

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **ASDEE**
County : **KERRY**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 05-07-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	36
The Built Environment	40	29	28
Landscaping	40	27	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	19
Litter Control	40	29	29
Tidiness	20	14	13
Residential Areas	30	23	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	29	29
General Impression	10	8	7
TOTAL MARK	300	214	209

Asdee, County Kerry

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thanks for submitting completed application form with informative map and detailed update on 3 year plan. The first thing one notices about Asdee, outside of its obvious attractiveness, is its sense of pride of place as epitomised by the great efforts of all the community. The relationship between Asdee, local authority and state agencies such as FAS and Shannon Development is excellent and this is acknowledged in the application submission.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Village is small but it certainly catches the eye especially in this category. All buildings, commercial, civic and church owned are presented to a very high standard. The Church has beautifully maintained grounds, as indeed has the school. The Community hall was in the throes of renovation and will look equally as well when completed. The Grotto is one of the best examples in terms of maintenance that this adjudicator has come across. The Commercial buildings like the "Jesse James Tavern", "Kennedy's Lounge" and car park, "Fotzgeralds Nursery", "Local shop"(forgive me but the name alludes me) and "Post Office deserve mention as well. The private residences exuded colour and neatness and one example in particular – a large pebbled dashed house with adjoining farmyard, stood out. Very little to find fault in this category.

LANDSCAPING

Again the standard in this category was very high and there was a clear indication by the varieties of shrubs and flowers that the landscaping programme is geared to all year round effect. The nicely designed timber flower boxes dotted around the village were particularly attractive. The stonewall at the bridge near the ball alley was recently planted as was areas on the outskirts of the village on both the roads to Ballybunion and Listowel. There was a nice mixture of shrubs and flowers at the well feature near Kennedy's Pub. Individual residential gardens were superbly kept.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

There is ample scope to develop a wildlife/nature project in the village or its environs possibly behind the Community centre or near the river at the ball alley. Involve the local school, as children under supervision would be very enthusiastic about such a project.

LITTER CONTROL

There was very little litter bar a few wrappers near side of church and bins were placed around the village. The village has an advantage in that it is small and it is relatively easy to control litter.

TIDINESS

As in the previous section no real obvious unsightly black spots, kerbsides were kept well, signage was visible and clean. A good standard overall

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

As mentioned under the built environment section the standard of presentation of buildings was very high with adjoining areas and side entrances well maintained

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads were well maintained with banks and hedgerows cut back caringly to take into account the wildlife. I suppose the area near the ball alley could be revitalised a little, no doubt the committee will consider developing an additional feature here.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Asdee has a unique charm and even more important a community that has great pride of place.

The objective of the committee is to progress further in the competition and this looks likely to happen over the next two years.