

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **ENNISTYMON**
County : **CLARE**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 26-06-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20
Landscaping	40	22
The Built Environment	40	22
Litter Control	40	23
Tidiness	20	14
Residential Areas	30	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23
General Impression	10	6
TOTAL MARK	300	178

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for the comprehensive report submitted. It is good to see you have an active and forward looking community. Your efforts to involve all sections of the community are commendable. The many circulars and reports attached with the entry form were most helpful on adjudication day. You have a very large area to cover with many problems beyond what a voluntary group could be expected to solve. For this reason it is good that you liaise closely with statutory groups and other organisations.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

This is a new category and one which should enable Ennistymon to gain high marks. You have an excellent opportunity to cultivate wildlife development, especially near the cascades where there is an abundance of wildlife. You might consider erecting a wildlife display board here in association with the I.W.C. This also gives you an opportunity to involve the schools more closely.

LANDSCAPING

There are some excellent displays of flowers, shrubs and trees together with many attractive window boxes in the town centre - all adding to the appearance of Ennistymon. However, there are still many unsightly small open spaces that could be landscaped and you should consider such improvements under the FÁS scheme. The picnic development on the Lahinch road should be finished to a high standard. You have a major problem in the area around the cattle mart which will need to be tackled in time. Continue with your policy of developing more areas for landscaping.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

You have a good tradition of attractive traditional shop fronts which is being maintained. In particular Griffins - which is still as attractive and unchanged as it was 20 years ago. Crosbies is colourful as indeed are many more too numerous to mention. Your public buildings are for the most part well presented, but the Leabharlann has gone shabby and is in need of painting. Looking down on the town from the Teach Cheoil there are many gable ends that are in need of painting - perhaps as a committee you might consider promoting a painting blitz for 1997.

LITTER CONTROL

Your weakest point in this section is the river, in particular near the bridge. There were several areas with litter in evidence on adjudication day. However, the main street was relatively free from litter and litter bins seem adequate in numbers.

TIDINESS

The long approach road from Ennis is untidy with much overgrown grass verges. Weed growth is also evident in the gutters along the new road. The many undeveloped and neglected areas throughout the town present an image of untidiness and are keeping your marks down in this category - for instance small areas like that opposite the Antique Shop.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

It is good to find so many people in residence in the town centre. On all approaches there are some very attractive houses and gardens - many with interesting colour schemes. There is planned development apparent near the old cemetery and large heaps of rubble that should be left no longer than necessary. The gardens inspected were very attractive and give a good image to the town. Continue to encourage group participation in the housing estates.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The layout of the town exposes many side and back entrances and these are now an important part of the competition. No doubt the level of the river also has a bearing on what can and what cannot be seen, especially from the bridge area. You have a black spot at the "Post Office" though the attractive murals are very effective and not without humour - well done.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

In summary you have done well and you have opportunity and potential to further improve under the new marketing criteria. Good luck for '97.