

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **CAUSEWAY**  
County : **KERRY**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 06-07-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35	35
The Built Environment	40	32	31
Landscaping	40	29	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	30	30
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	22	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	25
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>205</b>

## **Causeway, County Kerry**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for a most informative and comprehensive submission extending to a history outline of the village and environs. The large hand map proved most helpful on adjudication day. You did well in putting together a five year plan nearly five years ago and it has served you well. Most of the work carried out in previous years will further enhance with the passing of time. Your village is unusual in layout and in usage - the great student influx on a daily basis is significant and obviously creates a great traffic movement twice daily.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Your largest and presumably your busiest building is the College with access from the south and west approach roads - surprisingly there is nothing to identify the building as a school and you can rectify this with an appropriate bilingual sign on each entrance for 2000. The G.A.A. playing field is well presented and its adjacency to the college is ideal. The College itself, with its multiplicity of pyramid type roofing is in need of colour. The Church is well presented, together with the National School. The Cemetery gates beside the Church need painting. Leahy's shop has some attractive traditional type features - would they consider replacing the sign with a traditional type and improve the overall appearance?

### **LANDSCAPING**

You have worked hard on this section and raised your marks also. The great evidence of well laid out flower gardens is commendable. The picnic area on the Eastern approach is very well presented with well trimmed grass. However, the adjacent litter bin was overflowing on adjudication day. You should attempt to ensure that it is emptied on a more frequent basis. The four Fáilte signs erected in stone at all entry points are praiseworthy and well designed. The treatment of stone walls with climbers is good and will further enhance with the passing of time. The tree planting at the Church is commendable but you might consider improving the base soil at these to present them better. There is a most beautiful purple hedge display opposite the National School - could this be extended to other parts of the village? There is a great display of well presented flower tubs throughout the village and on the approach roads. It is acknowledged that these demand a lot of care, so well done.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The comments made in last year's report still apply. You have scope for increasing your marks in this section. Perhaps a transitional year project might be agreed with the college authorities, leading to a survey of the wildlife presence in the area.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Apart from a small amount of litter in a couple of areas, the village was litter free. This is to your credit and helps the overall appearance of the village.

### **TIDINESS**

Your problems here relate to a number of small unattended open spaces. Some of these have potential for attractive landscaping. The chainlink fencing opposite the School should be replaced. You have many attractive traditional features in the village that could be further highlighted. The single storey farmhouses on the eastern approach with slate and corrugated roofing are exceptional but need improved presentation.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

You have maintained your excellent presentation of houses in this section. Marian Terrace excels and is excellent in lay out and presentation with grass being cut during adjudication. One boundary area at the southern entrance needs attention by replacing the post and rail fencing. Throughout the village there is some excellent individual effort - so well done all round.

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

Well done on the E.S.B. clean up at the Southern entrance. The restaurant sign for Harty's on the eastern approach needs refurbishment. You still need improved weed control, together with the approach to the village from the west side. The adjudicator failed to find any development at the ring fort and an enquiry to a local resident proved fruitless also. However, if the ring fort is in an unidentifiable state it might be best to leave it so - let us know in next year's submission.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

This first visit from the adjudicator was a delight to witness such physical and community vitality in Causeway - you have been sensible in your pursuits and your intention to at least top up the five year plan is commendable - you have a large area to cover, but you are coping well. Your greatest challenge is to bring the community with you and sustain their commitment. Good luck for 2000.