

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **MYSHALL**  
County : **CARLOW**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 01-07-99

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	37	37
The Built Environment	40	29	29
Landscaping	40	32	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	23	23
Litter Control	40	25	25
Tidiness	20	15	14
Residential Areas	30	25	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	27
General Impression	10	7	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>218</b>

## **Myshall, County Carlow**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

The very detailed plan and maps of Myshall and the proposed developments were very helpful and it is clear that Myshall is serious about an improvement program. There are some unique features – the churches cemeteries, Tobar Bhríde and all the stone walls and mature trees right within the village.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The church buildings and the community centre dominate the buildings in Myshall. The Church of Ireland is a magnificent building and lends great character to the village. The stone walls and the steps and gateways are all major attributes. The commercial premises are well cared for; as stated before a little less signage and items on display at the windows and doors would be pleasant. Dillon's pub is especially well presented.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Again the trees are the most significant part of the landscape in Myshall. The yew trees in the Church of Ireland are magnificent. It is wonderful to see such an avenue of these trees. Other large copper beech and conifer trees are also great to have. The Tobar Bhríde area is nicely treated and when the pool is restored it will be a great asset. Individual gardens contribute to the appearance of the village and every effort to encourage to home owners should be given. The community centre area is nicely treated and the adjacent church grounds are well maintained. There is also a nice shrubbery at the end of St. Oliver's park.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

There is ample opportunity for greater wild life awareness. The water area is the most obvious. Developments there will be watched anxiously. Tree lists or maps of the village could involve children and give them an appreciation of the trees in their village.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

There is good control and continual vigilance is needed to keep litter under control

### **TIDINESS**

A little more attention to detail will help to raise standards of tidiness. Road surfaces both at the shops and community centre carpark need resurfacing and items like this are unhelpful to tidiness. Some grassy weeds need attention too

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

St. Olivers park is well maintained with many of the houses having very well attended gardens and houses. Attention to painting and boundaries is always helpful.

## **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

The stone walls are a great feature of the roads around Myshall. All repair work and restoration on walls is very worthwhile. Some attention to road surfacing is needed as mentioned already. Caring for road verges and boundaries is an essential part of the good maintenance of a village.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Myshall has a lot to offer. Making the most of the presentation of the village is the key. There is room for improvement and the direction is good.

## **SECOND ADJUDICATION (11/08/99)**

Myshall was looking particularly smart in early August. There has been an appreciable improvement following the slight falling back of last year, resulting in two additional marks - which is quite a step at the top end of the competition. Small matters signify very much at this level - for example, a broken bar of a fence (opposite Adelaide Memorial church) can detract from the overall presentation of the village. The beautifully tended churchyards and the old graveyard make an enormous visual impact. The plans for the adjacent St Brigid's Park look most impressive, and this imaginative development is eagerly looked forward to. Congratulations on the first class Guide Book to Myshall.