

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **TYNOCK**  
County : **CARLOW**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 08-06-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21
Landscaping	40	28
The Built Environment	40	28
Litter Control	40	28
Tidiness	20	12
Residential Areas	30	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24
General Impression	10	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>204</b>

## Adjudicator's Comments

### OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Although you have not submitted a 3/5 year work programme, you would seem to have a very clear idea of what you would like to achieve in the future for your village. Perhaps a more comprehensive plan and a map of the village could be arranged for next year in order to facilitate adjudication? Your relationship and level of communication with both Carlow County Council and FAS are to be commended. This level of interest and commitment within the community is reflected in the marks the village has achieved in this particular category. Congratulations are due to you - keep up the excellent work!

### WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The hedgerows (to the far side of the village in particular) were a riot of colour - bursting with a profusion of wild flowers, including wild bluebells, buttercups, wild purple lilac and wild ferns. A nice balance has been struck between achieving neat verges and preserving the indigenous hedgerows. Again praise is due to all concerned in this regard.

### LANDSCAPING

Once more a harmonious balance has been achieved regarding landscaping. It is all too easy to fall into the trap of being over meticulous regarding matters of aesthetics. But the village was presented in a simple way and looked well cared for without being over-fussy. Many of the raised granite beds and simple timber tubs either side of entrance to the church, to the school and at the deep blue pump had yet to achieve their full glory on Adjudication Day, but their potential could be imagined. The large flower bed to the beautifully maintained church grounds mentioned in your entry form looked magnificent. The raised granite bed to John Moriarty Terrace with its vibrant deep yellow gorse looked magnificent, as will the raised granite feature opposite when it comes into bloom. Well done to all concerned.

### THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

It was obvious on Adjudication Day that painting work to the public buildings in the village was underway but had yet to be completed. The school was freshly painted and looked very bright and cheerful, but its boundary wall had yet to be touched. The church (as you are obviously aware from your entry form) is a magnificent piece of architectural heritage with its heavily leaded window and stone quoins and cross atop the gable. The adjudicator was pleased to read of your plans to conserve the building, as far too many fine buildings have been destroyed in this country by well-meaning modernisation. Painting was in progress on Adjudication Day. Its grounds were beautifully kept, the recently planted copper beeches being particularly admired. However, the ancillary building within the church grounds is in need of some attention.

### LITTER CONTROL

Very little litter was apparent on Adjudication Day. The standard of litter control was generally very good indeed, with only a single cigarette carton on the far approach road and a couple of stray crisp bags to the main street.

### TIDINESS

Boundary walls and gates should not be neglected when tackling this category. For example the gate opposite the terrace is one of great character and would benefit greatly from a fresh coat of paint. A pile of gravel to the front of the timber fence on the Kiltegan/Hacketstown Road looked unsightly, as did the phone box -the perspex was badly stained and the door missing. Some weeds were evident to the boundary wall between Alfies and the housing estate.

## RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The standard in this category was generally very good, with both the grey house on the main Kiltegan road and the aptly named Mountain View cottage (with its beautifully kept stone boundary and garden) coming in for particular admiration. The landscaped Green at John Moriarty Terrace was well maintained, having freshly mown grass. The recently planted trees and granite feature-planted-bed looked particularly well. However, some boundary walls to the estate and to the far side of the village had yet to be painted.

## ROADS, STREETS & BACK AREAS

The Kiltegan/Hacketstown road looked well although the planted feature due to the less than seasonal weather had yet to flower. The pile of gravel to the front of the timber fence on this road looked unfortunate, as did a few rusty gates. Untidy backyard areas such as that opposite the school should where possible be screened from public view. Perhaps Carlow County Council could tackle the issue of the signage. The road junction sign and welcome sign need freshening up, the children crossing sign should be replaced as should the missing directional sign from the main road. The pot holes outside the school could also be repaired. The approach road with the stone bridge appeared nicely kept, apart from a few stray dandelions.

## GENERAL IMPRESSION

This adjudicator was impressed by this neat and tidy, beautifully peaceful village in its absolutely magnificent setting, against the backdrop of the majestic mountains. The view behind the church to Hacketstown beyond, perched on hill on this sunny day- the few clouds scuttling across the blue sky casting their shadows upon them. The only noise to be heard the gentle hum of a lawnmower.