

# Tidy Towns Competition 2003

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Innishannon**

Ref: **500**

County: **Cork South**

Mark: **222**

Category: **B**

Date: **27/06/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32	34
The Built Environment	40	32	32
Landscaping	40	33	33
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	34	34
Tidiness	20	12	11
Residential Areas	30	25	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	31	31
General Impression	10	8	8
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>221</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

The map and Action Initiative page included with the entry form were helpful in locating places within the village. A comprehensive plan to cover all projected work over the next three to five years is now needed as mentioned in last years report. In the compilation of this plan all the interests of the various groups within the village should be taken account of. With such a plan an annual assessment could then take place to chart the progress.

### The Built Environment:

The Village has interesting characteristics, which give Innishannon great identity. The stonewalls in various parts of the village are exceptionally attractive – examples such as at the entry to the Spires Estate. Others on this same road are equally attractive. The old walls fronting the housing estate in the main street gives a unique arrangement with a lovely atmosphere of seclusion provided for theses houses. The Church is a fine building and the display of pieces of stone work set on the chipping is really interesting. The old cemetery, the tower building and old church are attractive too. The school looks well cared for and the Garda station will soon need attention to paintwork. The Church of Ireland and its grounds look very well on entry to the village from Bandon.

### Landscaping:

The most significant landscaping in the village revolves around the beautiful presentation in the main street with very well planted containers of all types giving excellent summer colour. Hanging baskets look especially well. At the center of the village the cart and milk churns were noted. The grotto landscaping is well done and presents a nice picture on entry from the Cork side. Many gardens contribute to the overall landscape of the roadsides and credit is due for this "quiet" contribution.

### **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

The old cemetery, the small stream and other local areas should be investigated to discover what range of wildlife could be observed. A compilation of local knowledge in this respect would be interesting – this could answer questions such as - what, where and when particular wild life could be seen. This could then be passed onto the young generations in the school. Involvement with the schools is important. Do avail of the tidy towns handbook as well

### **Litter Control:**

There is a very clean standard of litter control in the village and the system seems to be working very well. Small amounts of litter were noted occurring sporadically. Constant vigilance is always needed. Passing traffic may be source of some of the litter.

### **Tidiness:**

The few buildings needing attention tend to stand out more as the rest are improved. The old Innishannon Marine Boats-Engines premise is unfortunately in such a prominent position. Other premises also need attention. Hopefully these will be remedied soon, The half built house opposite the grotto also is noticeable.

### **Residential Areas:**

The housing terrace behind the arched wall in the main street is attractive and the colourfully painted walls add extra dimension here. Some houses are also painted at the back walls enhancing them further. The many housing estates above the village- Mulberry View, Roseland and the Spires are all well maintained and they contribute well to the overall appearance of the village as indeed the single houses on the road by the Innishannon marine premises do.

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

The huge amount of traffic passing through, places great pressure on the village. The difficulties of emerging from the side roads onto the main road or indeed crossing the road anywhere but the pedestrian lights presents real problems. The road surfaces down by the art shop towards the tower and cemetery has many potholes and a better finish would be welcome The entry road from Bandon is very attractively treated on coming across the bridge. The removal of overhead cables would also be welcome, Footpaths are good but some attention is needed to these in places too.

### **General Impression:**

Innishannon is a very attractive village. The standards of painting and presentation of containerised plants and the lovely arched ruins being used as they are present such a lovely picture. A plan to decide in a unified way, what the priorities for the next few years are and how they are to be achieved is badly needed.

