

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **FLAGMOUNT**
County : **CLARE**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 27-06-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20
Landscaping	40	22
The Built Environment	40	22
Litter Control	40	23
Tidiness	20	14
Residential Areas	30	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22
General Impression	10	6
TOTAL MARK	300	173

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The submitted entry form, complete with village map, photographs and listed proposed development proved helpful on adjudication day. It is good to know you are keeping busy as a committee. You are fortunate in having such a good variety of attractions so close to the village and the lake in particular is a great advantage that you should further work on. Ideally, you would need a three/five year plan that would represent your vision for the further improvement of the area.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

You have a great opportunity to score well under this heading. The great abundance of attractive wild flowers on the approach roads in particular should be protected. You have done well in cutting the grass margins but having the hedgerows intact. You might consider promoting a wildlife programme in co-operation with the schools. You might also consider erecting a wildlife map display.

LANDSCAPING

The grass areas were not freshly cut and you need to give more attention to this requirement. The timber flower tubs located along the village need attention and had not been painted for 1996. The broken trees opposite the Parochial House should be removed and replaced. The new stonewall development is commendable and should be further extended in appropriate centres throughout the village.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The church and environs are very well presented. The Post Office is good and surrounds well presented. However, you have a number of untidy buildings that still need improved presentation. The many traditional features of the village should be maintained and these help to retain the rural ethos of the village.

LITTER CONTROL

You have done well in this section and litter does not seem to be a problem throughout the village. Litter bins are well located and are being used.

TIDINESS

Despite the litter control, there are many untidy small areas in and around the village. In particular overgrown hedges and uncared for grass areas need attention. You will need constant vigilance in this respect. In general, chainlink fencing is unattractive especially in the village centre.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Your planned development of the area fronting Merriman Court is commendable and some work has been done here. You should try and finish this development. Individual houses are well presented and some excel, together with attractive gardens. It is best to try and get occupants of the houses working as a group and co-ordinating their efforts.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Approach roads are well presented, but surface of roads leading to the village is very poor. Side and back areas are now an important part of the competition and in future committees will need to pay greater attention to detail in this respect.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Flagmount is an attractive village which is quite compact and quite capable of becoming a high scorer in the competition. To achieve this you will need a greater commitment from a greater number of people. Try to formulate a three year plan that is achievable in stages. Good luck for 1997.