

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CAPPAWHITE**
County : **TIPPERARY SOUTH**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 01-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	26
The Built Environment	40	24	22
Landscaping	40	28	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	24	24
Tidiness	20	14	12
Residential Areas	30	20	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	24
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	185	177

Cappawhite, Co Tipperary

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Cappawhite has made great strides in the last years in the competition and congratulations are extended to all involved in this years entry. Thank you for the completed entry form, schedule of projects envisaged from now until 2001 and the excellent map of the area all of which greatly facilitated adjudication. Your Committee have taken on a wide range of projects a number of which are already entrain. A special feature of the centre is the fine dry random rubble walls on a number of approach roads. Their progressive reinstatement where necessary over some years, would be a major project richly beneficial to Cappawhite.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The civic and public building in Cappawhite are varied but all have an agreeable sense of presence. To celebrate its anniversary, the National School looked extremely well, freshly painted with replacement windows. The Technical School similarly was newly painted as was the Post Office. The small shuttered house beside Stapletons was a delight, as was the freshly painted Garda Station which looked very neat. Armshaws Bar premises was a delight featuring fine window boxes and a timber front. The traditional shop front of Fitzgibbons caught the eye as did Treacys Victuallers and the extensive planting at Costellos Service Station. The Old Barrack House was very suitably painted with attractive gardens to front. The large and imposing Parochial Hall, by contrast, was devoid of paint. The present Roman Catholic Church and its predecessor were both presented very well.

LANDSCAPING

Landscaping is a feature which has been given great attention in Cappawhite. The housing estate off the Tipperary road was a delight, featuring well presented grassed areas and splendid, colourful floral displays. An extensive mural set the scene at the entrance area. The tennis courts and sports grounds opposite are fronted by a large, featureless block built wall. The use of softening creeper or similar shrubs is recommended. Tree planting is excellent in sections of the centre. The large raised flower bed in the centre of the square is very enhancing of this large area. The grounds of the Technical School and the extensive tree planting on the road leading to the National School are a delight. The very fine rockery display at the cemetery entrance is extremely meritorious and compliments are extended to all involved in its creation and high level of maintenance.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The surrounding countryside provides many opportunities for wildlife and bird encounter. A conscious programme of habitat creation and maintenance within the Community would provide further inducement for their presence in the Community. Extensive grassed areas within the schools for example with the simple addition of feeding tables or nesting boxes could become

worthwhile birdlife centres. The planting, as policy, of berry bearing shrubs accentuates the same desirable aim.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter management while good has not yet completely eradicated the problem in Cappawhite. We were surprised to see a large amount of litter in the foreground of the Funeral Parlour while litter was also a feature on the road from Annacarty. Minor amounts were noted within the housing estate. Litter bins seemed to be somewhat scarce throughout the centre and one had been broken from its bracket on the Annacarty road.

TIDINESS

It is pleasant to record extensive works in progress in the village with building continuing apace in different locations. In general the village was very well presented but a few negatives did catch the eye, the storing of sand in front of the pleasant mural at the square was surely ill-sited. The pre-fabricated class rooms continue to be used in the Technical school. The poor standard of the ground surface in front of the cemetery - especially having regard to the superb rockery - is difficult to understand. It is very badly broken and should surely be treated as a priority for urgent remedial action.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The houses on the Terrace on the Annacarty road were very well presented most notably number three which was a delight. The housing stock generally was very well presented many houses featured fresh painting with pleasant window boxes, hanging baskets and featuring splendid individual garden displays. The houses on the Tipperary road above the Technical school were particularly noteworthy as were the houses on the Doon road.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

All roads were well presented but one would have to single out the Doon road which featured an extensive and exciting amenity grassed areas with appropriate planting, picnic table and a delightful well presented extensive area of cut grass. The dry fill stone wall on the opposite side was equally well presented and the totality of the effect was extremely good. Compliments to all involved in this imaginative development. Village nameplates and speed limit signs were all presented to an acceptable standard although in some cases repainting should not be long delayed.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Cappawhite has made dramatic strides in the Competition; many of the important buildings are presented this year in an exemplary fashion, individual members of the Community are clearly putting their weight behind the Tidy Towns movement and this will no doubt accelerate its progress in the Competition in the years ahead.