

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **PARTEEN**
County : **CLARE**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 11-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18
Landscaping	40	28
The Built Environment	40	27
Litter Control	40	24
Tidiness	20	14
Residential Areas	30	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	300	196

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Parteen always had a special appeal as an attractive village adjacent to the Power Station at Ardnacrusha and the Tailrace. There seems to be a willingness on the part of the committee to interact with the local authority and other agencies such as FAS. I feel that Parteen would benefit from a work programme which would be drawn up and implemented over a 3 year period. All other sections of the community should be asked to make submissions. Judging by the financial support that is got from local residents I think the committee would get a very positive reaction to this suggestion. I would also advocate the involvement of the youth of the parish even for their enthusiasm alone. Young people find the discipline of project work with deadlines appealing and indeed would come up with very beneficial suggestions.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Unfortunately the application form gives no indication of any suggestions re steps taken to encourage wildlife. I am sure that thought will be put into this section for next years competition. The Parteen area is an ideal haven for wildlife conservation or nature walks with its combination of wooded areas , watercourses and various shrubs and wild flowers. The area around the bridge looking down onto the tailrace with its wooded banks would be an ideal starting point for any proposed project. Parteen has advantages over other villages when it comes to habitat for wildlife. Exploiting the opportunities cannot but have a positive effect on the village.

LANDSCAPING

There was a welcome display of colour throughout. You should build on this for future years. Ideally, you should try to plant trees/shrubs that will give colour for much of the year. Hanging baskets etc. are very colourful but are short lived and need annual renewal. Many private gardens are well landscaped and this is acknowledged. New developments should always be accompanied by appropriate landscaping and encourage builders to finish well.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The church was in extremely good condition with the surrounding area very tidy. The school near Greenpark was not at its best and certainly needs painting. Brownes Pub and the foodstore were in good condition again both places were nice and tidy. All residences in the village were maintained to a high standard; a number of houses on the Larkins Cross Rd were excellently presented with gardens offering a great mix of roses, annuals and perennials. Parteen Pitch and Putt Course in my opinion is probably one of the most impressive in the country. The Graveyard has benefited from a great clean up effort and looked superb.

LITTER CONTROL

The village had some pockets of litter on adjudication day more notably in the Larkins Cross, Greenpark and Fieldbrook areas. More bins are needed in the village as whole. The committee should encourage a youth programme of litter control, I am aware that there is a weekly clean up but unfortunately there was still too much litter for such a small place.

TIDINESS

The weed control was somewhat messy in some approach roads;, when weeds are treated with weedkiller they should be cleaned up. The Co Op stores are to be commended for keeping their immediate area tidy. Car Park at Mulcroneys Pub could be a little tidier.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The Greenpark Residential Area was extremely well presented; houses and gardens in top condition. Green area had nice planting pattern. Fieldbrook was also in good shape, waste area at the back needs to be cut; it does not complement the rest of Fieldbrook. Bishop Murphy Park in excellent condition, most houses newly painted but some boundary walls need a coat of paint. Fairyfield is a nice secluded area but why were all those trees planted so close together on the Green?

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The road from Killaloe/ Larkins Cross into the village needs to be cut back slightly; nice selection of mature trees makes it a pleasant approach. Longpavement Road with well kept path, trees and continuous wall is impressive. The road where the blow moulding factory is situated is very narrow and the margins certainly need to be cut back. Generally all approach roads are of a very good standard.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The efforts of the committee to involve all sections of the community in presenting Parteen in a positive light is to be lauded. Long may it continue. As previously stated the village has a number of natural attractions and ongoing efforts should continue to make the most of these. Keep up the good work.