

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **INCH-CLARE**
County : **CLARE**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 03-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15
Landscaping	40	20
The Built Environment	40	21
Litter Control	40	23
Tidiness	20	12
Residential Areas	30	15
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	18
General Impression	10	5
TOTAL MARK	300	154

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for the submitting completed entry form. You should also submit a copy of your 1-3 year plan as this would enable the adjudicator to make a fuller assessment of the work on hand. There are valuable marks available now for formulating a plan and you should avail of this. You have progressed somewhat since last year and this is reflected in your markings.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

This is a new category which you should take an interest in. There is an area at both sides of the bridge that has potential for further wildlife development. Also, if you are planting shrubs you should plant species that will give food to birds in Winter time. Promoting wildlife is a slow process and it will take time to generate interest. The many rich hedgerows on the approach roads are already benefiting wildlife and should be preserved.

LANDSCAPING

You have made little progress in this category since last year. Individual effort is good, but you are lacking co-ordinated effort. You should identify two or three areas around the village that could be developed as flower, or shrub gardens. You need a number of small focuses to bring greater identify to Inch. The flower tubs and window boxes at the church and school are attractive. You have a problem with the road surface between the road and the boundary walls of many houses. This projects an image of untidiness. The small flower development at the Inch sign is good and should be extended.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Church and School are well presented. The standard of houses is very high throughout, but spaces in between houses are untidy and need attention. There are many farm gates on the approach roads that would benefit from painting - in particular the attractive entrance gates on the Ennis approach road.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter is not a problem and the village was litter free on adjudication day. If you feel you need some litter bins, contact Clare County Council.

TIDINESS

Because of the great deal of open spaces being left unattended there is an image of untidiness in many parts of the village. You also have pockets of dereliction that need attention. If the individual energy could be extended to other areas the village would improve.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

As mentioned housing is of a high quality throughout the village. The small group of houses on the hill could be further enhanced by the residents getting together and engaging in some general landscaping.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

This new section enables you to make progress by encouraging residents to pay greater attention to side and back entrances. However, the road surface in the margins is very poor and should be improved.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The village needs improved identity. You are working hard on an individual basis but you need more community effort to progress further. Your plan should be phased, and try and tackle some of the suggestions made in 1995. Good luck for the future.