

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 09-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	29	25
The Built Environment	40	23	22
Landscaping	40	27	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	12
Litter Control	40	28	26
Tidiness	20	15	14
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	21
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	184	171

Drangan, County Tipperary SR

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Drangan has made wonderful strides in this years competition and compliments and congratulations are extended to all involved in an excellent entry. Thank you for the comprehensively completed entry form, detailed map, together with your 3 year programme, Caring for the Environment, listing your plans for 1997-1999 inclusive. Great progress has been made with the provision of window boxes, hanging baskets and they, collectively, have made a delightful impression on the centre. Have regard to the collection of spoil, weeds and grass at the sides of roads and at the base of walls. There is a tendency to overlook this element.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Community Centre was freshly painted and looked well. Being grey it would benefit further still with the introduction of flowers to give colour and movement. The Post Office (Gleesons) looked very well. Avonmore Centre was freshly presented with good floral displays at the entrance area. Hallorans featured very fine hanging baskets. The Church and grounds were very well presented and immaculate on adjudication day. The very well presented black and white house, opposite the Post Office was a delight. The School was very well presented with the ground being used to excellent landscaping effect. The Archway Bar, Maureen Hair Fashions and Ryans were all splendid. The former school, now Computer Embroidery Centre was a delight.

LANDSCAPING

Every opportunity has been fully utilised in the centre to very good effect. The National School grounds were very good and particularly splendid was the manner in which the shrubs have been trained to cascade over the end wall. The extensive use of hanging baskets and window boxes is commended. Planting at Hillview estate was excellent and the manner in which the grassed areas were presented is a credit to those concerned. The Grotto, a significant feature, would benefit from re-lettering of the various tablets.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The grassed area offers the opportunity of development for use as a natural wildlife habitat. The introduction of native, berry producing shrubs, for example at Hillview together with feeding tables and nesting boxes is suggested.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter management throughout the centre was of a high order. The provision of litter bins, suitably sited and appropriately sized, has been given due attention with obvious good effect. Please ensure that they are freshly painted and well presented.

TIDINESS

Drangan has acquitted itself very well in this category. It projects a neat and orderly air with no significant adverse problems to be overcome. There is a tendency to permit spoil to accumulate at the edge of roads and this can impact adversely on an overall fine general display.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

There are some fine individual houses and particularly meritorious is the splendid work done to the formerly derelict house at the Mullinahone end of the village. Hillview estate is very well presented while the house beside the School was a gem.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

In a rural village the objective should be to create a clear-cut divide between the centre and the surrounding rural countryside. This can best be achieved, in the absence of a natural obvious start point, by ensuring the village nameplate, the 30 mph sign and the commencement of verge trimming and hedgerow cutting coincide. In this regard consider moving the village nameplate on the Fethard road. On a number of the roads notably Killenaule and Urlingford the 30mph signs or the village nameplates are somewhat obscured. Cut the grass and hedgerows well back so that they are prominent and easily seen. A number of the signs could be washed for optimum presentation.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Drangan has done itself proud by the quality of this years presentation. All associated with this splendid centre are applauded and urged to maintain their excellent efforts in the years ahead.