

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **TOOR**  
County : **TIPPERARY NORTH**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 05-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	20
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	11
Landscaping	40	16
The Built Environment	40	19
Litter Control	40	20
Tidiness	20	10
Residential Areas	30	14
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	19
General Impression	10	4
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>133</b>

## Adjudicator's Comments

### OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

There is evidence of good work being undertaken by the committee judging by what has been achieved in the village. The attached map was very useful for the purpose of identifying the areas where work had been completed or was ongoing. Good links seem to be established with the County Council and this is to be welcomed as it is important for places like Toor to make sure that their needs are always to the forefront. I would advocate a 3 year work programme with a set of achievable objectives; if you pursue this option make sure to get input from all sections of the community. I think that this type of planned approach will benefit the village and will see it progress in the competitions in the years to come.

### WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The immediate area between the Sliabh Felims and the Silvermines is a haven for various species of animals, birds, and insects as well as fish in mountain streams. The local school should be encouraged to become involved in a project which would identify the habitats of various forms of wildlife, then it would be possible to develop a nature project for both the local community and visitors. Advice should be sought via the environment section of the county council; at least they would guide you in the right direction and maybe suggest a specialist to help you plan a project.

### LANDSCAPING

The landscaping undertaken throughout the village was very impressive; it complemented the natural wooded landscape immensely. The shrub and flower beds set off by excellent stone work were well tended and enhanced an already nice area which had its complement of wild hydrangeas and foxgloves.

The newly refurbished stone bridge was further enhanced by the choice and variety of flowers and shrubs planted.

### THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The river and the bridge are the main focal points of the village and the work that has been carried out is a credit to all those involved; it really is a lovely feature. The square blocking of stones in wire mesh is unique and effective; indeed that whole section of the village gives one a sense of tranquillity. The Church was also very well maintained as was the Pub and all of the private residences in the core of the village.

### LITTER CONTROL

The village was litter free on the day, but it could do with a few rustic type bins. This would make it easier for the disposal of papers etc. by locals and visitors alike.

### TIDINESS

Generally the area was very tidy, the picnic area with `Silvermines Sl. Felim` sign an added feature. The fence on the bridge could do with wood preservative treatment. The Pub should be careful to avoid empties stacked outside the entrance; its a bit untidy. Also the derelict building opposite the farmhouse on the road to Rearcross is a bit of an eyesore; it should at least be cleaned up.

### RESIDENTIAL AREAS

All houses were in very good condition some with beautiful gardens combining shrubs, annual flowers, and in a few cases nice rose beds. Again the house on the Newport side of the village deserves mention for its garden alone.

#### ROADS STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads were adequately cut back, they are quite narrow and it is important that they are regularly maintained for practical reasons alone.

#### GENERAL IMPRESSION

There is a good effort being put into developing the village, still a lot to be achieved but the commitment on the part of the committee is evident. The village is very small and suffers from that fact in that it does not have many main features but the work on the bridge is excellent. A work programme over three years would be beneficial as it would set targets.