well. Containers add colour to the village scene and the grotto area is attractively planted and cared for. The green areas are fine and their continued maintenance is important right through the summer. The village is surrounded with trees and this gives a very cozy appearance as the village appears to "nest" in the landscape. Consideration to tree planting for continuity in future years is important at this stage. The work at the well is a good project.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

A great opportunity for wildlife appreciation exists at the riverside. At present it would be hard to realize that there is a river at all as it is so obscured by growth of trees and bushes. If access to the riverside could be achieved and a riverside walk made it would be great.

Litter Control:

Litter control is very good through the village with only small amounts seen. It is good practice to keep litterbins emptied frequently as stated to be the procedure in Asdee. The colour of the litterbins is attractive.

Tidiness:

There is a good level of tidiness to be seen in the village – distractions from this are the overhead cables, the front of Jack J's and some buildings that need paint attention. Good efforts are certainly being made and great credit is due to the small committee. Piecemeal improvements can be made.

Residential Areas:

There is good evidence of care and attention to residential properties. Every contribution in this category improves the overall appearance of the village and is welcome.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Road surfaces need attention. The road surfaces are patchy and past repairs are now showing through. A complete resurfacing is called for at this stage. Road verges – where road edges meet the side need attention. Lobbying in this regard can help speed plans for local authority works of this kind.

General Impression:

Asdee is a very attractive traditional village. It is important to retain the character of the village in any new developments. Renewed efforts to increase numbers of the committee members would help. The work and interest in the village shows in the work and plans as seen in the submission. Please do not be discouraged by the loss of marks under Roads and Wildlife sections – this is inevitable in the circumstances. The overall mark still reflects great effort and achievement.