

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **DOONBEG VILLAGE**
County : **CLARE**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 11-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18
Landscaping	40	28
The Built Environment	40	26
Litter Control	40	26
Tidiness	20	14
Residential Areas	30	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	300	193

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for returning completed entry form - filled out so neatly and informatively. You close association with other relevant agencies in the pursuit of an improved environment is praiseworthy. Are you working to an agreed three or five year plan? Much of the work of previous years is bearing fruit and the landscaping developments in particular add significantly to the appearance of the village.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

You have ample opportunity to score well in this new section. Your location beside the river and the great amount of hedgerows are ideal for promoting wildlife. You should list the wildlife species i.e. insect, bird and fishlife in the area and consider displaying same on a display board. If you contact your local Irish Wildbird Conservancy representative they will help you and give you guidance.

LANDSCAPING

This is your strong point and the developments of previous years are being well maintained. Indeed the rich and extensive use of hanging baskets, window boxes, tubs, and flower beds illustrate a great desire to beautify the village. The extra developments since last year are acknowledged. The riverside development is excellent. Weed control throughout is very effective and gutters were free from overgrowth. A couple of premises - one for sale would benefit from improved presentation.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Public buildings were well presented again this year. The church inside and outside and environs were well presented in this strategic location. The Garda Station has improved and the school and Post Office are excellent. Many commercial buildings have been freshly painted and in general the village had an air of fresh painting about it giving good colour throughout. The flag display opposite the Community Hall is commendable. The restored two storey house on the left hand side approach from Kilrush will further enhance when the front garden is landscaped.

LITTER CONTROL

The village was almost litter free apart from a small amount at riverside park and at the bottom of hedge entering the Caravan park. Litter bins are in good condition and well placed.

TIDINESS

You have a few problem areas here caused by a small number of open spaces, ongoing development and undeveloped sites. A couple of commercial properties are below expected standard and need improvement. However, you have done well and some developments have finished well since last year.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The design and presentation of houses are good throughout and many have unique features. Encourage developers to finish well and leave sites well landscaped. Many newly built houses have excellent landscaped gardens. Within the village core, colours are best kept bright. Some boundary walls could be improved but in general residential areas are well presented.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Side and back areas are now getting similar adjudication to front entrances so you need to impress upon householders and traders the importance of keeping all areas well presented. You have improved in this section i.e.. beside the Post Office. Some signs are in need of painting - i.e. sign for Caherlean, and the

speed limit sign at the church. Avoid clusters of signs which are causing problems in other centres.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Another fine performance by Doonbeg. You have maintained your standards and raised them in some areas. You now need to tackle the problem areas outlined in previous reports. Some improvement is still needed on approach roads which give first impressions to visitors. Keep the village colourful and encourage all sections of the community to play their part. Good luck for 1997.