

*"Caring for our environment"*

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

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 26-06-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	25
The Built Environment	40	23	22
Landscaping	40	23	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	15
Litter Control	40	22	23
Tidiness	20	13	12
Residential Areas	30	17	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	22
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>165</b>

## **Grangemockler, Co Tipperary**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for returning the comprehensive entry form together with the most useful map of your village. It was very apparent, on the day of adjudication that there is a wholehearted involvement by the community in the Tidy Towns programme. This must be a source of encouragement to the committee in their endeavours. The delightful way in which the school was presented augers well for a continuation of a high profile for Grangemockler in the Tidy Towns campaign. The time may now be opportune to consider the drafting of a programme of activities, covering three to five years. These long term objectives when taken together with more usual Tidy Towns activities will have the effect of boosting still further the impact a Tidy Towns programme has on a community and its visitors.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The village has succeeded in creating a number of interest points and attractive items which capture the attention of the passing motorists. The presentation of Millers restaurant and the Trap bar were both of a very high order. Attractive too was the treatment for the pump. The Garda station was particularly well presented while the school was a delight featuring extensive window boxes, hanging baskets, floral displays and most attractive timber seats. The church, this year celebrating its centenary, is a fine imposing building and attractively presented. The village hall is also pleasantly presented but offers opportunities for hanging baskets to soften the somewhat severe lines of its construction.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Being a long wide streeted settlement the opportunities for landscaping might be considered limited. However great success has been achieved by imaginative use of the ground left by road realignment and these have been very well presented. The flower beds on the Clonmel approach are attractive but would benefit from more intensive planting for best effect. Try to arrange a central, higher shrub or hardy annual. The treatment at the pump was imaginative but here again more intensive planting is suggested. The provision of the fine, stoned flower beds is applauded as ground planting, as these, are often to be preferred to container planting which can sometimes look slightly out of place in a rural or village setting. The extensive ground beside the Kilkenny road has been very well utilised. Perhaps the addition of trees, suitably spaced, would add further interest to this extensive area.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The fast flowing river and the trees are a most attractive area and might be signposted or flagged more energetically to the passing motorists. It is an ideal wild life and bird habitat and as such should be highly prized. Explore the possibility of a cascade of waterfalls which would add greatly to the visual impact of this

natural feature. The bird table is a pleasant addition but needs to be more securely rooted for best effect.

## **LITTER CONTROL**

Sadly the litter problem had not been fully overcome in the area. It was disappointing to note amounts of litter in the delightful riverside picnic area. Suitably sited litter bins would help in this regard. In general the streets were well presented but car park areas unhappily had their quota of disfiguring litter. Minor amounts of litter were noted in Mill Road housing estate.

## **TIDINESS**

The village generally exuded a fine sense of neatness and order. The exception was the lay-by or car park overlooking the river opposite the picnic area. This was severely marred by what appeared to be an abandoned car, a small car trailer, a wheel and a very untidy No Dumping sign. This whole area needs urgent attention. The stables on Mill road although big and busy were very well and neatly presented. The large car parking area although in continuous use was neat and well presented. One name plate was missing from the Esso filling station. The Linnan Park housing estate and the Sycamore garage area were all well presented as was the streetscape by the Millers Rest bar and the remainder of the village as well.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Individual houses within the village were very well presented, notably the Squirrels and Linnan Park estate where the communal grassed area was very well presented. Mill Road housing estate in general was well presented but there is a variation of standard in presentation in respect of individual houses.

## **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

The Clonmel road has extensive numbers of Anti-dump signs which intruded somewhat into the overall vista. The minor road approaches were very good while the approach from Nine Mile House was excellent. Individual streetscape were very well presented, neat, tidy and inviting. The very large car park area, opposite the church would benefit from some form of defining of the road edge and while, at the cost of perhaps one or two parking bays, suitable tree planting would defuse the impact of this relatively large area.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Grangemockler is a historic village with more than its fair share of natural attributes. It has the difficulty and challenge, common to many villages, of how best to make a long linear area interesting and attractive. An excellent start has been made and we would encourage the adoption of one or two specific projects to enhance still further its appeal to both native and visitor alike.