

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **SLIEVERUE**
County : **KILKENNY**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 01-07-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27	25
The Built Environment	40	26	25
Landscaping	40	30	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	28	34
Tidiness	20	17	16
Residential Areas	30	24	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	29	29
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	203	203

Slievruie, County Kilkenny

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank for supplying so much information with your entry form and the map which was most useful on adjudication day. Your comments made very interesting reading indeed. It is encouraging to read that you now have good financial support and assistance from your Local Authority, FAS and your community in general. The results of this were very much in evidence on adjudication day. Slievruie has been doing very well in the competition. The suggestion however is that in conjunction with the parties mentioned above, you draw up a 3/5 year plan and that you identify on a year-to-year basis what you can do within your physical and financial resources. The following comments are on the progress you have made this year and should be read in conjunction with previous year's progress reports.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The church and two schools looked very well and again, as last year, your commercial premises were well presented. The village pump looked very nice.

LANDSCAPING

Comments under this heading last year are still applicable but your open spaces were very nicely presented particularly the one at the lower end of the village on the way out to New Ross. This looked exceptionally well. There was however some littering which is probably being blown in from the main road. Your flower beds looked lovely and are obviously being very well maintained. Trees and shrubs seem to be thriving and your entrance to the village from the New Ross side is one of the nicest in the county.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Comments under this heading last year are still applicable. It is a section of the competition to which you might give some attention for 1999 which, in the event, would be capable of getting you some additional marks. However, in this respect, please take the best advice available to you.

LITTER CONTROL

Unfortunately there was litter to be seen in the village on adjudication day. Very little in some areas but quite an amount in others. It was disappointing to see that in spite of the fact that there was a litter bin in full view, the area around the pump and the side road opposite it was littered badly. This is an area of the competition which has to be carefully and regularly monitored. It was indeed a pity to see this in your lovely village.

TIDINESS

Your comment on your entry form under this heading i.e. "We think we do a great job" was noted. It can be confirmed that you do indeed do a great job and the highest praise and congratulations is due to all concerned. Slievruie is undoubtedly one of the tidiest villages in County Kilkenny. Arising out of last year's report it was noted on adjudication day that some work seems to be in hand at the sports field at the end of Ashgrove. Perhaps we shall see further improvements there next year.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Your residents must be very proud of themselves. They presented their houses and gardens in wonderful fashion. Gardens in particular looked lovely and were in full bloom. All residential areas in Slievruie were visited. The Ashgrove estate, while some houses were well presented, the fencing of others does need attention.

ROADS, STREET AND BACK AREAS

Approach roads and verges were excellent. Congratulations to your hardworking committee on this. Road surfaces are good and pathways appear to be well maintained. In these circumstances it was a pity indeed to see some litter about.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Slievruie looked lovely on adjudication day. In the future additional marks will be obtained through attention to detail and careful monitoring of such things as litter, painting and repair work. Another wonderful effort by everybody. Well done.