

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CUFFESGRANGE**
County : **KILKENNY**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 07-07-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	24
The Built Environment	40	20	20
Landscaping	40	21	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	18
Litter Control	40	33	31
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	23	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	27
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	187	189

Cuffesgrange, County Kilkenny

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Great credit is due to the committee for their efforts in this very small village. The help of FAS and your achievements with public lighting are a measure of your determination and this proves that where there is good commitment, whatever the size of village, success will follow.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The stone walls are a feature of the village and a lasting asset so a very worthwhile investment. With such huge developments everywhere in stone use, it is understandable that you have difficulty in acquiring amounts of stone. The pump work is attractive. The surrounded tree is an emblem of the village. The church graveyard school and business premises all look well.

LANDSCAPING

There is a very well cared for appearance to all road side verges and gardens in the village. The containers and the shrub plantings are cheerful. Attention is needed to weeding at the village entrance shrubberies. The plan to plant at the wall of the church car park is wise. The concrete block is shown up more when it contrasts with the lovely stone. The concrete block wall along the main road frontage needs attention – either by facing it with stone or planting to conceal the blocks – ivy would be a simple solution. The concrete post and rail fence at the entrance is unnecessary and not particularly attractive in itself.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

This is an area of interest that deserves attention and local knowledge could be your best assistance.

LITTER CONTROL

This is a very clean and tidy village and litter control is well in hand

TIDINESS

There is a very good atmosphere of tidiness about and the well cared for homes and open spaces show this well. The heap of rubble at the village entrance from the Kilkenny side hopefully will be removed soon

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Individual homes and gardens play a significant role in such a small village and efforts are well worthwhile.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The road ways are maintained well. Some rough surfaces in places will no doubt be remedied in time. The walls and grass verges are attractive as is the entrance from the main road

GENERAL IMPRESSION

This is a very well cared for village with a great input from the residents and a sense of pride in the place.