

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **NINE MILE HOUSE**
County : **TIPPERARY SOUTH**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 25-06-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	25
The Built Environment	40	24	23
Landscaping	40	27	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	12
Litter Control	40	28	28
Tidiness	20	12	14
Residential Areas	30	19	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	24
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	180	176

Nine-Mile-House, County Tipperary SR

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Nine-Mile-House is a small settlement scenically sited on a plateau overlooking a broad plain with the backdrop of tree-clad hills. Thank you for your completed entry form, response to questions and especially a map of the village which was most helpful on the day of adjudication. The primary objective for the advancement of the village is to ensure a clear-cut division between the surrounding rural area and the village proper. This has been achieved, with considerable success, on the Callan approach and a similar, obvious divide line on the Clonmel road entrance is likewise recommended. With limited building stock emphasis is also thrown on the fine boundary walls and their enhanced presentation, notably on the side roads heading east of the village. The preparation of a simple 3 to 5 year programme and its adoption by the Community at large will ease your task in securing co-operation from residences, the Local Authority and other agencies.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Important buildings within the village are very well presented with imaginative use of colour at times augmented by window boxes and hanging baskets. The Post Office and adjoining house were particularly impressive as was the Grand Inn and Freaneys public house. The delightful, atmospheric wall of the slip road leading from the Post Office to the Callan Road was very well presented and is a charming feature. The house adjoining Nine-Mile Inn did not reach the same high standard and an amount of material has accumulated in the entrance area. The entrance area to the cemetery and the new Grotto were very well presented.

LANDSCAPING

The skilled use of the area on either side of the Callan approach is to be commended. Strive for a natural look and select your shrubs, trees and planting accordingly. The well maintained grass in this area is a delight. The development of the stream which is proposed is a brave project and the installation of a series of mini waterfalls would add movement and excitement to this general area. Don't overlook the possibilities provided by the large viewing lay-by at the start of the Mullinahone road.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Related to your activities under the landscaping programme, wildlife habitat protection and enhancement will inevitably yield its own rewards in greater resident numbers and species. The proximity of rural areas well endowed with wildlife will increase your opportunities as will the availability of in-village planting and grassed areas.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter management is of a high order throughout the village

although there was some in the crossroads area itself. In general the provision of 2 or 3 litter bins, at strategic locations, is recommended.

TIDINESS

This is a neat, well presented and attractive village which however contains one or two difficulties which need to be overcome. The disfiguring breach in the wall on the side road (east), builders debris and other material not cleared away, and the presence, unscreened, of old cars and related material at the side of the Garage, continue to need attention.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The housing stock of the village, although very limited, is presented to a high level, in many cases with fine private gardens being maintained to a high level. These contribute substantially to an overall good impression.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The Callan road is very well presented as is the Kilcash entrance road now further enhanced by the recent work in the cemetery area. The Clonmel road would be improved by the provision of a definite cut-off point perhaps related to the village nameplate, accentuating the division between the settlement and the rural surrounding area. The minor road to the east needs attention as it does not achieve the high standards apparent in the other 3 approach roads. The narrow slip road from Kilkenny road to the Post Office as commented above is a delight.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Nine-Mile-House is a small village justifiably aware of its scenic attractiveness and working well to enhance still further the natural gifts with which it has been bestowed.