

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **SHANNON**
County : **CLARE**
Category : **E**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 15-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	42	42
The Built Environment	40	30	30
Landscaping	40	30	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21	21
Litter Control	40	27	31
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	20	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	25
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	216	220

Shannon Town, County Clare

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Shannon Town is welcome to the 1999 Tidy Towns Competition. We note that the application form has not been filled in for this year, although it has been signed. Do rectify this situation for next year and send in details of your work programme and work accomplished in the previous year for Tidy Towns 2000. Thank you for your continued participation in the competition.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Renault Centre and the Oakwood Lodge Hotel both look well. The Quinnsworth property with its flat roof looks a little monotonous when viewed from the public road. This could be relieved by perhaps an imaginative roof garden and repainting. Both the Credit Union and the ESB offices together with the Shannon Business Centre are all very well presented. The library looks well also however some sections of it could be whitewashed to freshen it. The Shannon Health Centre is also very well presented. The wall of the Garda Station is a little weatherstained and might need to be cleaned or painted for next year. However the building and its grounds look particularly well. The Fire Station and the Leisure Centre also look well as does St. Patrick's Comprehensive School.

LANDSCAPING

Landscaping along the main road of the town (leading to the airport) is superb. Trees are maturing nicely and grassed areas are being maintained to a very high standard. There were a few outbreaks of weed growth here and there, nothing serious at the time of adjudication. Landscaping at the corner of Finian Park looked very well.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The entrance to the sports grounds is unattractive and the weed growth around its wire and post fencing was still quite prevalent. You might consider wildflower meadows on some of the underdeveloped land as an interim measure. The Tidy Towns Handbook is an excellent source of ideas, advice and guidelines for wildlife projects.

LITTER CONTROL

There is a light scattering of litter on grassed areas around the town and in particular, at Rossbracken. Do you have a litter management strategy? If so, share it with us. Again you are referred to the Tidy Towns Handbook for ideas and advice.

TIDINESS

The town has an overall aspect of tidiness. A few outbreaks of weed growth was noted along kerbs and along the kerbs of traffic islands. Try to eliminate this altogether, however it was acknowledged that it was not a serious problem. A large underdeveloped site adjacent to the carpark at Shannon Knights Inn looked a little untidy with its overlong grass, broken kerbs and bare patches of rubble showing through the grass. Weed growth was quite prevalent along kerbs in Cronan Grove. A site near the Credit Union is very untidy (to the rear of Enterprise Ireland building). A little weeding needs to be carried out at the Fire Station.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The Carriglia development is presented to a very high standard and looks exceptionally well. Work in progress has been noted at a number of new housing developments during adjudication. The Tullyvarraga Hill residential development is superb in its presentation and commands a scenic view over Shannon Town and its hinterland. A good overall presentation.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

A number of roads signs could be refurbished, Rossbracken being one. Most of the signs in need of refurbishment are namesigns for estates / areas. A bus stop near Cronin Gardens needs to be realigned. One litter bin in Killian Park needed to be refurbished. A number of other litter bins were in need of attention also.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Shannon Town is nicely presented in terms of landscaping and looks well overall.