

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **FEAKLE**
County : **CLARE**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 03-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32	31
The Built Environment	40	28	28
Landscaping	40	25	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	27	26
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	21	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	26
General Impression	10	5	6
TOTAL MARK	300	193	191

Feakle, County Clare

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Feakle is very welcome to the 1999 Tidy Towns Competition. Congratulations on your inclusion (one of three in the county) for rural redevelopment with the support of Clare County Council and the LEADER II Rural Development Programme. It is good to note that there are major developments planned for different areas of the village, however it is important that the rural ambience of Feakle is not destroyed by inappropriate development. Do let us have details of proposed developments together with an overall development plan for the village.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The church looks exceptionally well, the adjacent hall could be freshened a little with painting. Development work up around "Smyths" looks interesting. It would be nice to know what's happening here. The road connecting the main street of the village with the area around "Smiths" should have its vegetation cut back and the stone wall revealed and refurbished. It is anticipated that the redevelopment at Lough Nan will be appropriate to its streetscape and the overall villagescape. The school looks well.

LANDSCAPING

The grotto is an attractive feature, however on the day of adjudication, some bags of rubbish and some tree cuttings had been deposited behind the information panel which gave an untidy appearance. This important section of the village could perhaps be extended as it looks quite small when the carparking area is empty. The landscaped green area across from the church is maturing nicely. The wire and post fencing of the field leading up to the cottages could be planted with hedgerow.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

We would be very interested to know of the work accomplished by the local walks group under this heading. It is also good to see the association between your two major festivals and the cultural uniqueness of your village. Well done.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control is quite good, there is little evidence of serious litter anywhere, however keep a check on the environs of the Foodmarket. The weekly clean up by the school children of the village and outlying areas appears to be working well. Well done!

TIDINESS

Sprayed weeds look unsightly and should be removed. There are a number of sites adjoining properties that have an air of neglect in appearance and should either be tidied or screened from public view.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The residential development beyond the sports grounds is well presented and townhouses and cottages on the outskirts are presented to a high standard also. The sprayed weeds on the loose stone wall opposite the sports ground's boundary wall looks quite bad. A number of boundary walls down near the graveyard end of the village.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The wirescape of the village is not visibly obtrusive. Have representations been made to the Local Authority and the ESB and Telecom Eireann regarding ducting of cables etc. Street furniture is reasonably well presented.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The overall impression of Feakle is good but could be improved with the painting of some buildings, the tidying of side areas and better attention to unsightly weed growth.