

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **STONEYFORD**
County : **KILKENNY**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 05-07-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27	27
The Built Environment	40	23	23
Landscaping	40	26	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	18
Litter Control	40	34	37
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	18	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	28
General Impression	10	6	7
TOTAL MARK	300	194	198

Stoneyford, County Kilkenny

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The information supplied with the application form was very helpful – in particular the map. The plans for each year set good goals. The standard of achievement will need to be measured and reassessed as you go so that you can be certain of achieving the goals set out. For instance the riverside walk in the plan is elaborate and exciting. In reality this is not the case yet and considerable work will need to be done to make this a really fine facility rather than merely a hard surfaced walk.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The school and church and community hall are presented well. A number of business premises are also in good condition and well painted. Please identify all the buildings that have a less than acceptable standard in order to progress their improvement whether through encouragement or co-operation. Attention is needed to paintwork, front walls and materials outside shops which can be untidy. The new houses being built at the Wells road will make further demands on the village and create extra traffic. While the work is ongoing some disruption will be temporarily endured. The wall at the bridge needs repairing as well as the wall nearby at the corner. A good goal would be to have overhead cables buried.

LANDSCAPING

The green at the entrance to Kells road is an attractive feature. The river could be availed of more here and a more interesting feature incorporating a walk by the streamside beside the trees could be considered. Many containers throughout the streets and on houses are an attractive and cheerful feature. The Old garage premises with the two old pumps is an interesting feature. The water pump is nicely treated. The school grounds are pleasant but more tree planting would be welcome. The gardens on the way to the community centre are well tended as are a number of gardens throughout the village. These are very important in the overall landscape.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

More progress on this aspect is looked forward to eagerly.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control is very difficult – this is understood. Litter was noted in so many places, on the street and footpaths, at stream- both sides of the bridge, in the community centre walk around the field. Very serious campaigns are needed and constant vigilance is required.

TIDINESS

The very weedy kerbs and footpaths through the main street are unfortunate. Otherwise there is a sense of tidiness.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The individual homes are well kept and good credit is due to so many people who continually look after their homes and boundaries. The new houses are nicely presented and hopefully when the houses presently being built are complete they will be an asset to the village.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The roads are well kept and well marked. The volume of traffic passing through is astonishing. Very heavy traffic is terrifying and it is understandable that there is concern at the school

GENERAL IMPRESSION

There is a good spirit of endeavour in Stoneyford. Attention to detail is very important and the pursuit of set targets. Traffic with its noise, fumes and dangers suggest there should be more traffic calming devices.