

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **SIXMILEBRIDGE**  
County : **CLARE**  
Category : **C**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 02-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17
Landscaping	40	21
The Built Environment	40	21
Litter Control	40	22
Tidiness	20	11
Residential Areas	30	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21
General Impression	10	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>169</b>

## **Adjudicator's Comments**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for submitting a comprehensive report on your plans and activities. The illustration, category by category proved very helpful on adjudication day. There is no need to submit the 1993 development plan again. In particular the before and after photographs are quite effective. The village has improved since last year and the long promoted square development is very successful both environmentally and functionally. You should still pursue the open space area opposite "The Old House". Indeed, there is strong evidence of continued commercial development taking place which gives you an opportunity to further enhance the square area.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

This being a new category can favour Sixmilebridge as you have all the ingredients for scoring well in this category. The extent of the river flowing through so much of the village presents you with an opportunity to promote the concept of wildlife. The facilities at The Greyhound Bar are commendable and give you a head start in this section. You might consider erecting a wildlife display board similar to the map in the square that would illustrate the wildlife in the area - such an illustration would include fish and insect life.

### **LANDSCAPING**

As mentioned last year you have an inordinate amount of grass and open spaces to be catered for and you have done well to keep such areas in good condition. The treatment of the square gives you a great boost and the placing of cables underground is praiseworthy. The screening of the large pipes at the bridge is unique and very effective. Continue to promote a painting blitz - especially on the square, more strong colours would further enhance.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The buildings in the square continue to dominate the core of the village. Public buildings are very well presented and the church, school, library and courthouse all look well. Throughout the village and on many of the approach roads new houses are in evidence. Builders should be encouraged to finish to a high standard with good landscaping. Your ability to raise substantial funds for so many different projects reflects a high degree of co-operation.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Despite the large area to be covered litter control is excellent throughout. You seem to have this under control and the effects are evident. Litter bins are well positioned and of good quality.

### **TIDINESS**

You have a problem here, emanating principally from the many undeveloped and uncared for open spaces that project an image of untidiness. There are many unsightly small sites in need of a clean up - these are principally the responsibility of individual owners who should be encouraged to improve the situation. Weed control is good and the gutters were free of weedgrowth.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

You should identify your housing estates with standard type signage. The presentation of housing is very good throughout the village. Indeed there is evidence of house building on almost every approach road. Many individuals have gone to great trouble in developing attractive well landscaped gardens which enhance the overall appearance of Sixmilebridge. You have done well in getting the community involved and this is the real strength of Tidy Towns.

#### ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

As you will notice from the new marking criteria valuable marks are now being allotted for the condition of rear and back areas. You have problems in this section as there are many very untidy and unattended side entrances - some of them attached to commercial buildings. There are many old farm gates that should be maintained and painted - these are valuable links with a previous era.

#### GENERAL IMPRESSION

The village has progressed in almost every sector. The development at the square is a great step forward. The village is very widespread and quite demanding on energy. Continue your efforts with motivating the community and continue to liaise closely with the various statutory bodies. Good luck for '97.