

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CAPPOQUIN**
County : **WATERFORD**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 01-07-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	38	36
The Built Environment	40	22	21
Landscaping	40	25	23
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	23	23
Litter Control	40	31	30
Tidiness	20	13	12
Residential Areas	30	20	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	23
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	202	192

Cappoquin, County Waterford

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your entry form and very detailed map which was most useful and much appreciated. It is good to see that you have many members on your Committee. This, no doubt, does help to spread the work load in a large area like Cappoquin. It is good to see that your Committee has formed good relations with the Waterford County Council, FAS and that you have also involved the schools in clean ups. Perhaps sometime in the year ahead you could also liaise with the Regional Tourism Authority, the National Rehabilitation Board, ESB and Telecom Eireann who all will have valuable advice to give you and will be only too glad to be of assistance and help in whatever way they can. It is good to have sponsorship by the local SuperValu store and Cappoquin Development Company. You can only go from strength to strength with the Community and the various agencies behind you.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The overall standard of maintenance of business premises and public buildings in Cappoquin is quite good but there is more to be done. The Church of Ireland was well presented and its trees and shrubs looked very well. It was good to see that the clock was in working order. The Catholic church alongside it, again looked well presented but it does need to be repainted. Both the Garda Station and the Fire Station were presented to a very high standard. Again both banks, the AIB and the Bank of Ireland, in particular the AIB, had a nice selection of roses and plants. The Bank of Ireland had some nice paving done. The Post Office was presented well as was the Super Valu Supermarket. The Credit Union has been very tastefully decorated and had some very nice signage. The Grotto at the junction of the Melleray and Glenshelane walk route was again well presented. The school buildings certainly do need attention. They appear to be no longer in use as a school, that may not be correct, but that whole area and buildings contained in it does need freshening up. The National School was again well presented but will need to be painted sooner rather than later. The bank at the back was untidy. Perhaps some planting of heathers or similar type shrubs in this area would make it easier to maintain. Many of the business premises throughout the town are well maintained, others need new shop fronts with any plastic signage being removed. It was good to see that the County Council are renovating two derelict properties in Barrack Street. Well done to all concerned and no doubt further improvements will take place over the next few years.

LANDSCAPING

The landscaping throughout the town is very good and no doubt you will continue to work on this. The Square in the centre of the town is a lovely feature and had some nice displays of flowers. The area in front of the houses in Mill Street was extremely well presented and the grass is very neat and tidy with a delightful selection of roses there. On the left side, leaving Cappoquin and approaching the Grotto, there is a small green open space which had some delightful rose plantings. Trees inside the railing are maturing very nicely. There were no flowers on the poles for hanging baskets on the day of adjudication in Barrack Street.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Your town is an ideal environment to promote wildlife due to it being on the bank of the river and also it is surrounded by trees and nice open green spaces. Your proposed plans for the Twig Bog are very exciting and no doubt when this project is completed it will enhance the town of Cappoquin in both terms of wildlife and as a natural amenity for the Community. It is also noted that you intend to carry out improvements to Glenshelane Walk. As a Tidy Towns Committee you have an important role to play in protecting, enhancing and increasing the wildlife value of your community. No doubt part of your proposals for the Twig Bog will be to identify the wildlife habitats of that area and see what species of animals, birds and fish are there. Fully managed natural areas and wildlife will add greatly to your area.

LITTER CONTROL

The overall control of litter in Cappoquin is very good throughout. There were some pieces observed in the open green space on the left approaching the Grotto, some plastic bags, a foil container and just a few pieces here and there throughout the town. Your plan for litter control is working extremely well and congratulations to your "Tidy Team". Again well done to all concerned. This is a most important aspects of the Competition, carrying with it 40 marks which reflects the importance of having and maintaining a clean outdoor environment and it certainly helps to achieve higher results.

TIDINESS

There is an absence of fly posting throughout the town and graffiti is kept to a minimum. The control of weed growth at kerbs and at the base of buildings was very good overall.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The residential areas of Cappoquin are presented to a very high standard. The houses on the left going towards the junction to the Lismore Road had some lovely colour schemes and looked very well. I mentioned under landscaping how well the areas in front of their houses were presented. The housing estate at Shanbally does look very well and a great effort has been put in by the residents. Well done to all concerned and do keep up the good

work in the years ahead. All the private houses throughout are maintained excellently. Do take care of boundary walls and railings which, in some instances, do need painting. Throughout the town there are some uninhabited houses and a few derelict ones. No doubt the Committee will tackle these in the years ahead and will have plans to overcome this problem. The residents have done outstanding work in presenting their properties very well. It does help Cappoquin enormously in this Competition. They have put a lot of time and effort into presenting their properties so attractively.

ROADS, STREET AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads, and that includes the Dungarvan Road, the Melleray Road and the Lismore Road, are presented to a very high standard. Again as was mentioned last year the Main Street is very congested with parking on both sides of a narrow street which makes it difficult for one to negotiate driving through. The wall by the GAA pitch which has ivy growing and other types of creepers is maturing very well and in another two years should have it almost covered completely. Some of the signs do need to be cleaned and repainted. The Twig Lane area is very run down and no doubt in your plans this will receive consideration with the Twig Bog development project.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Cappoquin Tidy Towns Committee are making an tremendous effort to improve the presentation of Cappoquin. You have identified the problem areas and hopefully over the next few years these will cease. No doubt the business and commercial community do appreciate your efforts as do the residents of the town. Do keep up the good work and well done to all who are making a huge effort to improve the appearance of your town, both for the people who live in it and for the visitors.