

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **LABASHEEDA**
County : **CLARE**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 12-07-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	--
The Built Environment	40	23	--
Landscaping	40	23	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21	--
Litter Control	40	23	--
Tidiness	20	14	--
Residential Areas	30	16	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	--
General Impression	10	6	--
TOTAL MARK	300	173	--

Labasheeda, County Clare

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The details contained in the returned entry form proved helpful to the adjudicator. You do not seem to be working to an agreed plan and this is now desirable. Ideally, you should have the backing of the community in all your endeavours. In the absence of a plan you should list about ten achievable projects and tackle them over a period.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The church and school are well presented again this year, together with the former church, now acting as a community hall and the old school. McGeehan is bright and well presented. Stone Cottage is unique and the Post Office is well presented. The village has a problem with many derelict and unoccupied houses in the core of the village.

LANDSCAPING

The treatment at the village junction on the Ennis approach is excellent and represents a model for other areas to follow. You have many attractive displays of flowers and shrubs that help to brighten the village. Some individuals have worked hard in keeping their own premises well landscaped. Your efforts with landscaping on the approach roads are acknowledged. Relevant to the number of residents, you have a large area to cover, and the village is quite lengthy.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Your adjacency to the estuary offers great scope for the promotion of wildlife. Wildlife also extends to hedgerows and open spaces. A school project listing the wildlife of the area would be a good start.

LITTER CONTROL

You do not seem to have a major litter problem and the village was almost litter free on adjudication day. Litter bins seem adequate in numbers and are well located.

TIDINESS

The village has several untidy pockets, emanating from badly presented open spaces. The inordinate amount of dereliction is giving an image of untidiness that would need to be tackled if you

are to raise your standards in this category.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

On an individual basis houses are well presented, but you need a greater degree of co-ordination. The tone cottage is a gem, together with the house beside it. The Telecom kiosk needs improvement. The Garda Station is well presented, but the site beside it is an eyesore. Newly built houses now have an opportunity to improve well with appropriate landscaping.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The road surface and footpaths are below standard and should be improved by the local authority. Side and rear entrances are now an integral part of the competition and should receive attention in your endeavours. Traders in particular need to pay attention to their side entrances.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The village has potential to improve. You need the backing of the community and you need an improvements plan that will chart the way forward. You have sporadic displays of great beauty and you need to build on your strengths. Good luck for 1999.