

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KNOCKNAGOSHEL**
County : **KERRY**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 05-07-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	31
The Built Environment	40	26	24
Landscaping	40	28	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	17
Litter Control	40	25	24
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	22	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	25
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	194	185

Knocknagoshel, Co. Kerry

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The submission returned with a completed entry form was immensely helpful in assessing the progress and problems of Knocknagoshel. In particular, the before and after photographs give an immediate illustration of your efforts to date. Your plans for the next couple of years are impressive and your commitment to improving the overall appearance of the village is commendable. You should try to get all the community involved and do not rely on the committee members only.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The progress in this section has been significant and it is good to observe suggestions from previous reports being acted upon. The two new shop developments are excellent i.e. the Family Shop and Teach de Róiste. The wall mural attached to the former is very eye catching. Many houses and commercial buildings have been freshly painted and this has boosted your marks. Your challenge now is to tackle the unoccupied and derelict buildings and those referred to in previous reports not yet improved. Signs are in need of painting.

LANDSCAPING

Most of the work done by FAS in previous years continues to enhance the overall appearance of the area. There was a welcome degree of colour throughout the village on adjudication day. The village garden at the entrance is excellent and has an array of attractive shrubs. The School looked really well and has attractive window boxes giving extra colour. The Church and Grotto looked well again this year. The car park in the village centre has shown no improvement since last year and would benefit from improved layout to include landscaping.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Well done on your work in this section. The wildlife habitat is well laid out - but don't have it too ornate as the idea is to create a degree of uninterrupted habitat.

LITTER CONTROL

Adjudication coincided with refuse collection day, but this did not prevent the village from being virtually litter free, throughout. A couple of crisp bags and empty bottle at the wildlife habitat represented the only litter in evidence. You seem to be getting good co-operation in this section - well done.

TIDINESS

You still have a problem with dereliction, unoccupied houses and unattended open spaces. These relate to areas mentioned in last year's report. However, the core village is well presented and it is acknowledged that voluntary committees are limited in their endeavours. Some corrugated roofs would benefit from fresh painting. You still need an identity plaque at the Lime Kiln.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The standard here is good and some individual efforts in the village centre excel. Because of the different level of housing locations many houses are visible from various angles and need to be well presented. There are also some housing 'treats' not in view to the normal visitor i.e. the two houses near the narrow road by the side of the Church. The untidy pockets up the lane near the Family Shop will need a fairly major clean up soon, as many of the roofs have collapsed.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Road surfacing has improved immensely and this has helped to present streets to a good standard. Side entrances are now a core part of the competition, so you need to be vigilant in this regard. The area around Parnell Square which offers many side and rear views of premises is well presented. The village has many traditional type features and these should be highlighted. You might consider more street furniture of a traditional type that would further enhance the traditional features of the village and environs.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

A significant improvement on last year and a welcome air of fresh painting throughout. The village has a good entrance from the Abbeyfeale Road. Good luck with your Millennium Project.