

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CAPPAMORE**
County : **LIMERICK**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 02-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27	--
The Built Environment	40	26	--
Landscaping	40	25	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	--
Litter Control	40	18	--
Tidiness	20	12	--
Residential Areas	30	20	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	--
General Impression	10	6	--
TOTAL MARK	300	175	--

Cappamore, Co. Limerick

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for the completed questionnaire with the comprehensive map attached. It is noticeable that for a fairly medium size rural town that your committee is quite small. Whilst it can be good to see people doing their own thing, I think a far better approach would be for the committee to encourage representatives of other local bodies to come on board. Then a work plan for a period of three years could be drawn up, enabling the committee to address the strengths and weaknesses of the town and plan accordingly to take short and long term measures. By the way it is good to see Cappamore back in the competition after an absence of a year.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The standard here was a little inconsistent but, in general, it was on the positive side. The Community Centre, Fire Station and surrounding areas were in very good condition complemented by new and old stonewalls. The Bridge Inn on the corner of Lr Main Street was impressive. Commercial premises such as O'Dwyer's Neighbour's, Lynch's Funeral Home, O'Toole's, Cappamore Pharmacy, The Estuary Garage and Gleeson's Shop are to be commended in having their premises presented to a very high standard on adjudication day. The nice old Irish shop front O GLIASAIN should be preserved. Unfortunately the town suffers from an unacceptable level of dereliction; houses on Main Street and Moore Street are taking away from the overall look of the town. For instance you have a nice service station (Coffey's) on Moore Street but on the opposite side a number of derelict premises. Still the Church and Convent enhance the town and are complemented by some nice private residences on both sides of the same street. All schools looked well as did the Grotto with its chain link fence. The chimney on the old Cappamore Co Op looked a little forlorn; this is an impressive building which is one of the focal points of the town with the new amenity park adjacent to it. Is there a possibility that some practical use could be made of this building to bring it to life!

LANDSCAPING

The standard in this category was quite good with mixtures of shrubs and flower beds as well as individual premises with hanging baskets. The Community Centre and its surrounds looked extremely well with flowers planted inside the boundary walls it would be nice to see the area around the bridge tidied up and replanted. The amenity area was in excellent condition on adjudication day; this is certainly a positive addition to the town. I must compliment the residents of the main estate for the manner in which they keep their gardens; there were exceptions but these were outnumbered by those who have a sense of self pride as well as pride in their town.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Cappamore does not have immediate identifiable wildlife habitats excepting the natural hedgerows. It is important to seek the assistance of a local environmentalist/ conservationist and try to identify habitats. This could be the starting point to get a wildlife project up and running.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter is still a problem in Cappamore and was evident on Main Street, Moore Street and in some of the estates. The committee will have to work hard to get the message of no litter across to the residents, especially the younger population.

TIDINESS

The standard in this category was only reasonable and more effort is needed. There was evidence of too much weeds especially around the GAA Grounds, the Bridge and river area near the Fire Station, the Creamery area, at the side of St Mary's Terrace where you had a very untidy lane which obviously leads to the back of the houses, and finally in and around St Michael's. The signs on the Kyle Road are in need of cleaning at the very least.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Most private residences in the village and in the terraces and estates were in good condition and well presented. St Michael's Terrace, except for a few boundary walls which needed painting, was in good shape. Nice to see new trees planted here. St Mary's Terrace was excellent with some lovely colourful gardens; however, some boundary walls need painting. Mullaly Grove was a mixture of good and bad; residents should be encouraged to enter the spirit of tidy towns. Marian Terrace which is an established row of houses was also in good condition.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The standard in this category was generally good but could be further improved on. The Murroe approach was very neat and tidy with grass margins cut back and hedgerows trimmed accordingly. The Doon approach was also well maintained even though the grass verges were due another cutting. The road to Rearcross which is narrow needs to have the verges and banks properly cut, at the moment it is difficult for two cars to pass because of the overgrown verges. Both name and directional signs were in reasonable condition; however some could do with a cleaning as they were barely legible.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

I think that the committee is hampered by being so small in number. It should, as stated earlier, seek to involve others from different interests in the community outside the development association. This kind of network is bound to achieve results in the years ahead if properly directed and this is where the workplan will help. The plan will outline the practical targets that can be achieved. Cappamore has a lot more potential than it is presently

showing. Keep up the good work.