

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **CHEEKPOINT**  
County : **WATERFORD**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 19-06-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	21	21
The Built Environment	40	23	22
Landscaping	40	26	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	14
Litter Control	40	26	25
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	17	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	21
General Impression	10	5	5
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>165</b>

## **Cheekpoint/Faithlegg, County Waterford**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for your completed entry form. The adjudicator fully accepts your reasons for not supplying a map. You continue to work hard and it is noted from your form that you have only seven members on the Committee. Perhaps you could encourage more people to join you and spread the workload. The adjudicator notes that you have some new members on this year's committee which is to be commended. It would be most helpful to the committee to produce a 3 to 5 year working plan which will guide your Tidy Towns' activities. The Plan should be a simple 3 to 5 page document with accompanying map setting out clearly your objectives for each year. Do not adopt unrealistic objectives. You are already involving the local school, scouts cubs, the Waterford County Council, residents association, the golf and church committees. No doubt much of the expertise needed will be found among those bodies.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The situation of this village is most attractive being on the waters edge. McAlpine's Suir Inn continues to be maintained very well with the hanging baskets and the flower planters being kept in an excellent condition. Also the other restaurant in the village, Maggie Butler's, looks attractive. Butler's Slip is untidy and does need to be cleaned up and perhaps if the rusty boat anchored in the water could be removed - it is an eyesore at present. The Church at Faithlegg looked well but the gate would need painting. The School again continues to be kept in good condition but the wall will need to be repainted.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The open green space by the water had the grass cut. However, do pay attention to the Cross on the green as some nettles and long grass were growing around it. The same also applies to the seats. There are some boats on the green with long grass growing around them - perhaps that could be cut or have the boats removed.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The water and vegetation in the village would appear to be a natural habitat for wildlife. A good starting point would be to identify the wildlife habitats of your area and see what species of animals, birds and fish these attract. Perhaps you have a local environmental expert in your area who would only be too delighted to get involved and advise and provide you with the advice you

require. You will enjoy discovering more about your environment and your activities will ensure that nature and wildlife will continue to have a place in your community.

## **LITTER CONTROL**

The overall litter control was very good with the exception of a few small pieces at the lay-by, and along the shoreline. It is good to see that you have involved the cubs, scouts and local school in creating litter awareness. It was also noted that the County Council agreed to increase litter bin collections over the summer months. This will no doubt help enormously to keep the village litter-free.

## **TIDINESS**

The control of weed growth at the kerbs was good in some areas and in front of most houses and buildings. However, I would suggest that you contact individual property owners to do this task for you - keeping the areas outside of their own properties weed-free at the kerbs and walls.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Many of the properties are well maintained and this includes the gardens, walls, and their roadside areas. Some had wonderful displays of flowers growing in their gardens. Perhaps the committee might approach the owners of the properties which need attention in the village. One side of the street is very good but the other side has some houses which need work done to them. No doubt the owners will be only too delighted to help out your cause for making your village a tidier and better place to live in.

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

The lay-by on the road to Faithlegg was maintained very well, however, the overgrowth from the inside did need a trim. Perhaps you could carry out repairs to the stone wall on the road to Maggie Butler's. It has great potential and would improve this road and area enormously. The approach roads were overgrown and need to be trimmed back. The footpaths in the village would need to be renewed. I would suggest that you talk to the County Council regarding this aspect.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Cheekpoint is in a lovely location being on the waters edge and is surrounded by lovely green vegetation. It is a very peaceful village. It has enormous potential to make progress in this competition. Your efforts in the years ahead will enhance the overall presentation of your village. It does need continued hard work over the next couple of years. To achieve continued improvement it is necessary to involve all the residents of the village to support and make their contribution in helping the

committee to achieve further success in this competition.