

# Tidy Towns Competition 2006

## *Adjudication Report*

Centre: **Cahirciveen** Ref: **327**  
County: **Kerry** Mark: **216**  
Category: **C** Date(s): **17/07/2006**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2006
Overall Development Approach	50	38
The Built Environment	50	32
Landscaping	50	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	20
Litter Control	50	26
Waste Minimisation	20	3
Tidiness	30	12
Residential Areas	40	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	28
General Impression	10	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>216</b>

### **Overall Development Approach:**

Cahirsiveen is welcome to the 2006 National Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your completed submission, which included your three year plan 2005/2007, we wish you well in its implementation. Cahirsiveen is a handsome town located at the foot of the Beentee Mountain on the banks of the River Fertha and overlooking Valentia Harbour. Being built on two levels facilitates the many scenic views of land and sea from your uppermost streets. The Cahirsiveen Area Resource Development Company together with The Tidy Towns Committee are to be acknowledged for their role in unifying the effort of the community into a positive force to stem the decline that the town was experiencing in the early 1990s.

### **The Built Environment:**

Well done on work accomplished this year in time for the adjudication which includes new footpaths and bollards, new public toilets, work on the Community Centre and a new children's playground. The majority of buildings are nicely painted and many still retain their handsome traditional features, the Catholic Church looks quite magnificent and the Mean Scoil looks well also. The Legal Aid Board premises have been considered for both the Sustainable Development Award and The Architectural Award. The Community Resource Centre is also a fine building with good traditional architectural features and work in progress was noted to its roadside. Signage on premises is quite good overall however there are still a few offending signs in visual terms which includes the plastic neon fascia sign on Kellys Cycles together with the protruding sign here, this is just one example of inappropriate signage. The roadside boundary wall to the National school is in need of cleaning and / or painting.

### **Landscaping:**

Roadside landscaping to the grounds of St. Anne's Hospital was admired together with colourful and profuse flower displays in containers and beds. Two landscaped areas at the entrance of the northern approach road were admired and of course your River Park is one of your most attractive features. Recent planting of trees and shrubs at the Daniel O'Connell Park will provide a valuable heritage for future generations. A proposed revamping of the Town Park will serve both the present generation and future generations well.

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

The new Marina is a fine development and one that will make an important contribution to both the economic and amenity development of Cahirsiveen. Congratulations on the walk developed A.C.A.R.D. in conjunction with FAS which gives a great insight to the wildlife of Cahirsiveen. We wish you every success in the developing of Watersports facilities at the Marina together with new slipways and other necessary infrastructure within the Marina Complex; care should be taken that no irreparable damage to wildlife is a consequence. The adjudicators appreciate the development of your new water scheme and the associated disruption and look forward to future adjudications when development works have been completed.

#### **Litter Control:**

A light scattering of litter was noted throughout the town, whilst it did not create a significant problem it had the makings of one. An overflowing litter bin together with scattered food remains were a feature of the boundary wall of Colaiste Ceilge, crows here were spreading the food remains and wrappers. Well done on the acquisition of new litter bins in the town centre and on your regular Monday night clean ups. A word of thanks must be extended to the school children for their participation in the general clean ups in April and May.

#### **Waste Minimisation:**

Your recycling points are noted but on the day of adjudication they were untidy as boxes and bags had been left lying around. Try to devise ways of minimising waste within all sectors of the community in addition to collecting for recycling, as this is the way marks can be achieved under this heading.

#### **Tidiness:**

A number of back areas, which are visible from the public realm, were very weedy and a field of car wrecks located across from the Eurostar car park is an unusual sight these days. The environs of your new Marina unfortunately has a rundown and shabby appearance.

#### **Residential Areas:**

The overall presentation under this heading was reasonably good however Fertha Drive was poor in its presentation and an untidy site marked its entrance. Try to get all residents to take responsibility not only for their own gardens etc. but also for their roadside areas to their boundary walls and also green areas and verges within their own estates. On-street houses have some nice traditional features but one or two were in need of cleaning and or painting to their roadside façade.

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

The car park at Colaiste Sceilge was neat in appearance however there were some potholes. The footpath into the town from the latter car park was reasonably well surfaced and with a few exceptions road surfaces were quite good also. The overhead service cables which form the wirescape on the main street looked particularly bad and lampstandards were unattractive, hopefully the ducting of service cables will enable the provision of attractive or contemporary vintage lampstandards. The large car park behind the main street is nicely surfaced but it was quite heavily littered on adjudication day.

#### **General Impression:**

Cahirsiveen is an attractive town with a handsome built environment and a fine heritage. The addition of the new Marina will play an important role in revitalising the town. We wish you well in your future tasks.