

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **ANNACARTY**
County : **TIPPERARY SOUTH**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 01-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26	20
The Built Environment	40	21	20
Landscaping	40	22	20
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	12
Litter Control	40	24	22
Tidiness	20	12	11
Residential Areas	30	17	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	22
General Impression	10	5	5
TOTAL MARK	300	162	149

Annacarty, County Tipperary

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Congratulations on the creation of your village enhancement work programme covering the period up to the year 2000. The existence of a planned programme of work will help you to galvanise the co-operation and involvement of the whole Community. Thank you also for returning the completed questionnaire and the most useful map, both facilitated greatly the adjudication process. Your small Committee of six persons has achieved considerable success and clearly enjoys the backing, financial and otherwise, of the Community. Continue your efforts to keep the local pupils fully involved, compliments on the presentation of the School which looked excellent.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Church is a suitably sited, imposing building as is the adjacent Community Hall. Quinns Bar was neat and orderly with window boxes which would benefit from more planting. The house beside the hairdressers was delightful, freshly painted with colourful window boxes. The School, as already noted, was also very well presented.

LANDSCAPING

The Church grounds and Grotto were a delight as was the planting in the wall opposite. When fully matured this will make a significant contribution to the area. The sports grounds looked well but the extensive blank block wall would need appropriate treatment to soften the impact of it within the village structure. Suitable planting or imaginative painting is called for. The hedges and verges were well cut back and the floral display at the post box was a nice touch. Planting within the School property was excellent. It was noted that the ivy flourishes, undisturbed, at the service pole.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

In a rural setting the opportunities for wildlife and bird encounters are numerous. The enhancement of existing habitats particularly in the school ground might be considered. Provision of, for example, nesting boxes and feeding tables might be considered and could perhaps be sponsored by an appropriate local concern. Increased emphasis is being placed on this aspect of the competition and the Committee are referred to the details in the competition booklet.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter management continues to be good and was especially successful within the school grounds. Some litter was noted along the verges of roads and this is a disappointment. Continue your efforts both with the school pupils and others to ensure continued progress in this most intractable of problems.

TIDINESS

Annacarty does display an agreeable air of order and neatness throughout. Some minor amounts of weed growth and grass outside the school grounds wall was noted. The unravelling wall below the school together with the apparently abandoned house are difficult problems to be tackled over a period as resources permit. The iron railings at the church will probably need repainting within a year or two.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The houses above the church were very well presented with good individual gardens. The new houses, opposite the sports grounds, are a distinct addition to the Community.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

All the approach roads were well presented with the verges and hedges being appropriately but not excessively cut back. The village nameplate and the speed limit signs were acceptably well painted.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Annacarty is a delightful, small village with an impressive former R.I.C. Barracks building as one significant visual element. The Church and grounds and the School are strong pluses with the sports ground an added factor. The external wall of the sports ground, because of the scale within the village is an aspect deserving some thought as to how best to present it. Keep your village work enhancement work programme under review and update it as individual projects are successfully completed. Another good entry from Annacarty who is wished additional success in the Tidy Towns Competition over the years !