

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **DOONBEG VILLAGE**
County : **CLARE**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 11-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	38	38
The Built Environment	40	28	27
Landscaping	40	31	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	19
Litter Control	40	30	30
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	19	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	24
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	213	209

Doonbeg Village, County Clare

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Doonbeg Village is welcome to the 1999 Tidy Towns Competition, thank you for your completed application form and work programme, both were very informative. Overall the 'Miltown Malbay' section of the village is less well presented than the southern section.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The church and its carpark look very well indeed. Both Tubridy's and An Tinteán have been freshly painted and look extremely well. The semi-detached houses along the main street look well also. However some boundary walls are in need of treatment. Both Brookside Lodge and the Post Office are beautifully presented. Well done on work to the Garda Barracks. Your activities regarding the use of the Irish language on business premises are admirable.

LANDSCAPING

The small green area at the telephone kiosk has been beautifully landscaped and will be considered for an award under this heading. The Slí na Sláinte panel is a nice touch here. The flowerbed across from O'Donnells had not been planted at the time of adjudication. Likewise the stone flowerbed at the nameplate at the Lahinch end of the village also had not been planted. The amenity scheme behind Brookside Lodge on the river bank is commendable. Well done on planned access points to the river and the proposed footbridge. We wish you well in this regard.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The graveyard looks very well. The walking trail is a fine amenity development. Your activities under the 'wildlife' heading is commendable. Do keep us informed of developments in your bird feeding programme.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control is quite good, a minor exception might be the area around the Lakeview housing development. The litter bin here was actually overflowing so, perhaps bins need to be emptied more frequently. Some other bins noted in this centre were full also. Some litter was noted along by the Post Office.

TIDINESS

Can the old petrol pumps be masked in some way until they are removed or refurbished? Weed growth was quite

prevalent at the northern end of the village. The very weedy stretches of footpath on the Kilrush road are a problem under this heading. Good luck regarding the tidying / redevelopment of problem areas.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The Lakeview housing development looks quite nice, however a little paint or cleaning might be necessary to the boundary walls soon. Keep on encouraging residents to paint as often as is necessary and to pay attention to curtilage areas also.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The main street of the village has been beautifully resurfaced and neatly lined with carparking spaces. Well done! A number of road signs need cleaning or refurbishing. Street furniture is well presented in general.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The overall impression of Doonbeg is very favourable. Congratulations on work achieved to date and good luck for the future.