

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **LITTLETON VILLAGE**  
County : **TIPPERARY NORTH**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 08-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13
Landscaping	40	21
The Built Environment	40	22
Litter Control	40	22
Tidiness	20	10
Residential Areas	30	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22
General Impression	10	5
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>158</b>

## Adjudicator's Comments

### OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

At the outset let me welcome Littleton as a first time entrant to the competition and hope that it will be the first of many. The committee, which is large for the size of the village, is representative of all sections of the community and has made a good impact in this its first year of competition. I would suggest that prior to next years competition a 3 year work plan be put together with straightforward achievable objectives. It is important that anything that is included in this plan is achievable within certain deadlines as aspirational objectives tend to get put off.

### WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Nature conservation doesn't apply solely to the country. Many wildlife habitats exist within the core areas of towns and villages. There may be a number of areas within the village that might be ideal as a starting base. I would suggest that the school be involved and asked to take an active part in identifying the habitats of various species of birds, animals, and insects. If you need assistance with getting a project off the ground why not consult with your local environment expert who may be in a position to direct you on the right course.

### LANDSCAPING

There were flower boxes and shrub beds on the approach roads into the village this creates a good impression with people passing through and with visitors to Littleton. A number of young trees were planted on the Urlingford side of the village, when matured they should be seen to good effect make sure that they are maintained in a proper fashion at this their early stage of development. The Church Grounds had a collection of beautiful rose beds. The free standing hanging baskets freshly painted were a very attractive feature.

The only comment I would make is that there is an over emphasis on colourful annuals as a form of planting. In the interest of year round effectiveness try a variation of perennials that will give winter and autumn colour. Seek advice from the Horticultural Dept of Tipperary NR County Council on this matter.

### THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

There are excellent examples of well preserved buildings in the village and the owners are to be commended for the manner in which they are maintained. The Grotto which is a village feature is in excellent condition and a credit to those responsible for its upkeep. The RC Church whose grounds have been previously mentioned looked well as did the Garda Station nearby. The Church of Ireland is a very impressive structure with extremely well kept grounds. The village has its compliment of stone walls, some recently done up and some which need to be refurbished. Individual business premises are on the whole very well presented, notably `Purcells Supermarket and PO`, `Fitzpatrick's Butchers`, `Fogarty's` and `Premier Marine`. There are many well kept private residences in the core area of the village, one farmhouse and building in particular at the junction of Thurles/ Dublin Road. A few premises need re-painting as they are quite grubby `The Turf Club` is a nice premises in need of an uplift. There is a derelict building opposite the excellent Pipe Band hall which is an eyesore. New footpaths give the centre a very clean and appealing look.

### LITTER CONTROL

There was no litter evident in the core area of the village, although pockets were evident on the Killenaule Road. Sufficient bins were placed around the village but it is important to have a litter control team available to do weekly checks.

### TIDINESS

Basically the village was neat and tidy with the exception of a few back areas and wastelands, one on the left before Premier Marine, that need attention. Moycarkey/Borris GAA Grounds would be an excellent centre if the boundary wall was painted and the immediate parking area cleaned up.

#### RESIDENTIAL AREAS

St Brigids Terrace, McDonagh Terrace and Derrynaflan Terrace were in the main well presented. As in any group housing there were those who projected a really good image by the manner in which they kept their homes. The house at the end of the terrace near the Band Hall deserves mention.

As against that, there were a number of houses farther up the Killenaule Road that left a lot to be desired. Incidentally the condition of part of this road and kerbing was bad - the County Council should be approached, if not already, to remedy the problem.

#### ROADS STREETS AND BACK AREAS

All approach roads were in good condition especially the main road through the centre of the village. The Dublin Road from Urlingford was impressive and clean, the Cashel road was superbly clean except for the few waste sites alluded to previously. The Thurles Rd was nice with some pleasant homes with beautiful gardens. The Killenaule Road needs the grass margins cut back a little bit more as it is quite narrow.

#### GENERAL IMPRESSION

For a first time entrant Littleton has approached the competition in a very positive manner. The Committee is to be complimented for their input, but much more work has to be undertaken and consolidated over the next number of years. There have been a lot of resources put into the core area of the village. This is understandable as it is on the main Dublin/ Cork route. If the committee take on board the suggestion of a 3 year work programme they will have to give equal treatment to all areas of the village in order to progress in the competition and more importantly to have a balanced development in place. Build on this year's effort which was very good for a first time entrant.