

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **ERRILL**
County : **LAOIS**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 18-06-96

| | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded |
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| Overall Developmental Approach | 50 | 38 |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 30 | 15 |
| Landscaping | 40 | 29 |
| The Built Environment | 40 | 30 |
| Litter Control | 40 | 35 |
| Tidiness | 20 | 16 |
| Residential Areas | 30 | 21 |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas | 40 | 32 |
| General Impression | 10 | 8 |
| TOTAL MARK | 300 | 224 |

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The amount of local support and co-operation is impressive. Consultation with official bodies is commended. It is good to see S.E.S. and C.E. schemes in operation. Plans for the future appear to be well in hand. It must be added that it is a real pleasure to be in Errill again.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

This is a new heading which has only been introduced this year, but the Errill committee has been in advance of other centres in this area for some years. The conservation of the ancient graveyard is an ongoing project of much significance. On adjudication day this year there was magnificent May-blossom everywhere; it is reasonable to clip hedges between houses, for example, but here, with a background of fields, it is wonderful to see the old hedgerows left in their natural state.

LANDSCAPING

As usual, the 'island' sites in the main road were a judicious mixture of fine existing hardwoods, newer planting, and colourful bedding plants. The proposed water feature will be looked forward to next year. Planting at the housing estate on the Rathdowney road was much improved since this adjudicator was here three years ago. Planting at the Church flourishes.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Church and its grounds are splendidly looked after. The school is also a credit to those who maintain it - and to the scholars. There is an apparently empty house on the school road; the derelict house on the Castlefleming road is decently maintained. A corrugated iron roof near the old graveyard needs attention.

LITTER CONTROL

There was no discernible litter.

TIDINESS

Errill was tidy in all its aspects.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The older houses looked very smart, many with floral features. The newer houses on the Rathdowney road appeared better kept than heretofore. The small estate of maisonettes was very spruce indeed.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Road surfaces are unusually good in the village centre and on the main roads. The stone walls being built on the school road are very impressive indeed and will greatly enhance this area in a most appropriate way. The car park at the Church was immaculate on adjudication day.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

A village of great charm, lovingly and carefully tended by its people.

SECOND ADJUDICATION (14/08/96)

On entering the village from the south, an excellent dry stone wall was noted. It is recommended that such features (small raised retaining wall), using local stone materials and labour skills, could be used

for the proposed redevelopment of the village centre. However, such a proposal would need to be properly planned and designed. The entrance from the north (road to GAA pitch) requires treatment. The concrete fence should be screened off using local materials or thornquick. The village was completed free of litter on adjudication day. The edges to the road should be closely monitored, particularly at the outer fringes to the village. The road signs in the village green could be improved in appearance with a coat of paint. A very impressive community spirit makes this a most pleasant village.