

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **CAHER**  
County : **CLARE**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 26-06-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	28
The Built Environment	40	25	25
Landscaping	40	23	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	16
Litter Control	40	25	25
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	20	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	25
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>183</b>

## **Caher, County Clare**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for completed application form with comprehensive map and three year development plan. Caher is a village with great potential encompassing as it does the lake shoreline, attractive village and forest area. We look forward to its continuing planned development in conjunction with all relevant bodies such as Clare County Council, the local Angling Clubs and the Irish Wildbird Conservancy.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Kellys and the Tourist Information Office are well presented as is the entrance to the Lough Graney Caravan and Camping Park. The new entrance to the Telecom exchange is welcome - especially due to its safety factor. The jetty is still awaiting completion. Display map in village well maintained and informative.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The flower beds in the middle of the village at both sides of the road and around the signs were very colourful and delightful on the day of adjudicators visit. However, the area near the Merriman monument on the Scarriff approach needs attention as it is weedy and rather overgrown. As work is in progress here on the shoreline the area is rather rough. The grass needed to be cut at the area with table and chairs opposite Kellys.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

We note that you have been successful in getting the two oak woods at each end of the village designated as bird sanctuaries. This is a good start to your wildlife conservation which in an area such as Caher has such potential. The advent of the East Clare Way is also to be welcomed as a means of bringing visitors closer to nature.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

There was little litter in evidence on the day of adjudication and obviously the litter/refuse scheme set up in the parish as mentioned in the last report is working. Litter bins should be provided at amenity areas.

### **TIDINESS**

In view of work in progress on the lakeside and also residential building work being undertaken, the tidiness of the village was rather disrupted. This is not the fault of the residents and no marks were deducted for this. However, the committee should ensure that all areas are left neat and tidy when the work has been completed. The shed in the middle of the village with the logs, which is so visible, was neat and tidy with the logs all well stacked. Some clearing and spraying of weeds should be been

done earlier at various entrances and in the yard near the thatched cottage. Very untidy grass verge should be removed along the wall further on from Kellys and the adjacent two storey house. The grass was overgrown in the Churchyard on the Feakle road and outside the wall here needed spraying.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The year has seen a change in Caher as there is a new private house with a nice stone wall surround in the final stages of construction on the outskirts of the village: A building site next door to this is awaiting development and an extension to a property is also in progress in the village. In such a small community these are quite large changes and no doubt you will be involving the new residents in your efforts. As usual, private houses in general were well presented, especially Oak View House.

## **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

Signage is good throughout and the new Community Alert signs were noted. The banks and verges on the way into the village were well cut back. The well on the Scarriff approach was rather overgrown and the grass around the Telecom exchange needed cutting.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The adjudicator felt that this was a consolidation year in the Competition for Caher when the Committee, who are obviously dedicated and interested in the village and its environs, looked at the overall picture and drew up plans for the future. These as you say, are rightly aimed at enhancing the many attributes that you already have more than changing them. We look forward to seeing the implementation of these plans, and the maintenance and improvement of the projects already in place, in the years ahead.