

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **ENNISTYMON**  
County : **CLARE**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 08-07-98

|                                | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 1998 | Mark Awarded 1997 |
|--------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Overall Developmental Approach | 50           | 31                | 31                |
| The Built Environment          | 40           | 23                | 22                |
| Landscaping                    | 40           | 24                | 23                |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 30           | 20                | 20                |
| Litter Control                 | 40           | 23                | 22                |
| Tidiness                       | 20           | 14                | 14                |
| Residential Areas              | 30           | 18                | 18                |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas  | 40           | 23                | 23                |
| General Impression             | 10           | 6                 | 6                 |
| <b>TOTAL MARK</b>              | <b>300</b>   | <b>182</b>        | <b>179</b>        |

## **Ennistymon, County Clare**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Your information contained in the entry form together with map and C.A.A.S. plan extracts proved helpful on adjudication day. The area to be covered is quite large and will require the full co-operation and involvement of the local community and the various agencies if you are to progress further. It is imperative that you stick to your plan and try and implement it on a phased basis.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Your strong point is the main street which has retained its rural ethos and has some very fine traditional shop fronts. Some of the buildings are quite large and require a good deal of maintenance but you are coping well. The leabarlann has improved since last year and you should try and get the wall mural re-done for next year. There are too many signs at the Post Office which is an important trading place in the town. The rusty building beside Teagasc is an eyesore and some corrugated roofs in the town are also in need of painting. The church is well presented again this year. Malones garage is excellent and the Community Centre is well presented, but you should not overdo the signage on this building.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The landscaping at Deerpark is quite attractive on this important location. The picnic area on the Lahinch road is a disappointment and should be improved for next year. Some individuals have worked hard on landscaping their own premises and on providing windows boxes and hanging baskets, but in the overall, the town lacks co-ordination. You have scope for much improvement on the approach roads but this would need to be well maintained if you do develop.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

You already have an excellent natural area for wildlife at the Cascades. This area is not receiving the attention and respect it deserves. Litter was dumped in the river again this year. The area near the Falls Hotel is attractive with some excellent mature trees and a host of wild shrubs that are ideal for wildlife.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

The litter control has improved a little since last year. However, litter is still evident at the Cascades, which is spoiling this beautiful vista. The market square had some litter at the trading area. Traders have a responsibility to provide litter bins within or outside their premises.

## **TIDINESS**

The main street is clean and tidy. Your areas of untidiness relate to open spaces not being cared for. The old railway store is an eyesore on this important approach road. The fencing at the Cattle Mart has improved this area. It is regrettable that many premises off the main street have been let go and are not trading, resulting in poor presentation.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The individual effort for residential areas is good throughout. The estates need co-ordination and leadership in getting them improved. Don't give up on trying to organise the various groups into action. The houses with attractive gardens on the Ennis approach were presented to a high standard again this year.

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

Road conditions are good and the Lahinch approach road is well maintained. The back areas of Riverview Terrace are quite visible from the Inagh river. This category is now an important part of the competition, so all householders need to be encouraged to keep their side and back areas well presented. Much of the signage in and around the town is in need of painting and some in need of replacement. Freshly painted signs would project a favourable image for the town.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The town, like so many others in the country is coming under pressure from excessive traffic, which leads to other problems in the environment. The traffic at the bridge is particularly bad and leads to long delays. Ennistymon has many attractive features, apart from the uniqueness of the cascades, which were a delight to watch (one of the advantages of a wet summer). As a committee your task is to maintain the traditional aspect of the buildings and seek improved support from the community and the various agencies. Good luck for 1999.