

Tidy Towns Competition 2007

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Tarbert** Ref: **350**
County: **Kerry** Mark: **253**
Category: **B** Date(s): **08/07/2007**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	45
The Built Environment	50	35
Landscaping	50	33
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	27
Litter Control	50	29
Waste Minimisation	20	6
Tidiness	30	16
Residential Areas	40	26
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	29
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	400	253

Overall Development Approach:

Tarbert is welcome to the Tidy Towns 2007 competition. Well done on your encouragement of residents and businesses to undertake house painting, plantings and clean ups. It is well noted the Tidy Towns committees high level of involvement in Tarbert life.

The Built Environment:

The fire station looked very well painted. Congratulations on the setting up of your Heritage society. The new pier was quite busy on the day of adjudication so well done on this. Several shops in the town looked run down which is a great pity as it detracts from the rest of the town.

Landscaping:

The new flower beds on Listowel Road and the rose bed at St Patrick's Terrace were admired and add colour to the area. You have done well in your painting of street furniture. It is also wonderful to see you are planting trees as they will assist in keeping wildlife in the area. The landscaping of the Church and the Resurrection monument were extremely well done. The Community Centre was generally well kept however there could be some weeding done in the car park.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The new walk that takes in the bog land is an interesting one for tourists and also educational for local children about the history of the area.

Litter Control:

Your creation of a litter control evening once a month is a great initiative so well done on this. There was a bit of rubbish around some of the shop fronts. It would be worthwhile encouraging the owners of these shops to maintain areas outside their premises.

Waste Minimisation:

Congratulations on your Green Flag achievement. It would be good if a community compost scheme or promotion of home composting could be encouraged. It was noted that plans had previously been put in place to work with Kerry Alternative Technology for waste reduction and it would be good to know if there was any undertakings in this area.

Tidiness:

Well done on your work in keeping the kerbing and footpaths weed free. In general Tarbert was very well kept. Most residents appear to take pride in keeping their properties clean. The creation of landscaping and work towards reducing weeds as improved Tarberts appearance so well done on your work here.

Residential Areas:

Residential areas in Tarbert were well kept. It was well noted your planting of new trees. The landscaping efforts that have taken place at the entry to several estates looks very good.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The road leading down to the ferry is very well done with its stone walls and walkway. This is a lovely drive. The resurfacing of the back of Hill Road is appreciated. The church car park would be better resurfaced. Some footpath areas in the main street require resurfacing as they are cracked. In general the roads are fairly well surfaced.

General Impression:

Your commissioning of an urban designer to prepare a plan for the village is an exciting one. We look forward to seeing future developments from this plan. Well done on this initiative. Tarbert has some lovely areas for walking. However, more focus needs to be placed on increasing the appeal of some of the buildings in the main street.