

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **NARRAGHMORE**  
County : **KILDARE**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 17-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17
Landscaping	40	25
The Built Environment	40	26
Litter Control	40	32
Tidiness	20	15
Residential Areas	30	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	32
General Impression	10	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>207</b>

## Adjudicator's Comments

### OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Welcome to the new format of the 1996 Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your detailed questionnaire and map which were very helpful during the course of adjudication. The adjudicators look forward to the submission of your detailed five year work programme. The fact that there are only six on the committee is a credit to the village, as it is apparent that the residents and business sector are also joining in to create a very attractive village. The adjudicators would like to commend the effort. The village, did indeed look very well, neat and tidy on day of adjudication, and the adjudicators enjoyed their visit to the village.

### WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Try to avoid the overuse of weed killers. The adjudicators look forward to the submission of wildlife proposals in your five year work programme. It is good to see the tree planting taking place and in years to come this will be of immense benefit to the village and also good luck with your tree planting programme in October 1996. There is potential for more nature conservation; a good starting point would be to identify wildlife habitats in your catchment area and see what type of birds, animals and plants etc. these attract. You could invite local environmental experts and groups to advise you and provide you with specialist information you require.

### LANDSCAPING

Generally, the village of Narraghmore was very well presented with excellent attention to detail in terms of landscaping. The pump area was very well presented being freshly painted and nice planting by it at time of adjudication. The rockery was also very well presented. Most hedging and verges were very well maintained, as were grassed areas throughout the village. Perhaps the football playing area could be slightly improved. Overall, an excellent presentation, with good use of flowers, very neat and tidy.

### THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The built environment - it had a very neat and tidy appearance at the time of adjudication. Kellys Hardware/General Store was very neat and tidy, with the bath as a planting container, a nice touch. The Post Office was very well presented and also nice planting was noted outside it. Kellys Lounge was also neat and tidy. Perhaps try to paint the corrugated gate between Kellys and the mustard coloured house.

### LITTER CONTROL

Litter control was quite exceptional at time of adjudication with no problem areas noted.

### TIDINESS

An excellent impression was left in the minds of the adjudicators on their visit to Narraghmore. It was a nice touch to see that the A/V markers had been painted pink which was a bit different and innovative. Try to encourage similar innovative ideas in your work programme to enhance the village of Narraghmore. The Kilcullen sign needed to be painted up. The telephone kiosk was painted and left a good appearance. Overall, again, the attention to grass verges, removal of weeds etc. created a very tidy appearance, congratulations in this regard.

### RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Overall, a very good effort here. Good individual efforts were noted, particularly, the premises to the right of the pub with excellent roses, as was the white house opposite. Good individual efforts were noted within the park, the grass was neatly cut and was even being cut at time of adjudication. Good efforts

were noted in the premises opposite the park also. One or two houses opposite the post office could perhaps improve the open spaces in front of them.

#### ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

This was an exceptional presentation and the adjudicators would like to commend the effort here. Very simple planting and attention to grass cutting has created a very positive neat appearance on the approach into Narraghmore. Approaching from Athy, grass had been manicured and was very neat and tidy. A nice name plate with a plough and planting of Lobelia sets this off very well. The trees are coming on very well with flower beds of Marigolds, Lobelia etc. quite nice. The approach road from the Curragh, again, had a similar appearance, leaving a very positive impression. The residential areas also added to this positive impression with the good maintenance of the premises outside and the seating was nice with planting underneath it. Approaching from Kilcullen, the rockery was looking very well.

#### GENERAL IMPRESSION

There was an excellent general impression left with the adjudicators on their visit to Narraghmore. This is a credit to the residents and everyone involved. The village was totally litter free. Premises were freshly painted up - both residential and commercial. You really do have a very attractive village to live in and you are to be commended on your efforts, hence the high mark awarded in this category.