

# Tidy Towns Competition 2013

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Cheekpoint** Ref: **951**  
County: **Waterford** Mark: **242**  
Category: **A** Date(s): **16/06/2013**

|   | <b>Maximum<br/>Mark</b> | <b>Mark<br/>Awarded<br/>2012</b> | <b>Mark<br/>Awarded<br/>2013</b> |
|---|-------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Overall Development Approach              | 50                      | 30                               | 31                               |
| The Built Environment                     | 50                      | 30                               | 30                               |
| Landscaping                               | 50                      | 35                               | 35                               |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities            | 50                      | 21                               | 21                               |
| Litter Control                            | 50                      | 36                               | 36                               |
| Sustainable Waste And Resource Management | 20                      | 10                               | 10                               |
| Tidiness                                  | 30                      | 20                               | 18                               |
| Residential Areas                         | 40                      | 26                               | 26                               |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas             | 50                      | 25                               | 27                               |
| General Impression                        | 10                      | 8                                | 8                                |
| <b>TOTAL MARK</b>                         | <b>400</b>              | <b>241</b>                       | <b>242</b>                       |

### Overall Development Approach:

The Supervalu Tidy Towns welcomes Cheekpoint to the 2013 competition. Thank you for your clear directions and comprehensive application. Please consider, as suggested by previous adjudicators, preparing a three-year plan for future applications, as more points will be allocated! Much of the information is already available, map, events, projects, and colour images; it is advised to put this in a structured format with estimated timelines for completion. This document can be used as the basis for you application annually if you use the heading format of the adjudication – it will just need to be updated on a rolling basis yearly. A committee of eight is a good number considering the population of the village. The collaboration of CFDG with multiple local groups and agencies is commended. Your quarterly newsletter demonstrates the vast array of initiatives and events in Cheekpoint.

### The Built Environment:

The church at Faithlegg was neat in appearance on the approach to Cheekpoint. Similarly the school looked well but could perhaps benefit from some seasonal planters to brighten up the area. We look forward to the planned developments at the school over the coming year. Cheekpoint Stores was freshly painted in green but please remember that the boundary wall needs to be painted too to optimise impact. The playground is a fantastic asset to Cheekpoint and is well maintained – we look forward to the completion planned developments for older children. The Grotto, Upper and Lower Quay, McAlpines Suir Inn and Cottage Bistro were noted for their tidy appearance. The Moorings remains somewhat unkempt but you indicated that the new owner would commence improvement works by mid-summer. We will look forward to this when adjudication the 2014 competition.

### Landscaping:

Seasonal planting was admired at the Faithlegg sign on the Waterford approach. The permanent planting and hard landscaping at the fingerpost was attractive. Tasteful and well-maintained planters were admired at the entrance to Dobbys Field. The Field itself was neatly trimmed on this very wet afternoon. Seasonal planting brightened up the village sign and two new wooden planters were noted. The new works completed at the Bring Bank with wooden screen and planting is a significant improvement. Well done!

### Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Cheekpoint is in an enviable position in relation to wildlife and natural amenities. Its estuarine location allows for

an abundance of water based habitats. Has a Biodiversity Survey been conducted? Your application indicates that local awareness is high with a series of walks taking place throughout the year on subjects such as Squirrels, Bats and the Tropical Garden. Your support of initiatives with An Taisce and Mammals in Sustainable Environment is recognised. Please keep us updated on the change of ownership of the forestry land.

#### **Litter Control:**

Litter control is good in Cheekpoint. Your optimisation of the Spring Clean and joint efforts with TUS and WCC is having the desired effect. The bring bank, often a litter trap was spotless on the day of adjudication. However, a small amount of litter was noted at the entrance to Dobbys Field.

#### **Sustainable Waste And Resource Management:**

This section of the competition has changed this year so please refer to the supporting handbook to ensure you optimise the points achievable in the years to come. The focus is now on waste prevention followed by waste treatment. You are commended for the ongoing segregation and recycling of village litter. It is understandable that the Green Flag project has been put on hold pending redevelopment of the school but we look forward with anticipation its revival next year!

#### **Tidiness:**

Weed control so one of the main aspects of this part of the competition and it is great to see that you have a local initiative to address this problem. Given the wide geographical area of Faithlegg and Cheekpoint it is important that agricultural gates and entrances are presented as neatly as possible as this impacts the overall impression. Please ensure that all public signage is clean and algae free. The new notice board is a great idea to keep all notices in a single controlled location.

#### **Residential Areas:**

Daisybank, in its prominent position looked marvellous with well-maintained stone and brick façade. Many local residences were admired for their fresh paintwork and impressive landscaping. On the other hand some properties were rather unkempt particular attention should be paid to the quality and presentation of property boundaries as this is the 'first impression'. Hanging baskets looked great at #4 on the Glen Road and #2 was maintained to a high standard also. Close by a stand out residence was freshly painted in cream and green with pretty planters enhancing its appearance further. The properties of Mount Avenue cul de sac looked well.

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

The main approach to Cheekpoint is an idyllic rural road. The quality of the surface is uneven in places. Continued lobbying of WCC will hopefully see this addressed through time. Please ensure to keep us update on plans to upgrade the footpath from the school to the church. The announcement of the approval of the sewage scheme was announced on local radio was the adjudicator was on the rounds. What impact will this have on Cheekpoint? Will a result be improved road surfaces?

#### **General Impression:**

Clearly there is fantastic community spirit in Cheekpoint and this is demonstrated by the multitude of events throughout the year. Continuous improvement is at the core of village life and this will lead to ongoing progress in the Supervalu Tidy Towns competition. Keep going!!