

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CAHER**
County : **CLARE**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 23-06-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	30
The Built Environment	40	26	25
Landscaping	40	24	23
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	17
Litter Control	40	26	25
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	25
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	190	185

Caher, County Clare

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for completed application form, map and photographs which were very helpful. - There is a dedicated Committee obviously working on maintaining Caher as the natural, peaceful and pleasant place it is. It is not easy to keep up this dedication year in and year out. In order to do this, we would suggest that one project such as the jetty area should be chosen for next year as a key project in order that the people involved can get the satisfaction of seeing the work actually achieved in this area. Of course, the other good works already undertaken by the Tidy Towns Committee should also be maintained at their present high standard.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The rebuilt Post Office is impressive and will be a great addition to the village when work is completed on the premises and on the refurbishment of the old signage which was retained. The entrance to the Lough Grainey Touring Caravan Park was well maintained as usual. Work on the marina/jetty appears to be progressing and as mentioned above perhaps this area could be targeting for next year as a project of the committee in order to make it as pleasant as the area opposite the Post Office. We note your problems with the funding for angling projects and that you are hopeful that the fishing stands promised will be erected in 1998.

LANDSCAPING

The continuing work on the centre of the village to ensure that the planting is well maintained and colourful is to be commended. The row of numerous black pots with colourful flowers therein is imaginative. The table and chairs on the lakeside green were also well maintained and the new unit to house the lifebelt was also noted. The area around Bunshoon Bridge and the Merriman Monument are now back to normal and there was some nice planters there on the day of inspection. Also, the work on the Well was noted - it would be important that this be maintained as it is now. The work of putting a bay at the Telecom Centre was in fact completed last year - perhaps Telecom could now be persuaded to employ someone to cut the grass around the Centre on a regular basis.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

As you say, your whole village is a wildlife area and should be kept this way. The tree planting by the local schools is noted under this category.

LITTER CONTROL

Almost no litter noticed during inspection - obviously your litter contractor is doing a good job and so is the community.

TIDINESS

The shed with the well stacked logs in the centre of the village was extremely neat and tidy. However, as mentioned in last year's report, some weed control is needed near the Merriman Monument and the very untidy grass verges outside the houses further down from Kellys still remains in place. No doubt the heaps of stones around the new jetty will be tidied up when work is completed here. The facelift at Caher Cross was noted.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The two new houses are a welcome addition to the village and when their landscaping is completed no doubt they will add to the character of Caher. The stone wall surrounding the bungalow is to be commended. Other residential houses in Caher are also well presented.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads to the village are well maintained and signage is good throughout.

GENERAL IMPRESSION.

Caher continues to impress as a place where the total population is involved in its well-being. Now that the work that was in progress last year around Bunshoon Bridge is finalised the village is more settled looking this year and hopefully progress to consolidate the gains to date will be undertaken in the year ahead. Keep up the good work.