

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CLONMORE**
County : **CARLOW**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 26-06-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	32
The Built Environment	40	28	28
Landscaping	40	31	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	20
Litter Control	40	25	24
Tidiness	20	15	14
Residential Areas	30	20	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	26
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	206	199

Clonmore, County Carlow

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for enclosing a note on your broad objectives which you have for Clonmore. It is appreciated. Your difficulties with a rigid plan is noted. However, you may need to plan activities, work to be done and items to be tackled. It should be a very simple plan outlining the objectives and tasks for 3/5 years. Keep it short. It would help to discuss it with the Tourism Officer for the county who will be only too glad to provide assistance. You appear to have a good relationship with FAS. Keep in contact with the County Council. Your Committee needs more help and an appeal should be made to get assistance from other community groups and youth groups.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The public and commercial buildings in the village continue to be well maintained. The walls at the Community Centre need painting. The new Church continues to be presented nicely. Remove the stones and sand from the corner when finished with. The cemetery should have rubble removed from the corner - it is overgrown inside. The ancient cemetery is beautifully kept and is a credit to all. The old Churchs grilles on the windows need attention. The Pub again this year was presented very well.

LANDSCAPING

St Mogue's Well is a delightful area - tranquil and peaceful. The shrubs are maturing nicely and the whole area is most pleasant. Remove what looks like an old gate from the boundary fence. The tree planting on the Hacketstown road looks well and the planting on top of the stone wall has to be admired. In the village centre, a lovely selection of trees and shrubs are all weed-free. The tree planting on the top of the wall opposite the Church and the shrubs are a nice blend. Most of these are new since last year - well done to all !

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

I note that you intend to place bird stands in suitable places. Wildlife was a new category introduced in 1996. Do not be over-whelmed - it does take time to develop. Do seek advice from some person locally who may have some knowledge of wildlife. The area beside the well, old graveyard and bullawn stone would appear very much to have possibilities and that would include woodland, grassland and other habitats. Do work on this one - you have many possibilities.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control was good overall and your efforts are paying off. A few pieces were observed along by the new Church and at the telephone booth.

TIDINESS

The rubble at the graveyard and the stones/sand outside the Church do give this area an untidy appearance. The corner of the graveyard needs attention. Weed control was good overall.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The properties from the Community Centre need attention - in particular the walls and gates. Some house owners present their properties very well. I note from your application form that many house owners are planning improvements which is to be welcomed and will enhance the village for all. All green areas were tidy and neat.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Many of the roads and streets need resurfacing, particularly near the graveyard. The approach roads were very good and your planned effort has paid off there. You do need new signage - your home made signs are all right but you will need to replace them sooner rather than later. Approach the County Council regarding this matter. A nice job was done to the old granite walls.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

You are doing very valuable and worthwhile work for the village and community. It is no easy task for a small committee. Your efforts are improving the village each year. Do try and get more people to come on the Committee - it will lighten the work load. It is a village of great character and has a lot of worthwhile heritage. Keep up the great effort - well done !