

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **MURROE**  
County : **LIMERICK**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 02-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	32
The Built Environment	40	31	30
Landscaping	40	32	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21	20
Litter Control	40	23	23
Tidiness	20	10	10
Residential Areas	30	26	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	25
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>203</b>

## **Murroe. Co. Limerick**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for your completed questionnaire which was accompanied by a very practical 3 year plan. The committee have made a committed effort to improving the standing of the village in the competition over the years and this year was no different. The interaction between the committee, local groups, Limerick County Council and other state agencies is very good. The addition of a practical 3 year plan will allow the committee to assess the strengths and weaknesses of the village and plan accordingly both in the short term and the long term.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

There were many impressive features to be seen in this category on adjudication day and overall the standard was very high. The Glenside Pitch and Putt facility was in splendid condition; it has the added advantage of being situated across the road from the beautiful and historical entrance to Glenstal Abbey. The War of Independence Memorial was also very impressive and full marks to those responsible for its upkeep. The school building was also very well kept with attractive murals but the tower needs to be painted. The Garda barrack directly across from the memorial was also well presented if a bit dull in colour but the grounds were in excellent shape. The Church and ground with flower boxes were presented to a high standard. The Rent an Irish Cottage houses now seemingly up for sale were kept well; this is an attractive scheme of houses. The following premises deserve mention for effort in presentation; O'Malley's Shop (even though the colour was a little too severe for this adjudicator) and Valley Inn (again a fresh coat of paint would make it look better). The PO is a nice traditional building as is G Lee's old frontage which is in need of upgrading. There are many examples of fine period residences in the village; most notable was the one opposite the PO (the untidy gate adjacent to it needs to be replaced). An example of a nice newly constructed house could be seen across from the Church. The new GAA clubhouse was in very good condition as were the grounds.

### **LANDSCAPING**

As was the case last year the standard in this category was very high. The addition of bird boxes around the village is to be commended. Planting was taking place on adjudication day and the trees all along the street from the Church to the Garda Station were impressive as was the colourful shrub St Johns Worth. The shrub bed at the memorial and also the planting of flowers on stone walls were noted as good examples of well maintained arrangements. There were many fine individual gardens to be viewed in and around the village.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The committee have been pro-active in this category by erecting

12 bird boxes dotted around the village and this is to be welcomed. Murroe and the area around it has an abundance of nature habitats; these should be identified and then the various species of wildlife associated with these habitats should be noted down. A school project that would result in a wildlife identification panel for the village would be worth considering. The committee should seek expert advice on this one.

## **LITTER CONTROL**

This is an area that needs immediate attention and remedy; there was far too much litter on view for a village that has such an attractiveness about it. Litter was visible around the school wall and opposite, in the middle of the village, at the side of the Valley Inn and also near the phone box. It is important that the committee step up the litter clean up campaign.

## **TIDINESS**

This year, this sector was generally satisfactory except for a few exceptions like the gate at the side of O'Malley's Shop which was messy and very weedy. The garage and forecourt could do with a refurbishing as it was rather untidy. As was the case last year a number of unsightly outbuildings around the village and environs are not helping the cause. The committee is making strong efforts to encourage improvement in this category and are to be commended.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Most private residences both in the village and the outskirts were in top condition and some had beautiful gardens with an abundance of colour. Both Cois na Coille and Gilmartin Park were for the most part very well maintained. The dumped white trailer in Cois na Coille and a rather untidy construction area in Gilmartin Park should be addressed. Murroe has a number of what could be described as traditional Limerick Farm houses it was good to see that these were presented to a high standard.

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

The standard in this category was not uniform. Some approaches were well maintained but others while cut back were quite untidy. The Newport Road junction area was a little untidy even though the grass margins were cut back. Similar comments apply to the Limerick approach. The Clare Glens approach was impressive with the Glenside Pitch and Putt Facility and Glenstal entrance an added attraction. The Annacotty Road was also very well kept with a nice whitewashed wall as one approaches. The signage was clean and visible which is what one expects.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The village of Murroe is very attractive and has done well in the competition over the years. The committee has succeeded in not alone harnessing support from all sections of the community but has put that support to practical use. Keep up the excellent work.