

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **SHANAOE**
County : **LAOIS**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 17-06-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16
Landscaping	40	28
The Built Environment	40	27
Litter Control	40	31
Tidiness	20	13
Residential Areas	30	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	300	198

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

It is clear from your answers to the questionnaire that there is a very solid community effort behind Shanahoe's entry in the Tidy Towns - but even if there were not, the result this year speaks for itself. This adjudicator had never been in Shanahoe before and was greatly impressed both by the overall appearance of the village and by the improvements shown as having taken place since last summer. When drawing your map for next year, please be sure to mark every new initiative on it; the adjudicator is unlikely to miss them but it is as well to be sure.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

It is good to learn that the nesting habitats of birds remain unmolested till late in the season. It is also good to see the wonderful hawthorn hedges. The rich farmland round about is a fine example of good husbandry.

LANDSCAPING

The area is also notable for superb mature trees; recent tree planting is an extension of this tradition and will make itself felt within very few years. The trim verges and lawns and the flowerbeds bounded by good stone edging which seems to be unique to Laois, also impressed. The triangular green was especially attractive on adjudication day. The graveyard was well looked after - one would not expect hay to be mown by mid June and in fact the crop looked clean and weed-free. Floral tubs and window boxes here and there gave a 'lift' to the surroundings. Trim verges and hedges throughout.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Church and School are obviously well cared for. Amusing murals at the school and on the gable of the Parish Hall show an imaginative approach. Congratulations on the achievement of reinstating the Parish Hall.

LITTER CONTROL

There was virtually no litter in Shanahoe on adjudication day. Congratulations.

TIDINESS

Absence of litter, kerbside weed and weed in paved or tarmaced spaces, contribute to the tidiness of the village. Furthermore, there are no unsightly signs on buildings.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Dwelling houses are well maintained. It was good to see so many pleasant gardens, particularly where climbing plants and creepers are in evidence.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Surfacing and paving is generally good. The car park at the Church is well kept. Litter bins were noted. There is good robust fencing in some places but the stone walls are especially remarkable, both in short sections at private houses and also along one side of the street; it is unusual to find such a fine length of wall as this.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

A charming village, progressively coming to terms with the excellent potential.