

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CAPPOQUIN**
County : **WATERFORD**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 11-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	35
The Built Environment	40	21	20
Landscaping	40	23	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	23	21
Litter Control	40	30	28
Tidiness	20	12	11
Residential Areas	30	18	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	23
General Impression	10	6	5
TOTAL MARK	300	192	182

Cappoquin, Co. Waterford

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you very much for the very detailed programme of works, maps and the comprehensively completed application form. The Committee is to be very much applauded for their success in raising money for the carrying out of projects and their success in getting the community and public bodies involved. The undertaking of two major projects, the Glenshallane Wood Amenity Scheme and the Twig Bog Development, demonstrate the commitment of the community in Cappoquin.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The town of Cappoquin gives a settled mellow impression. There are many very fine buildings and shop fronts and there is obviously much improving work going on. The Tavern Bar sets a very high standard, a standard that is reflected inside as well as outside. The many very fine stone walls give a wonderful sense of permanence. The Town Square, basking in the sun, creates a nice sense of openness in that part of the town. All the entry roads are tree lined with fine stone walls and make quite a statement.

LANDSCAPING

The landscaping is very satisfactory, with many tree-lined roads with beautiful stone walls. The grotto is a most attractive introductory feature to the town, a very pleasant apex between two roads with very nice rose plantings. The Village Square was most pleasing with its well cared for floral displays. Hanging baskets and floral displays throughout the town gave a festive air. Perhaps the schools on Barrack Street could be encouraged to develop a tree-planting programme in their school grounds. The ESB sub-station though tidy needs tree and shrub planting.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The location of Cappoquin on the banks of the Blackwater, in an area with many woods, trees and tree lined roads, make it an ideal location for the successful encouragement of wildlife and natural amenities. The carrying out of proposals for the Twig Bog River Amenity Scheme and the improvement of the forest amenity at Glenshallane Wood are being observed with interest.

LITTER CONTROL

The Committee must be complimented on the very high level of litter control which has been achieved. The night before the adjudication a great many visitors had been in the town for a road race, but there was absolutely no indication of this influx by the presence of any litter. Congratulations. Very fine looking litter-bins are much in evidence. These, together with the fine lamp standards, give an air of caring to the town.

TIDINESS

It was quite obvious on the day of adjudication, that there is a very good maintenance and cleaning regime in place. The Committee is to be congratulated on their success in achieving this.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The standard of residential housing in Cappoquin is very high. Many have very pleasant well kept gardens. Of particular note was the terrace overlooking Mount Mellary Road and that opposite the National School. The small houses in Castle Street are charming. Unfortunately there are some empty houses and a few derelict ones. The Committee is to be applauded for their efforts in endeavouring to overcome this problem.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

All the approach roads are of a very high order. The approach road by Glenshellane Wood is a particularly pleasant tree lined road with Glenshellane Wood on the left and high banks and trees on the right making a most attractive entry into the town. Some consideration should be given to easing some minor congestion caused by parking on both sides of the street. Perhaps parking could be restricted to one side of the road only. Even early on a Sunday morning it was difficult to get through the street.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The general impression of Cappoquin is of a community that cares for its environment and is going to ensure that this environment will be there to hand on to future generations.