

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **NARRAGHMORE**  
County : **KILDARE**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 03-07-99

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32	35
The Built Environment	40	28	28
Landscaping	40	28	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	18
Litter Control	40	33	33
Tidiness	20	17	16
Residential Areas	30	22	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	36	35
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>221</b>

## **Narraghmore, Co. Kildare**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you very much for your completed entry form and it is noted that the committee is quite small and therefore the results have been very effective. The general marks for the category were reduced as a result of the mandatory requirement for a three to five year development plan. This must be prepared and presented with the entry form as it is important to the adjudicating process. The entry form did not mention that there is a new village green being prepared near the Post Office, which was displayed on one of the poster boards inside the shop. It is this type of information that is important for a long term plan and in describing what has been carried out during the past year.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

There is very little built environment in Narraghmore but all of it is very well kept. The Post Office is pleasant and the post box of historical interest. There is a need for the telephone kiosk to be repaired as the broken plastic windows are quite unsightly. There are good axial views from the entry street and these are reinforced by the overhanging branches of the trees along the roads. There is a simple arrangement to the housing pattern with some very good traditional details associated with a couple of the older houses. There are rather strange kerb details which reinforce the division between property and the public road. However, the presentation could be improved.

### **LANDSCAPING**

All spaces are very neat and the preservation of the big tree on axis with one of the entry roads is a very good starting feature for the town. A simple backdrop of the rockery is quite complimentary and effective in demarking this entrance area. The housing running parallel to this entry road has very presentable open spaces. Perhaps the cupressus hedge is a bit too extensive on its way towards the national primary road.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

This category was not described in the entry form. Perhaps more native trees are required and the centre of the village could do with significantly more planting. However, it is difficult to comment on this category in relation to the village as it is not known how this aspect will be developed but it must be remembered that there is a very strong rural connection and this should be built on.

## **LITTER CONTROL**

There are very few shops and other sources of litter in the village and as such it is very easy to keep the village in order.

## **TIDINESS**

The whole village is very tidy and curved defining road edges very well displayed. The management of the spaces extends to quite a distance beyond the centre of the village and this is very effective in consolidating the many different residential areas connected to the village. There is perhaps a need to develop a consistent theme so that one can place a definite limit on the extent of the village from the point of view of management.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

These areas are rather small in scale and all very well tended to with their front gardens playing a very important aspect on the presentation of the village and entry roads. Good colour, well painted walls and very clean kerb sides all contribute to the very well cared for environment that is presented.

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

All roads play an important element in connecting the different living areas of the village. All are neat with very good edge treatment. Perhaps one of the most pleasant views is the axial view into the village centre underneath the overhanging branches of the roadside trees. The large tree in the centre of the road is another feature that again makes a strong entry point. It is perhaps worth noting that the development of the potential future village green should consider the connection of the centre of the village with the surrounding countryside and that the roads system should not fragment this space into unusable areas.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

This is a very pleasant village to visit and the future works proposed should be of great benefit to both the village residents and potential visitors.

## **SECOND ADJUDICATION (10/08/99)**

Once again the grass verges on the approaches to the village were exceptionally well maintained and there was evidence of much fresh paint. The front boundaries at Hillview Drive are gradually improving. Commendably again the village was virtually litter free. This adjudicator concurs with the above comments regarding the

development of the proposed village green and looks forward to its completion.