

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **LABASHEEDA**
County : **CLARE**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 12-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	25
The Built Environment	40	25	23
Landscaping	40	25	23
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21	21
Litter Control	40	23	23
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	16	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	22
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	184	173

Labasheeda, County Clare

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Labasheeda is very welcome to the 1999 Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for the completed questionnaire and additional information. Your development plan makes excellent reading and we are very pleased to note so many new developments planned for your lovely village. We look forward to many repeat visits to view the work accomplished. There are some fine scenic views of the village and the Shannon on approaching from both the Kilrush and the Lakyle road. The view of the village from the Quay looks well also. No doubt when the T.F. McNamara premises is refurbished, its rear façade will be painted also.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The old school, the church and the community hall are excellent in their presentation. Well done. The Post Office is beautifully presented and the school looks exceptionally well also. The old T.F. McNamara property is a handsome building and its traditional feature should be retained upon refurbishment. Casey's looks well with its black and white colour scheme and the new stone buildings near the proposed quay development are very attractive elements of the built environment of Labasheeda also.

LANDSCAPING

The trees planted on the footpath outside of the school are maturing nicely. The stone groupings located at the junction with the Killimer road is a very attractive feature. Well done to all concerned.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

There is no reference in your application to activities under this heading. The ongoing development work is appreciated and perhaps you are waiting for this to be completed. The Tidy Towns Handbook is an excellent source of ideas and advice. Stands of wild flowers in the fields adjacent to the quay development have been noted.

TIDINESS

The old creamery presents a problem under this heading. Can a suitable use be found for it? In particular its curtilage area needs to be cleaned up. The mound of rubble in the field beside the Garda station is another problem under this heading. Derelict buildings were also noted. They are not too serious a problem at the moment but every effort should be made to keep them presentable until redeveloped.

LITTER CONTROL

Well done to those responsible for the emptying of the litter bins during the summer and good luck for the acquisition of new bins. Do you have other litter control activities ? We would love to hear about them. Litter control is quite good.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The small residential development at the Lakyle road looks well but could be much improved if boundary walls were cleaned or painted and footpaths kept weed free. Most residential properties in the village centre are presented to the highest standard. Encourage householders to be vigilant regarding side and back areas which can be viewed from the public road.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The nameplate at one end of the village looks well, its surrounds might now be landscaped. New stretches of footpath have been noted. It is a pleasure to note the old style telephone box. The old road sign behind the nameplate on the grass verge on the Killimer road should now be removed. Work was in progress on the new stone wall at the junction with the Killimer road during adjudication. Well one on the redevelopment of the pump area. The before and after photographs are a really good idea. It is very worthwhile to keep a record of your work.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The overall appearance of Labasheeda is highly favourable and the small stone garden at the road junction in the village centre is a nice touch. We look forward to seeing the fruits of ongoing development work.