

Tidy Towns Competition 2014

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Annascaul** Ref: **989**
County: **Kerry** Mark: **252**
Category: **B** Date(s): **10/06/2014**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2014
Community Involvement & Planning	60	37
Built Environment and Streetscape	50	31
Landscaping and Open Spaces	50	40
Wildlife, Habitats and Natural Amenities	50	24
Sustainable Waste and Resource Management	50	11
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	55
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	50	27
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	50	27
TOTAL MARK	450	252

Community Involvement & Planning / Rannpháirtíocht an Phobail & Pleanáil:

Thank you for the filled up Entry Form, excellent map and Multi Annual Plan. Thank you also for your letter sending your page 1 that was omitted in error from initial entry. I note you have 6 committee members and plenty meetings are held to monitor progress and plan ahead. You are getting good support from the agencies, bodies and business in the area. I read the list of communication ways that keep the local people well informed of your activities. You have good contacts with the local schools and I admire your policy to only work with children when under the supervision of school staff. Annascaul has benefitted well from your participation in the SuperValu TidyTowns competition, as it created a good community spirit. This is a good approach to the competition

Built Environment and Streetscape / An Timpeallacht Thógtha agus Sráid-dreacha:

On entering the village we first went into the Paddy Kennedy memorial park which is a good facility and we admired the large sports centre at the back, it could be nice to upgrade the access road, and delightful to find that they have a defibrillator. There is a nice recess at the school which has a lovely yellow and red colour scheme. The Sacred Heart Church nestles peacefully and I admired the stone front of it; there is nice landscaping at this point. A few volunteer trees mainly sycamore are growing in the shrubs and they should be removed as they will outgrow the other shrubs. There is a selection of attractive shop fronts, too many to mention them all, but Inspiration Lodge, the thatched house displays traditional building techniques. Annascaul Black Pudding Company operating since 1916 is nice and the Community Centre stands out. Dan Foley's bar needs some attention and hopefully it will be preserved. The best for me was Teach Sheanin Brosnan's bar and Patcheens pub has great stonework. The Health Centre is nicely set in with a good stone entrance. The South Pole Inn is well presented

Landscaping and Open Spaces / Tírdhreachú agus Spásanna Oscailte:

The Tom Crean garden is pretty and we loved the sculpture erected in 2003. On the Dingle road we admire a number of timber flower containers. There is good landscaping in the Jerome O'Connell Park with a nice statue for Mr O'Connor and the lettering at this point is faded and needs upgrading. Nice baskets of flowers adorn the new bridge. The statue of the Blessed Virgin stands out, but I felt it could be upgraded by painting some of the garments and the rosary beads. Nice landscaping is admired at the side of footpath across from O'Cinneide's. The road to Tralee has good open spaces of landscaping and this is a very picturesque location with the backdrop of the mountains. Traditional water pumps are admired at intervals and they are a great reminder of a bygone day. Nice landscaping is admired outside Annascaul house. Flowers in containers enhance a few areas.

Wildlife, Habitats and Natural Amenities / Fiadhúlra, Gnáthóga agus Taitneamhachtaí Nádúrtha:

At the Tom Crean garden we read of a number of loop walks which are well defined on a good large map. Good cycle lanes are admired on the side of the Tralee road, and they of course can also be used for walking and this brings us in touch with nature in the countryside and ditches. Stone walls integrate well with the native Irish environment, and dry stone walls harbour large quantities of insects and wildlife

Sustainable Waste and Resource Management / Bainistiú Acmhainní agus Dramhaíola Inbhuanaithe:

You have listed an impressive amount of initiatives in place for the proper treatment of the waste, for instance the green homes survey, paperless communication, the healthy eating policy in the school, the Wednesday walk to school, cash for scrap and the picnic seating made from recycled plastics – all very good. I loved the little herb garden. We wonder are the school participating in the green schools programme. You could consider the promotion of composting by the arranging of a workshop to further educate the people on how to do it properly.

Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:

A rusty roof on a large building near the school needs attention. A parking area down from the school also needs attention. Some weeds were found in a few areas. There is a small galvanised roofed house which is quite rusty and it could be great to upgrade this traditional small house which was thatched at one stage. Well serviced litter bins and placed at intervals. Some field gates were being painted as we passed along. I inspected the bring centre and it was neat and tidy.

Residential Streets & Housing Areas / Sráideanna Cónaithe & Ceantair Tithíochta:

Brackloon is a small nice estate. A small estate with no name on it down from Brackloon is in an orderly condition. Gurteens is a nice estate; it has no name signage and as we leave the estate we see in front of us a house that has a nice mural there and the windows and doors have good paintings. There are lovely town houses and two in particular stood out near one of the pubs, but many others are just as good

Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes / Bóithre Isteach, Sráideanna & Lánaí:

The new bridge is a good modern structure, and we admire the old stone bridge alongside it and good to see it retained. The back road up to the two housing estates needs attention. There are great footpaths all around the village which make for comfortable and safe walking.