

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **STONEYFORD**  
County : **KILKENNY**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 29-06-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27	26
The Built Environment	40	23	22
Landscaping	40	26	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	18
Litter Control	40	37	37
Tidiness	20	15	14
Residential Areas	30	17	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	28
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>193</b>

## **Stoneyford, County Kilkenny**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you again for the amount of information sent with your entry form and the map which was most useful on adjudication day. It is obvious from this information that your committee is approaching your Tidy Towns effort in an exceptional way and for this you are to be sincerely congratulated. Having identified what needs to be done, the next stage is to identify what you can do on a year-to-year basis within your physical and financial resources. Success in the competition does not come overnight but will come as a result of diligent work over a number of years with a view to getting increased marks under each heading. The following comments on your progress this year should be read in the context of the 1996/7 Reports..

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

As last year the church, school and community hall were very well presented. The new housing at Noresland Corner adds greatly to the streetscape and the approach from the Waterford side. Your comments regarding the advertising hoarding are appreciated and have been noted. Generally commercial premises looked well but comments made in the last two reports are still applicable.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Beds of flowers, tubs and window boxes looked extremely well and greatly enhance the appearance of the village. Your future plans in this respect have been noted. Please do take cognisance of the comments made in last year's report regarding the use of plants and shrubs and taking the best advice available.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Thank for the information and the photographs which you sent. Obviously there is a good deal to be done on this project and the adjudicator looks forward to hearing more about it in 1999. Again, do take the best advice available.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

There was no litter to be seen in Stoneyford on adjudication day. Congratulations are due to all concerned.

### **TIDINESS**

The village was presented in a very neat and tidy manner. Open storage has improved immensely.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The individual effort of private residents continues to be the strong plank in the Tidy Towns effort in Stoneyford and on this occasion congratulations are again offered to all concerned. Most houses looked extremely well. Many had lovely gardens which were in full bloom on adjudication day. Inevitably some could do with a coat of paint but overall they created a very nice impression and are a fine example of their owners commitment to the competition.

### **ROADS, STREET AND BACK AREAS**

Roads and footpaths in general were good. However there was some evidence of weeding in the gutters near the school on the road in from Waterford which took away from what had been achieved in this respect in other areas. There are not many back areas in Stoneyford but those visited looked reasonably well. In a wet Summer hedges and verges on approach roads need constant monitoring. In general the approach roads to Stoneyford were reasonably well presented. The approach from Kells in particular looked well. Please do refer to the comments in last year's report regarding the propagation of wild flowers.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Overall Stoneyford looked extremely well and great credit is due to your committee for the excellent work which have done and will continue to do in the future. The adjudicator looks forward to coming back to Stoneyford next year to see the results of your further work. Keep constantly in touch with your local authority, with FAS and with your Regional Tourism Authority(RTA) based in Kilkenny. The RTA run an annual seminar for Tidy Towns groups with guest speakers which is well worth attending.