

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CAPPAGH**
County : **LIMERICK**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 01-07-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	31
The Built Environment	40	25	24
Landscaping	40	26	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	25	24
Tidiness	20	13	11
Residential Areas	30	21	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	22
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	186	180

Cappagh, County Limerick

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for returning completed entry form. It is commendable that you should enter and participate in the competition, and your efforts illustrate a pride in your own place. Though small in area and in population, the village ingredients are important and the presence of church, school and community centre combine to give Cappagh an important identity. You need to contact the County Council for improved signposting. Also, it would serve the village well if you erected two fáilte signs. It is commendable that you are working to a three year plan.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The three public buildings were presented to a high standard and the Community Hall and newly built Handball Court were freshly painted. The large boulders are not conducive to a visitor friendly image - you should consider extending the stone wall. Also the metal barrier should be painted. The Church, with its attractive display of roses is very well presented and the school is currently getting a new roof. When completed the school boundary walls should be freshly painted. You should contact Telecom and request a new door for the kiosk - it seems to have been vandalised.

LANDSCAPING

You have much scope for extension to your existing efforts in this section. The hanging baskets along the various roads are praiseworthy. The rural ethos of the village would benefit from more tree planting (native or naturalised preferably). The hedgerows are ideal and need only to be well trimmed for optimum presentation. You have several small open spaces that could be used for landscaping. The car park fronting the Community Hall could be richly landscaped and developed into an amenity park. The area needs to be softened by planting.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Any progress yet on your plans for the introduction of Mallard? However, the provision of hedgerows that are not severely cut during breeding time will provide wildlife in its own right. Consider a school project for wildlife in the area.

LITTER CONTROL

The litter bin at the hall was full on Thursday, adjudication day. The village core and approach roads were litter free,

you do not seem to have a problem generally.

TIDINESS

Areas that look untidy relate to unpainted farm gates and poor boundary walls. Because of the small area in question it should be feasible to have all farm gates painted a bright colour. This would brighten up the whole area and firm up the village identity.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

In general, houses were well presented and some have attractive front and side gardens. The road surface up by the Presbytery is in need of maintenance. Try and give more attention to areas between the roadside and boundary walls.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The road structure is good and the linear layout of the village lends itself to more tree planting. Try and keep the grass trimmed to a high standard. Ideally the committee should purchase a strimmer and rotate the cutting of the grass verges with various committee members.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

It was a pleasure to visit Cappagh and see first hand the developments to date. Stick with your plans but your developments in terms of aftercare should be keyed into the energy and enthusiasm available from the community. Well done on increasing your marks.