

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 09-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	16	15
The Built Environment	40	22	22
Landscaping	40	20	20
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	12
Litter Control	40	24	24
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	17	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	18	18
General Impression	10	5	5
TOTAL MARK	300	145	145

Cloneen, County Tipperary SR

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for the completed entry form incorporating map which proved useful on the day of adjudication. Cloneen has still a good distance to go in the competition but has a number of attributes which would assist it securing a substantially enhanced mark given wider community involvement in the task. The provision of a programme of works, covering 3 to 5 years, would be a distinct advantage in this regard. Your Committee might address this issue during the coming months.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Anner Park sports pavilion looked very well and was very well presented. The School also looked very well. McGraths Bar, was freshly painted and featured fine window boxes. The Filling Station was neat and orderly. The Post Office was also neat and orderly but would benefit from painting. We note, with approval, the re-thatching work going ahead on the cottage and the major repairs in progress on Rosemount House. The Church was well presented.

LANDSCAPING

The School grounds were superbly presented with a good choice of trees and shrubs. The small abandoned pump on the Fethard road presents an opportunity to produce a pleasant feature at this point. More full planting at the Church foreground would help to add colour to this already appealing vista. The better presentation of the hedgerows, notably opposite the cemetery entrance is suggested. When work is completed on the cemetery entrance, this will be a welcome addition to its presentation.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The proximity of the surrounding rural area will facilitate in the development of natural habitats appropriate for wildlife and birdlife. This is now an important feature within the Tidy Towns programme and you are recommended to discuss the possibilities with a local wildlife enthusiasts and develop plans as part of your 2 and 3 year programme.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter is unhappily still a problem in Cloneen and a disappointing extent of litter was noted around the very fine Anner Park area. Suitable litter bins are provided but the task of ensuring their use by all members of the Community is never ending.

TIDINESS

The large Slievenamon and Fethard Walled Town signs were very well presented. The village nameplate on the Fethard approach road was clean and well presented. There was a disappointing amount of spoil to be seen opposite the Pub and arrangements should be made for its more appropriate storage.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

There are a number of fine private houses on the Drangan road. Work is in progress on a number of houses which when completed will add considerably to the fine stock of homes in the centre.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The presentation of the approach roads varied substantially. The Drangan road seems to have not yet featured in your work programme. The Mullinahone road offers a natural starting point. Please cut around behind the village nameplate which should be washed and it will then serve as a focal point to indicate the commencement of the village. The small bridge on the Fethard approach road offers another natural starting point. It is preferably to cut the grass rather than treat it with weed killer for best results.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The Community have not fully embraced the Tidy Towns programme as yet but a good start can be made by giving attention to the points outlined in this report. The Committee and their supporters are thanked for their involvement and are encouraged to keep up the good work.