

# Tidy Towns Competition 2007

## *Adjudication Report*

Centre: **Cahirciveen** Ref: **327**  
County: **Kerry** Mark: **219**  
Category: **C** Date(s): **15/07/2007**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	38
The Built Environment	50	32
Landscaping	50	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	22
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>219</b>

### **Overall Development Approach:**

Cahirciveen is welcome to the 2007 National Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your submission. It is well noted that Cahirciveen is going through a period of transition and much effort has been done to improve the aesthetics and functionality of the town for which you are highly commended. It is also good to see the interaction with other community organisations such as FAS and the active retirement group. Much of 2005-2007 plan has been achieved and this is a very good effort. We look forward to seeing your plan for the next stage in 2008.

### **The Built Environment:**

The revamping of the community centre is a great achievement. The paving out the front looks great . The town has some very well restored and kept buildings, but it unfortunately also has many derelict and run down areas that detract from the others. The new public toilets are a welcome addition and well maintained. The marina is a great addition to the town. Several developments were underway and it will be interesting to see how they are landscaped.

### **Landscaping:**

It is well commended that you grow your own bedding plants with the help of other members of the community such as the CE scheme, patients and the active retirement group. The new signs displaying information on historic and environmental information for the area will be very beneficial to tourists. The Planting of trees and shrubs in Daniel O'Connell park and both entrances to town looks good and it is great to hear this will continue.

**Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

The walk created to Beentee mountain that allows walkers to see animals in natural habitat was very popular on the day of adjudication with many tourists undertaking the journey. Well done, this is a great achievement.

**Litter Control:**

It is good to see the Boys National School taking part in the green flag competition. Your work with them to keep the litter down on the streets has been quite effective in the main street. However, some of the car parks and park areas were quite heavily littered. Having the schools be involved in litter collection with definitely assist them to understand about litter and its impact on the environment.

**Waste Minimisation:**

The potting compost scheme run by Iveragh co-op is very beneficial for reducing general waste. Extra bins for bottles and plastic containers will help deal with the many tourist passing through town. It is very well done that the tidy towns group was instrumental in ensuring every house had a compost bin and that you also mulch most of your grasses.

**Tidiness:**

Your work towards keeping footpaths and kerbs weed free has had a very positive effect. The relocating of CIE bus stop to fair green would assist with traffic congestion. Cahirciveen is to be commended for the host of improvements made. There are still areas that need to be addressed such as derelict buildings, pavements and roads and general tidiness all of which are on your agenda. Well done for your efforts so far. It is a good achievement.

**Residential Areas:**

The residential area is similar to the main street with some areas being very well maintained and others quite untidy. Your encouragement people to paint and landscape their premises is recognised. Perhaps a scheme with volunteers could assist elderly residents who made some assistance with this.

**Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

It is noted that the new water scheme has been created has caused issues on the roads and back streets and that the county council is in the process of resurfacing these areas. The approach roads are well maintained by Tidy towns and the CE scheme. The new trees planted in church street do well to bring some greenery to the area. It is noted that you plan to move the council to fix some of the footpath areas.

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