

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 01-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	20	20
The Built Environment	40	23	23
Landscaping	40	26	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	12
Litter Control	40	23	24
Tidiness	20	14	12
Residential Areas	30	20	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	23
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	170	163

Clonoulty, County Tipperary

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Clonoulty is a neat, well developed settlement which was very busy and bustling on the day of adjudication. Thank you for returning the completed entry form together with the useful map which facilitated greatly the task of adjudication. There is an emphasis on the creation of a programme of work setting objectives over a 3 to 5 year period for the Community. The creation of it and the endorsement of it by the Local Authority may help you in your ongoing difficulties in relation to dumping. It has been demonstrated that such a programme when endorsed by the Community at large is a potent weapon in securing additional co-operation, even if not involvement, of the Community at large.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Community has a number of fine houses but the two churches and the school are dominant elements within the settlement. These buildings were well presented. In addition to the buildings a feature of the village is the extent of its fine stone walls. These too have been presented in a very favourable condition. Work on the restoration is to be commended. There are two breaches in the wall near to the Statoil Service Station. The Lions Bar was well presented with good floral displays. Beware the tendency to store containers and foods to the front and side of the building. The Meat Centre was attractive and freshly painted.

LANDSCAPING

An excellent job has been done on the extensive grassed areas especially on the Holy Cross road and these are a credit to all concerned. Throughout the village the grassed areas are an especially welcomed feature. The area around the cemetery was well presented. School grounds were also neat and tidy and orderly.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

In its rural setting access to wildlife and birdlife may be taken for granted. However the development of suitable habitats within the village should also be encouraged. The provision, for example of berry bearing shrubs on part of the grassed areas should be considered, together with the installation of one or more feeding or nesting boxes. Discuss the matter with a local enthusiast or member of the Irish Wildbird Conservancy to ensure that optimum arrangements are made.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter was unhappily a distinct element we were required to take note of on the day of adjudication. Discarded papers and wrappers were all too prevalent especially on the approach road. A provision of a larger number of litter bins, suitably sited would assist in this regard.

TIDINESS

Clonoulty does convey a sense of order but as is so often the situation in wide streeted villages there is a need to clearly define the road edge from its verges. The parking of motorcars for example can in itself be a source of apparent lack of order. Appropriate tree planting or small barrier walls also help in this regard.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The houses of Clonoulty were well presented to a high order and with many, very fine individual garden displays. Houses were neat and well painted. In some cases the fencing was in need of repainting or refurbishment. The new houses on the Rossmore road are a good addition to the housing stock.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The Boherlan junction is marred a little by the damaged signs which are in urgent need of replacement. The village nameplate signs were not without blemish but in general signage, including speed limit signs were presented to an acceptable standard. The appropriate cutting back of hedgerows and verges was well executed and gave a good introduction to this interesting village.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Clonoulty is using well the resources it contains and a great effort is clearly being expended on the provision of good quality grassed areas and the restoration of its fine stone walls. Its individual houses and properties are well presented with perhaps a little additional attention required towards boundary fencing. The litter problem is, unhappily, still with you and additional, suitably located litter bins are recommended. Please keep up the excellent work and encourage where possible all to participate in the Tidy Towns programme.