

# Tidy Towns Competition 2007

## *Adjudication Report*

Centre: **Waterville** Ref: **352**  
County: **Kerry** Mark: **226**  
Category: **B** Date(s): **14/07/2007**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	36
The Built Environment	50	33
Landscaping	50	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	15
Litter Control	50	27
Waste Minimisation	20	3
Tidiness	30	19
Residential Areas	40	27
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	28
General Impression	10	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>226</b>

### **Overall Development Approach:**

Waterville is welcome to the National Tidy Towns 2007 competition. It is noted that you will construct a long term plan once your sewerage and water scheme have been completed. Well done on your proactive ness on working with FAS, the school, leader and the KCC. Perhaps you could have a working bee based around a particular project such as tree planting or a regeneration project that could involve members of the community. This might assist you in involving more members as people could just commit for the day rather than long term and you could have a community bbq or picnic at the end of the day to celebrate everyone's efforts. You may be able to get a local business to sponsor and support the project.

### **The Built Environment:**

The slip ways construction was observed on the day of adjudication. This will be very beneficial to residents and tourists and will fit in well with the beach front landscaping when completed. The redevelopment of former vocational school into Community Arts and Education Centre is a wonderful project and is to be highly commended. The Garda station was immaculately maintained. The shop fronts and main street area were all very clean and the buildings brightly painted.

### **Landscaping:**

The tree and spring flowers planted at the local authority housing estate were admired on the day of adjudication. Your work to ensure that grass areas are well maintained by cutting them on a weekly basis has resulted in a overall well maintained look in landscaped and park areas in the village. The planting of 600 trees in the Community Arts and Education Centre is a great undertaking and will assist in preserving the natural flora and fauna environment. The foreshore is looking extremely well. The seats and tables located here ensure that both residents and visitors can stop and enjoy the wonderful view. The grass area was well looked after and the landscaping with its inclusion of stone looked very well.

**Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

It is noted that you still are still planning to undertake the installation of wild life signs. Perhaps this could be a project that is done in conjunction with the school as it would provide a useful educational experience for the students.

**Litter Control:**

Well done on your collection of 15 bags from the beach and shore line as part of the National Spring Clean. Waterville has a beautiful coastal vantage and it is important for both the aesthetic and natural environment that these areas are maintained.

**Waste Minimisation:**

The management of the recycling facilities undertaken for your group. On the day of adjudication the Bring Bank was well kept but the bag bins were overflowing. We are happy to hear that you are segregating all your clean up waste. A communal compost or the supplying individual homes with compost bins would assist in reducing waste and the County Council has undertaken this elsewhere and may be able to assist. Educating on reducing and recycling to the general community is also important.

**Tidiness:**

Your work with FAS via workers under the CE scheme undertaking trimming, weeding and grass cutting has been beneficial to the village. The tennis court fence located on the foreshore had been badly damaged and pulled down in parts and requires fixing. The immediate area surrounding the courts also contained a fair bit of litter and requires some attention to the overall appearance.

**Residential Areas:**

The completed new estates are well landscaped. We particularly admired the usage of stone walls, wood fences and traditional style street lights. Though there is still building work being undertaken in residential areas most of these sites were of neat appearance and it is presumed that they will also receive a similar high standard of landscaping.

**Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

The work you have undertaken to regularly trim and clear weeds on the approach roads ensures entry to the village is very positive. The landscaping on these approaches were also very well planted.

**General Impression:**

Waterville is located in a beautiful coastal setting. The development of the promenade is very tasteful undertaken and has ensured that the view of the natural environment still prevails whilst providing a good walking path and areas to relax. The town centre has retained its seaside village appeal and new residential buildings have been sensitively developed to fit into the existing surrounds.