

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **COOLAGOWN**
County : **CORK**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 09-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	30
The Built Environment	40	27	26
Landscaping	40	26	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	12
Litter Control	40	28	27
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	18	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	26
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	193	183

Coolagown, Co. Cork

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for submitting your development plan and the detailed map of the town, which were found to be most useful. It is encouraging to note that you are taking such positive steps, reflecting your determination to further develop Coolagown. It is important that all future development is approached in a co-ordinated manner. To this end it is vital that you work closely with the county council and other statutory bodies such as FAS.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Buildings throughout the village are well maintained. The church is a particularly impressive structure and should be complimented for the colours it has used. The public house is also very well presented. There are some good examples of brightly painted residences throughout the village. The derelict sheds behind the picnic area require work. The corrugated roof in the village centre needs to be repainted over the coming year.

LANDSCAPING

The use of trees and flowers throughout the village was greatly admired. The landscaping around the village name sign on the Fermoy approach and the picnic area are particularly impressive. The use of flower tubs adds great colour and they are well positioned throughout the village. The landscaped areas on the roadsides also looked well. The use of rocks in front of the landscaped area opposite the picnic area would give it a more finished look.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

This is an area of great potential for Coolagown taking into account its rural location. It is noted in your development plan that you are undertaking more planting. This planting should be carried out in consultation with a local wildlife expert. He/she should be able to advise on what species should be planted to help you progress further in this category. The waterspout also offer potential for development.

LITTER CONTROL

Your approach to litter is commended. There was very little litter in the village. The committee should place some litter bins at strategic points in the village, most notably around the picnic area to maintain the high standard.

TIDINESS

The village and its surroundings have a very tidy appearance and are a credit to all involved. The areas around the focal points of the village are well presented, namely the church and the public house. The hedges and verges throughout the village added considerably to the tidy appearance of the village.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

There are some excellent examples of well presented houses and gardens in the village. This is an important category in the competition as it enables more people to become involved. It also reflects the strong community effort which has obviously been made.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Overall the approach roads to the village are very well maintained. The Fermoy approach road is commended. The work carried out by the village signpost was greatly admired, as was the stone wall around the picnic area. The grass verges on the exit road immediately after the public house require some work.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Coolagown is an extremely pleasant rural village and is benefiting enormously from its participation in this competition. Now that a development plan is in place and a more co-ordinated approach is being taken, Coolagown will undoubtedly progress further in this competition. You are complimented on your efforts and wished continued success.