

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 02-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	29	26
The Built Environment	40	28	25
Landscaping	40	32	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	18
Litter Control	40	25	26
Tidiness	20	16	14
Residential Areas	30	20	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	30	28
General Impression	10	8	7
TOTAL MARK	300	204	192

Emly, County Tipperary

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Emly has done well in this years Tidy Towns competition. Congratulations to all involved in a splendid show, marked by vibrant use of colours, exceptionally fine planting and landscaping coupled with a high degree of successful maintenance of existing amenity areas. Thank you for the completed questionnaire, detailed three year programme and copies of the various hand bills you have devised. You are to be congratulated on the widespread co-operation of the Community, all of whom share in the credit for the splendid way in which Emly is presented.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

A feature of Emly is the brave use of vibrant colours to extremely good effect. Few towns in Tipperary are as imaginative or creative with their use of colours and these proved most successful. Individual buildings and (even those no longer trading) have been well presented, the Creamery and the Garage for example. There is still a number of plastic signs and you should continue your efforts to persuade the owners involved to replace these with featured sign types. The M. Fogarty General Store was well presented. A repainting of its sizeable walls along the slip road is suggested. The long white/grey house just beyond it is a delight. The fine old curbing stones at Verngar House (1987) looked superb and add greatly to the vista here. The strong stone walls opposite O'Donnells are a fine feature, the memorial to William Slattery and his colleagues is very well maintained. The fine turquoise wall at the School was a delight, the School buildings and grounds were very well presented. Individual premises, J English Butcher, the Burma Garage, Golden Thatch, Lonnergan Victualler, the Forge Bar & Lounge and McGraths shop and oil depot were all very neat and well presented. The Hall, (former church), was well painted and featured bright floral displays. The Post Office was bright and freshly painted. Pride of place goes to the splendid regal Church building which was very well set off by the neat and orderly car park in the foreground. The flying of flags at the public house is another bright and welcome development. The Garda Station did not quite meet the same high standard achieved elsewhere. The Health Centre was well presented but lacked the enthusiastic floral displays very apparent elsewhere.

LANDSCAPING

The good work of previous years are now really beginning to be of benefit as trees and shrubs mature and strengthen, their favourable impact becomes more pronounced. Planting on the elevated bank on the approach from Tipperary is delightful. The well presented grassed areas showing them off to best effect. Planting by the GAA wall soften considerably what would otherwise be a severe blank wall. The use of light hearted murals is a welcome feature of the overall presentation. The tree planting is of an exceptionally high standard and all are maturing well. The Church car park featured delightful wall planting and floral displays

set off by the colourfully painted seats. The spectacular displays of flowers on the approach roads are a delight.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The provision of Honeysuckle and berry plants is an excellent one as it will develop into a natural habitat for birds. The other developments planned, the wooded area, Yew tree and the proposals for the marsh are all exciting and we look forward to their implementation. In the same way the involvement of the schools is to be encouraged. The final treatment of the stream proposal calls for considerable thought, with the paramount need to ensure safety of all involved. It is recommended that you consult fully with the appropriate Council officials before finalising your thinking for this exciting project.

LITTER CONTROL

Generally speaking litter management was exceptionally good throughout the centre. It is disappointing to record that in some instances litter was surprisingly visual, outside the butchers shop, between the church and the post office and within the Garda station grounds. Some was also noted at the GAA grounds. Good litter bins were noted with approval, especially in the church car park at the health board centre while some, which had seen better days, were noted on the approach road to the church and beside the brightly painted Galtee View House.

TIDINESS

The centre in general exudes an air of delightful, neat tidiness and the streets were freshly brushed. There was an absence of spoil or weed growth and in general the centre can be justifiably proud of its success. One apparently derelict car (505 registration) might be removed to a more appropriate resting place. The use of paint to disguise the derelict house on the approach to Galtee View is a splendid success. The neatly painted pump at the Garage which is closed for business and the use of potted shrubs in this area is most successful.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The housing stock generally in Emly is presented in a bright and colourful manner. The use of strong colours, supplemented by excellent floral displays highlights many houses. The Galbally road featured superb houses with excellent gardens, similarly, the road-way leading to the GAA grounds featured delightful examples. The Galtee View Housing estate featured very well presented grassed areas. Perhaps additional planting along the somewhat stark wall behind the Health Centre might be considered. The mural in the corner of St Albes Drive was an attractive cameo.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Without exception all the roads leading to Emly were remarkably well presented. The roadways themselves were swept the hedgerows suitably but not overly cut back and the verges neatly trimmed and cut. The sign "Little Town of Emly" was a delight and its location so appropriate. The displays at the junction of

Pallasgreen and Knocklong road was spectacular. The entrance from Knocklong with its fine floral displays, the pavement with kerbstone leading all the way to town was a particular delight. The signage, village nameplates, all, were presented in a pristine condition.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

An excellent presentation reflecting credit on the entire Community especially on those committed members of the Tidy Towns movement. Your success in securing community- wide support is to be applauded. Unhappily the presence of litter has robbed you of a number of marks and the provision of additional litter bins together with a recommitment to the ongoing task of educating those involved, is indeed still required. Congratulations and continued increased success to the Community of Emly in the Tidy Towns movement in the years ahead!