

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **CASTLELYONS-BRIDESBRIDGE**  
County : **CORK**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 08-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	30
The Built Environment	40	25	24
Landscaping	40	28	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21	21
Litter Control	40	26	24
Tidiness	20	11	12
Residential Areas	30	18	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	30	28
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>192</b>

## **Castlelyons, Co. Cork**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

At this stage of your participation in the competition you should strongly consider formulating a three to five year development plan. It is encouraging to note that you are working closely with the county council and other statutory bodies. Consultation with these bodies is vital for the successful implementation of the plan. This joint approach will bring mutual benefit.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Your architectural heritage is so rich it is a pity not to see more use being made of it. Many opportunities for development exist here. You could consider a historical trail or some appropriate form of interpretative sign depicting areas of historical interest in the area. The Roman Catholic church is an impressive structure and is well maintained. The school looked very well and is brightly painted. The Conna Bride building was admired as were several other businesses in the village. The community centre was very well presented and the Castlelyons co-op was well maintained, although some areas will require repainting in the near future.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The standard of landscaping throughout the village is good and your policy of planting more trees and shrubs is encouraged. The planted trees on the main street are very effective. The use of window boxes by residents adds great colour to the village. The window boxes and flower tubs outside the Conna Bride are complimented. Several landscaped areas were greatly admired, most notably the area outside the school, the village park and the park beside the church. This park is a wonderful example of how to use shrubs and trees effectively.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

It is encouraging to note that you are currently in contact with a wildlife expert with a view to developing this area. Your discussions with the county council are noted. Castlelyons is fortunate to possess some wonderful natural resources and the community should make every effort to progress in this area.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Overall litter is not a major problem in the village. There is a good supply of bins throughout and it was very encouraging to note the litter awareness sign in the school shed. There was litter in the village park and on a number of approach roads.

### **TIDINESS**

There is a good standard of tidiness in the village. The area near the community centre is well presented as was the area around the cemetery. The footpath approaching the cemetery should be tidied. It was disappointing to observe an abandoned stock car

behind the village park. Controls should be put in place to avoid a reoccurrence of this. The maintenance of fencing around the village park should also be addressed.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Good progress is being made in this category and the overall presentation of houses and gardens is commended. Castlelyons is fortunate to possess a wealth of houses of great character. In general these are maintained to a very high standard. Some prominent residences on the main street should be repainted, as they detract from the efforts of their neighbours.

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

The boundary walls around Castlelyons are an impressive feature. The community should be complimented on the fine work done to preserve and maintain these stone walls, particularly at Stables Cross. The use of brightly painted street furniture blended in well with the overall streetscape. The well painted speed limit signs were noted. It is important to maintain the signposts throughout the village. The OPW information plaque at the abbey should be cleaned. Overall the approach roads were well presented, although part of the stone wall on the Rathcormac road requires attention.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The village possesses some excellent natural and historical resources. The community has identified the potential of developing the area as part of this competition and it is working well for you. You are encouraged to develop further the magnificent historical sites in the area. These should be incorporated in any further development plans. The village is progressing well, so it is important to maintain the momentum. You are wished continued success in your efforts.