

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **COON**
County : **KILKENNY**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 08-07-1999

| | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 1999 | Mark Awarded 1998 |
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| Overall Developmental Approach | 50 | 31 | 31 |
| The Built Environment | 40 | 26 | 26 |
| Landscaping | 40 | 24 | 24 |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 30 | 15 | 15 |
| Litter Control | 40 | 27 | 26 |
| Tidiness | 20 | 14 | 13 |
| Residential Areas | 30 | 17 | 17 |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas | 40 | 26 | 26 |
| General Impression | 10 | 7 | 7 |
| TOTAL MARK | 300 | 187 | 185 |

Coon, County Kilkenny

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Coon is an interesting small village with potential for development. The co-operation with Fas and the County Council can achieve many of the goals that otherwise would be difficult for your small committee. Developing your plans give opportunities within the village for discussion and co-operation and helps both to develop a community spirit and gives individuals greater confidence and a sense of participation.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Main buildings - the church, business premises, the local school and the houses look well presented. The church and carpark is well treated and the cemetery is especially well cared for. The stone walls and buildings are a lovely feature of the village . Old farm buildings which may seem to have passed their best are extremely valuable to the appearance of the village and it is well worthwhile treasuring these stone buildings and restoring them.

LANDSCAPING

The riverside memorial and peace garden is a lovely idea. Work is continuing and this will make a beautiful feature when complete. The use of natural stone is encouraged here. Other riverside features along the roadside – perhaps riverside tow paths would be an interesting project. The hedge trimming at the church and the good condition of the church grounds and cemetery was noted. Many individual gardens are well maintained and they offer much to the overall landscape of the village.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

With the riverside close by there are many possibilities for wildlife projects. Identify one and start to progress the work

LITTER CONTROL

There is a good level of litter control. Some litter was noted in the peace garden and at few other spots. Constant vigilance and promotion of the value of litter free conditions are needed.

TIDINESS

There was a tidy look to the village especially at the church area. Some grass cutting is needed and the materials above the peace garden needs a little tidying. The name stone is a lovely idea and gives a lovely approach to the village

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The small number of residences look well. The houses close to the church are cared for well. Individual homes are important in such a small village and every effort and encouragement pays off. A small estate if treated well can become a nice landscape unit in itself with maybe some co-ordination of colours, fence types, treatment of outside areas.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The road surfaces are good and the nicely tarmacadamed entrance at he church gate looks well.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The list of organisations in Coon is impressive. There could be a lot more work done to make this village have greater impact without destroying any on the natural beauty of the village. Some of the derelict sites could be developed to become features in their own right – if they are of suitable building materials