

"Caring for our environment"

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

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	21	21
Landscaping	40	18	16
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	12
Litter Control	40	23	21
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	17	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	22
General Impression	10	5	5
TOTAL MARK	300	150	145

Donohill, County Tipperary

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Donohill is a small community which has made energetic efforts to present itself as well as is feasible. Thank you for the completed questionnaire, together with the sketch map. Securing the services of 16 committee members is a major achievement, as is securing of sponsorship and Local Authority assistance. Please remember to submit an updated 3/5 year programme of works with your annual Tidy Towns entry.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Church and School were exemplary in their presentation. The rubble walls on the approach roads were also well presented. Heffernans Pub and Grocery Store make good use of floral arrangements. Commercial premises should be encouraged not to store goods and material outside their premises. Crosses Pub, although well presented, was marred somewhat by this practice. The Community Centre will shortly need to be painted and perhaps a split colour design would enhance its status as a feature in the core of the village.

LANDSCAPING

The work in the School and the Church was noted. The dominant feature of the landscape, the historic Motte is not yet presented to its optimum degree. To some, the siting of the Holy Year statue might be worth discussing at local level. Hedgerows and grass verges were well presented on the day of adjudication.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The opportunities for wildlife projects are considerable. Explore possibilities of planting native, berry bearing trees and shrubs especially within the School and Church grounds. Please refer to detailed notes in the Tidy Towns booklet which may assist you in this regard.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter management was of a high order throughout the village. Try to secure one or two litter bins and make appropriate arrangements for them to be serviced.

TIDINESS

The unfinished lay-by on the Tipperary road detracts from an overall high standard. Individual hedgerow between the centre and the school/church were also well presented. The cemetery area work was also noted.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The houses on the Cappawhite road were very well presented with excellent individual garden presentations.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Your success in the optimum presentation of your approach roads

is critical to the impact the Tidy Towns movement will have on Donohill. Examine wherever possible, opportunities for additional suitable native tree planting. Encourage the provision of a focal point at the village centre and try to secure additional signs pointing to the Church and especially the Motte area.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Donohill is a small community whose task is to create a clear cut division between it and the surrounding rural landscape. The village nameplates, perhaps strengthened by floral displays, should mark the commencement of hedgerows and verge grass cutting. Explore additional options with the Local Authority and contact ENFO at 17 St. Andrews St, Dublin 2 for a range of useful, practical leaflets on various aspects of the task. Please maintain the splendid efforts you have displayed this year !