

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CASTLEPLUNKETT**
County : **ROSCOMMON**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 16-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	16	16
The Built Environment	40	23	22
Landscaping	40	23	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	11	10
Litter Control	40	23	23
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	20	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	18	16
General Impression	10	5	5
TOTAL MARK	300	150	144

Castleplunkett, County Roscommon

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Castleplunkett is welcome to the 1997 Tidy Towns Competition. The village looked very well during adjudication and landscaped areas are maturing nicely. Thank you for the completed questionnaire and sketch map. Do send in details of your work programme for the next few years with next year's application. This does not have to be a professionally prepared plan, it may simply consist of a list of projects that the committee might undertake and involves identifying the year of completion for each project. It is a useful exercise because it ensures that projects are completed within an overall developmental framework rather than on an 'ad hoc' basis.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Most buildings in the village are well presented. The plastic awning on the Danaher Foodstore property might be replaced with the more traditional canvas type straight edged retractable type of canopy. Be vigilant regarding side and back areas that are visible from the public road.

LANDSCAPING

The wire mesh fencing of the basketball court could be planted at well spaced intervals with a climbing plant to soften the impact of this amenity feature. A combination of two climbing plants, 'winter sweet' and any summer flowering 'clematis', will ensure seasonal interest. Some tree or shrub planting or climbing plants could be featured at the fencing of the motor sales property. The wire and post fencing to the field beside the basketball court could be planted with hedgerow.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

It is good to note from your questionnaire that you are creating a wildlife sanctuary at the turlough adjacent to the village. When this has been developed, don't forget to signpost it and perhaps identify the wildlife species for visitors. Do send in details of this project with next year's application. It is good to note the involvement of pupils of the local national school in the wildlife development and your plans to provide information panels when completed. Some thought might be given to featuring a seasonal display of local wildflowers on grass verges on some approach roads. Try to keep the gravelled area inside the well presented basketball court free of weed growth.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control was quite good during adjudication. You need to maintain this standard and continue to build on it in years to come.

TIDINESS

The overall appearance of the village is one of tidiness. Be careful regarding weed growth along kerbs and roadside edges and also about clearing away the remains of building materials when construction work has ceased. An untidy site beside the nameplate on the Tusk entrance to the village should be remedied as a priority.

This site may be the one identified in your questionnaire for landscaping, it's difficult to say as you do not locate the landfill on your sketch map.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Residential properties are being well maintained. Encourage people to be vigilant regarding weed growth and other problems immediately outside of their own premises to improve the overall appearance of the village.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Verges along approach roads could have been better presented. They were somewhat overgrown and the verge at the new stone wall on Ballintubber entrance no doubt will be grassed soon. New stone wall construction at various points around the village and on approach roads is much admired.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The overall impression of Castleplunkett is improving. The village has a nice layout with an attractively landscaped central area and features newly built stone walls lining some approach roads. We look forward to repeat visits to your lovely village.