

Tidy Towns Competition 2006

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Tarbert** Ref: **350**
County: **Kerry** Mark: **249**
Category: **B** Date(s): **23/07/2006**
10/08/2006

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2006
Overall Development Approach	50	43
The Built Environment	50	35
Landscaping	50	33
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	26
Litter Control	50	29
Waste Minimisation	20	6
Tidiness	30	15
Residential Areas	40	26
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	29
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	400	249

Overall Development Approach:

Tarbert is welcome to the 2006 National Tidy Towns competition. Thank you for your submission and supporting material which facilitated adjudication. The 20 members of the Tidy Towns committee are to be commended for an excellent presentation again this year. It is good to note that you are working on prioritizing projects with Kerry County Council from the Local Area Plan for Tarbert, we wish you every success in its implementation.

The Built Environment:

Well done on work accomplished for this years presentation which included the painting and general maintenance of gates and pillars. The task of the committee to protect the built heritage of Tarbert in the face of on-going development is appreciated. Initiatives such as the publication of your calendar will be of immeasurable benefit as it shows what is best and to be cherished in Tarbert, your heritage week sounds like great fun whilst at the same time fulfilling a very important function in the overall development of Tarbert.

Landscaping:

The maintenance of seven miles of grass verges along approach roads is a major undertaking in itself. Add to that the maintenance of hedgerow, shrubberies and green open spaces together with the development of new flowerbeds and the creation of new amenities and one can just stand in awe of the work that is involved in the presentation of your lovely village! All amenity areas were presented to the highest standard and the picnic areas were especially admired. The Resurrection Monument is a fine example of hard landscaping. Well done on the removal of dangerous trees.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Everyone within the environs of the Green river and walk were enjoying the ducks and geese at the time of our visit. Of particular interest to the adjudicator is the wonderful JF Lesley woodland walk, we wish you well in its further development. The bird watch outings together with the bird hide at Rusheen are the kind of activities that promote an awareness and appreciation of wild life.

Litter Control:

Litter control was not as strong as it might have been along the Main Street and on the road to the ferry point on the day of adjudication, perhaps you may need to review your litter picking rota or their times? Litter control was good elsewhere. Your monthly clean ups are acknowledged

Waste Minimisation:

The waste management initiative with Kerry Alternative Energy sounds interesting and we would like to know more about it next year. The composting workshops are an excellent means of heightening awareness of the need for waste minimisation, well done.

Tidiness:

The overall appearance of Tarbert was one of tidiness notwithstanding the small lapse in litter control noted above. The €1300.00 spent on weed control this year was evident in you presentation under this heading. We look forward to the planned installation of street name-plates.

Residential Areas:

Your four residential developments looked well on adjudication day and are a credit to those responsible. Hopefully new residents can be enticed to get involved in the Tidy Towns movement. St Johns Wort is a beautiful shrub and will enhance the presentation of Woodview Place when mature and in full bloom

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

No doubt the remaining overhead service cables will be ducted in due course to enhance the streetscape yet further. Some stretches of road surface were in need of rehabilitation however car-parks are being nicely maintained. The proposed removal of traffic from Bridewell Street will enhance this area substantially. Street furniture looked well.

General Impression:

Congratulations on yet another excellent presentation, we look forward to future visits.

Second Round Adjudication:

You have worked hard in recent years and many of previous year's work is now maturing, especially the tree planting. You still have some litter problems and the square and Ferry area were showing some litter. Also, a litter bin beside The Bridewell on the river bank was overflowing on a Tuesday evening adjudication. We commend you on the high standard of the approach roads, especially the Foynes which is quite lengthy. For this adjudicator it is always a delight to find a Green Flag at the school: well done. The high quality of hanging baskets, especially on such a summer is praiseworthy and provides great colour. Buckley's is quite an eyesore and needs attention. We also disapprove of beer barrels on the footpath as they curtail pedestrian access and are a danger to those with sight problems. In general a good performance from Tarbert.