

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **STONEYFORD**
County : **KILKENNY**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 17-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	20
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16
Landscaping	40	23
The Built Environment	40	20
Litter Control	40	37
Tidiness	20	12
Residential Areas	30	14
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28
General Impression	10	5
TOTAL MARK	300	175

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

It is good to read on the entry form of the support which you receive from the community, and also the valuable co-operation of the local authority. Your involvement in the FAS youth employment scheme is also admirable. The Development Plan is looked forward to - please enclose a copy next year. Thank you for your useful map.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

This is a new heading, and a nominal figure is being given in its first year to Associations which have not had time to take initiatives. Your mark will be higher, due to the encouragement of wildlife above the picnic area.

LANDSCAPING

The grassing of the picnic area has been successful. The low stone wall might be continued to enclose this space, and at the same time the existing portion might be improved, as the scheme does not yet make the impact which it deserves. The immediate entrance to the Sports park needed weeding - not a big job.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The most attractive traditional village church, and its pleasant surroundings, looked very well on adjudication day. So did the School. The other interesting building in the village is the Flood Memorial school, which appeared to be abandoned though its grounds were in good order. The forge is a delightful feature in the main street. Among the business premises, O'Grady's was looking particularly well. Several gables were badly in need of painting or repair, and some of the woodwork at the dispensary needs repair.

LITTER CONTROL

There was very little disposable litter in Stoneyford on adjudication day - congratulations.

TIDINESS

Derelict or unused buildings, and the corner site at Norelands cross, contribute to a somewhat untidy overall aspect, which is unfortunate because the well-kept sites greatly outnumber the former. The huge hoarding on Sheridan's adversely dominates the streetscape when arriving from the Waterford direction.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Many individual street homes are beautifully kept - among those specially admired were the house next to Walsh's, houses where stonework has been beautifully exposed, and a single Georgian house opposite Norelands road. Some houses in the main street could do with freshening up with paint. Newer dwellings were reasonably well presented, some with attractive gardens, especially on the Kells Road.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads are reasonably well looked after, and road surfaces adequate. There are some unsightly entrances at commercial premises, and a rusty iron roof is all too evident. The area around the Little Chef caravan, where there were four abandoned cars on adjudication day, was one of the most unsightly spots seen anywhere this year.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

This is obviously an imaginative and dedicated Association, but the achievements visible since last year fall behind those of comparable villages.