

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **CASTLEMARTYR**  
County : **CORK**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 07-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	21	--
The Built Environment	40	24	--
Landscaping	40	23	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	11	--
Litter Control	40	29	--
Tidiness	20	14	--
Residential Areas	30	18	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	--
General Impression	10	6	--
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>--</b>

## **Castlemartyr Village, Co. Cork**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

After a lapse of some years your participation in the competition once again is very welcome. The village of Castlemartyr is strategically located on the Cork/Youghal road. It is also a very pleasantly located one with many attractive features e.g. stone walls, broad main street etc. As you may have seen in the guidelines for the Tidy Towns Competition, all Tidy Towns Committees are now required to produce a plan which will guide their Tidy Towns activities over a three year period. A simple three to five page outline of your ideas and plans for the future of your village will suffice. Such a plan will be very useful in co-ordinating your plans for the future.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The Enterprise Centre on the Dungourney road is attractively restored from an old school. Church buildings and schools are well maintained. The buildings generally throughout the village are generally quite well presented.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The possibility of creating woodland walks in the vicinity of the village might also feature in your plan for future Tidy Towns activities. The flower beds which have been laid out are quite colourful and attractive, for example those at the Dungourney junction. Also the planting at the monument in the village centre is attractive and well maintained. The mature trees on the Shanagarry approach road are particularly attractive and add considerably to this area of the village. In planning for the future consideration may be given to the planting of appropriate trees or more permanent shrubbery which would have lasting effect and would also be advantageous from a maintenance point of view. The window boxes throughout the village are quite colourful.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The river which flows through the village is a very valuable natural amenity and could be used to attract some wildlife to the area. In fact it is noted that work has already begun in clearing the river banks etc. The use of stone work is already in progress in creating small pools along the stretch of the river which flows through the village. Though not located within the immediate village area Lough Adderra is located quite close to Castlemartyr Village and there is an abundance of wildlife on this lake and this is a great asset to the wider community.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

The village was generally free of litter. However, it is advised that when drawing up your plan for the future consideration should be given to the siting of litter bins at various points throughout the village; such a step could help to keep ahead of the litter problem. There was a small amount of litter in the river area and also some at the Cork approach.

## **TIDINESS**

The village was quite tidy. The imposing entrance to the Monastery and surrounding area was very tidy. Open spaces throughout the village were tidily maintained. The tennis courts and surrounding areas were also tidy. Grass verges were neatly trimmed e.g. those on the Shanagarry road; in the management of such grass verges it is suggested that areas further back from the road verges may be left untrimmed to encourage wild flower growth etc. The high grass and weed growth along walls on the Youghal side of the village gave an untidy appearance.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Residents throughout the village present their homes very attractively. Where gardens were attached these were very well maintained and colourful. The homes and gardens at Joseph Morrissey Place are very neatly presented as were those at Liam Heffernan Terrace. Such good effort in this aspect of the competition can be very positive.

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

The old stone walls on the Cork approach road are under repair and this is to be welcomed, since these are a fine feature of the village well worth preserving. The high weed growth along here would also need to be watched. The Youghal approach road was very well maintained. The Shanagarry and Dungourney approach roads were also well presented. The main street of the village is of a fine large proportion and is in itself an excellent feature.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

When the Community begins to have more co-ordination in an already good effort better results will be achieved. The drawing up of a plan for the future will lead to this.