

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 02-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	21	20
The Built Environment	40	21	20
Landscaping	40	23	20
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	12
Litter Control	40	20	20
Tidiness	20	9	8
Residential Areas	30	20	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	20
General Impression	10	5	5
TOTAL MARK	300	154	145

Hollyford, County Tipperary

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for the completed entry form incorporating a useful map which greatly facilitated adjudication. Your Committee have clearly been very busy and successful and have managed to secure considerable support from the Community at large. Many aspects of your presentation have greatly improved on previous years and all are urged to continue their efforts so that Hollyford can be presented in the best possible light. We are very mindful of your major problem and applaud your enthusiasm in the manner in which you are, gradually, overcoming them.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The church and the school (although outside the village area it was also judged) are presented in a splendid manner. The new credit union offices looked well. By contrast the post office is in need of refurbishment. Work in progress on the forge was noted with approval. It will be a delightful cameo when completed. O'Connors Bar looked well but there is a need to remove some of the builders debris and other material from the front of the building. Hollyford Inn was not presented to the optimum possible and the owners are encouraged to continue their efforts, not inconsiderable, to utilise its commanding position to best effect. The house opposite featured a tremendous sense of order and looked spectacular. The bridge, the central feature of the village, is also visually very strong. Hollyford Community Centre was well painted with some shrubs and the pump beside it was decorated with enthusiasm. The co-operative stores was freshly painted although there was the inevitable sense of clutter with the materials stored in its yard. The two new houses are a welcome addition to the housing stock of the village. Ryans food store looked well with very pleasant signage. The splendid house featuring spectacular gardens and a balustrade overlooking the river was a delight and represents a super asset both because of the excellence of its presentation and the strategic importance of its location. The houses on Church road were all uniformly well presented and are a credit to their respective owners.

LANDSCAPING

Major work has been achieved around the bridge and this is now a special joy reflecting credit on all involved. Unfortunately, on the day of adjudication, vandals had dumped a barrel in the smaller river and there was some sizeable debris in the main river as well. In general the hedgerows were well cut back, especially noticeable and praiseworthy were the gardens on the road to the church.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The surrounding hills and mountains and the river itself are important, valuable resources in the wildlife context. Where possible select native, berry bearing plants to encourage birds. The installation of a feeding table in the riverside area is also

suggested.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter management in general was good but some was to be found around the centre of the village and the occasional piece of litter was to be seen on the approach roads. The installation of suitably sighted robust litter bins should be seen as a priority once arrangements can be made for their maintenance and servicing.

TIDINESS

In general the village is well presented but you do have an ongoing major difficulty with spoil on the road and other downside effects of the large sized sawmill. The installation of a wheel wash is suggested as likely to improve matters, together with more extensive use of suitable sized screening.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The housing stock of Hollyford is limited but is universally presented to a good order. All involved are applauded for their individual high efforts.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The hedgerows on the approach roads from Nenagh and Tipperary are suitably but not excessively cut back. Grass verges have also been trimmed appropriately. Some attention is required to the village nameplates which have become a little tired.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Hollyford has added a great asset with the development of its amenity area straddling the river, especially when supplemented by the spectacular private garden overlooking the river. For optimum advantage this area needs to be signposted and the commercial premises in its immediate area should also be encouraged to respond to the opportunities it represents. This would optimise the benefit to the community both from a Tidy Towns point of view and in the ongoing tourism development of Hollyford and surrounding area.