

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **TIMOLIN**
County : **KILDARE**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 04-07-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	23	25
The Built Environment	40	25	25
Landscaping	40	25	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	18
Litter Control	40	28	28
Tidiness	20	10	10
Residential Areas	30	21	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	20
General Impression	10	5	5
TOTAL MARK	300	177	177

Timolin, County Kildare

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your completed entry and it is noted that the committee is quite small which makes the effort all that more difficult. However, perhaps the greatest impact on this village is the national road which allows no space for play as present. It is hoped that with the proposed new bypass that future events will be more easily tackled and it is in this case that the three to five year development plan must be considered seriously so as to prepare for these works. Given that this report is mandatory there has been a drop of two points within this category. However, this is seen as a short term event as it is hoped to see such a report very soon. It is recommended that given that Moone and Timolin will be joined in the same piece of land when the bypass goes through that perhaps both villages should enter as one but this is a decision for the committee.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The mark for this category has remained the same as last year as there has been no change. However, it must be pointed out that at present it is very difficult to assess this aspect given the significant impact of the road and its effect on the roadside structures. Of note, however, is the very pleasant setting provided at the Pewter Mill. An interesting history associated with the adjacent buildings.

LANDSCAPING

There is very little public space associated with landscaping. It should be said that the road leading to the Timolin Pewter Mill was well maintained and that some efforts had been made beside the Sportsman. In general it is understood that there will be a significant reworking of roads and spaces during the construction work associated with the bypass and this does have a bearing on contemporary proposals.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

It is noted that planted shrubs at the rear of the Church of Ireland and the School have been proposed and planted for wildlife. This aspect should be expanded given the significant amount of opportunities that Timolin can avail of.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control in Timolin is good given the fact that there are so few sources and that the major impact would be an outcome from the very heavy traffic volume that passes

through the village.

TIDINESS

As mentioned in litter control the greatest impact on tidiness is the excessive volume of traffic impacting on any efforts made within the minimal space available. The Pewter Mill is very presentable, however, The Sportsman could significantly improve the car park. Refer to last years' notes with respect to advertising signs.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

All these are well presented though in fact there is only a limited amount of residential area associated with the village proper. The residential estate was well presented.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The national road traffic has had a tremendous impact on shaping the corner and adjacent spaces to it. It is again worth noting that the bypass will have a profound effect on how these spaces get treated and it is at this stage that the development should be prepared to lobby for improvements. Essentially this category has gone up a mark for the simple reason that the entry road from the Pewter Mill has been very pleasant and well maintained.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Though Timolin and Moone are seen as separate villages to the general motorist these two settlements would nearly read as one if they were connected visually through some type of planting theme as there are many villages within this competition that would have extended road systems. This is mentioned more as a result of understanding that the same committee represents both villages and in the light of the new bypass, both villages will be connected on a single road. Consideration should be given to how these two villages should work in conjunction and hopefully the future work from the bypass will bring the much needed benefits that are so necessary for this village.