

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **SIXMILEBRIDGE**  
County : **CLARE**  
Category : **C**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 02-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35	35
The Built Environment	40	24	24
Landscaping	40	27	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	18
Litter Control	40	22	22
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	20	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	21
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>182</b>

## **Sixmilebridge, County Clare**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Sixmilebridge is welcome to the 1999 Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for the completed application form with information and map. The most notable aspect of Sixmilebridge this year is perhaps the ongoing development. It will probably take one or two years for these to settle into their environment and significantly enhance the visual amenity value of Sixmilebridge. Well done on your landscaping work since last year. We look forward to their maturation. It is good to note efforts have been undertaken regarding the undergrounding of service wires and the removal of poles. Good luck with this project and well done. The completion of the Church Conservation Project will be a valuable part of your cultural heritage upon completion.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

There is a pleasant mix of buildings both in terms of their function and architectural styles in Sixmilebridge. Quite a few properties are in need of cleaning and / or painting and no doubt when all building work has ceased, this project will be undertaken. A number of buildings look especially well, the Credit Union and adjoining pub and sports shop for example. The gable wall of the Tourist Office in particular should receive attention due to its prominent location on the bank of the river marking the entrance to main street. The lime trees at Teach na Cúirte seem to be establishing themselves well but will need considerable care if they are to survive. The roadside façade of Teach na Cúirte could be painted. A group of buildings at the top of the Kilkishin road needs façade treatment at least as they look quite unsightly. The buildings opposite the M. Gleeson Greyhound Bar could be much improved.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The green areas at the church and the Parochial Hall have been nicely maintained. Well done. The landscaping at the walls of the sports grounds is maturing nicely. Extend the landscaping of the walls to the sports grounds to the second stretch of concrete block wall. Avoid the display of Cordylines in public places. These are best kept to private gardens.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The wildlife area is very successful. There was great interest in the ganders by visitors and the travelling public during the day of adjudication at the riverside settlement. This wildlife initiative was being enjoyed by all.

## **LITTER CONTROL**

Most of the litter bins on poles need to be cleaned and many of the free standing ones are in need of painting. Litter control was quite good during adjudication.

## **TIDINESS**

Weed growth along kerbs looks untidy. Perhaps the derelict gate lodge at Mount Jeebers Court could be planted with a Russian Vine or other rambling flowering plant to soften its visual appearance. Be vigilant regarding side and rear areas to buildings which can be viewed by the public.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Almost all boundary walls to residential properties adjacent to Teach na Cúirte are in need of cleaning and / or painting. The new housing development opposite Teach na Cúirte as well as other new housing developments around the town will hopefully be finished to a high standard. Many of the boundary walls marking the entrance from the Limerick road are also in need of attention. The Mount levers residential development is very well presented. The Beechwood Grove development looks well also.

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

Some nameplates need to be cleaned, for example the one opposite the entrance to Mount Jeebers Court. The Kilkishen entrance to the village is perhaps one of its best features with its neat margins, field boundaries, stone walls and well surfaced footpaths together with good signage. The only problems presented here are the corrugated roofs of buildings which can be seen from this entrance. The bilingual nameplates and street signs are an attractive feature. Well done.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The village has an attractive layout and small attractive squares and open spaces. The gently rise and fall of its streets are attractive and add interest also. The extent of ongoing development makes it difficult to keep buildings looking fresh and this problem is appreciated. We look forward to the completion of all resurfacing and ducting and the completion of housing development.