

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILFENORA**
County : **CLARE**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 28-06-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16
Landscaping	40	24
The Built Environment	40	24
Litter Control	40	24
Tidiness	20	14
Residential Areas	30	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21
General Impression	10	6
TOTAL MARK	300	176

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for submitting the extra form and details of your activity. It is not clear if you are working to an agreed 3-5 year plan or not. The village needs such a plan as a number of developments seem a little unco-ordinated. Some developments have been on hand now for some years and need to be drawn to a conclusion. The village has improved in recent years and commercial buildings in particular have progressed. You still have problems alluded to in previous years report and you should not give up on these.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

This is a new category and you now need to identify areas where you can promote an appreciation among the community. Wildlife can take many forms and you might consider contacting your local I.W.C. Officer who would be glad to co-operate with you. This is now an important part of the competition and valuable marks are available for same.

LANDSCAPING

The colourful display of flower beds in and around the village centre is very effective and you should consider extending this development to other areas in particular the approach roads. You are fortunate in having a FÁS scheme and this enables you to carry out small environmental works and maintenance. The hanging baskets and flower tubs further enhance the colour of the village, especially on commercial buildings.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The public buildings are well presented and maintained. The Cathedral environs are still poor and this important building is deserving of improved presentation. The Burren Display Centre is excellent: don't overdo the signage.

LITTER CONTROL

In general, the village is litter free and seems to be well under control. Litter bins, though small in numbers, seem adequate.

TIDINESS

There are several areas that are really untidy and have been so for several years now. The rubble at the rear of Máire Ruas is spoiling this approach and this important junction and should be tackled for next year. There are some very poor side entrances that are keeping your marks down in this section. The competition is now awarding important recognition to side and back entrances.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Housing is well presented and some have excellent displays of flowers. Housing within the village core is quite attractive and recent developments are further enhancing. Developers of new buildings should be encouraged to finish well and remove all unwanted rubble and building materials.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Many commercial buildings have side and rear entrances that are quite exposed to the public. The car park at Vaughans could be improved with a little effort. You should try and get the junction at the turn for Lisdoonvarna improved for next year. Some numerous small spots in and around the village need improved presentation.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The village continues to improve but the same problems seem to arise each year. The work of FÁS is commendable, but you should try and use this scheme to tackle some of the black spots referred to above. The increase in tourism will lead to a greater demand on services and so will need further vigilance in ensuring the village and environs are kept to an acceptable level. Good luck for 1997.