

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **COLMANSWELL**
County : **LIMERICK**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 09-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	25
The Built Environment	40	21	20
Landscaping	40	22	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	13
Litter Control	40	23	22
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	18	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	23
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	162	160

Colmanswell, County Limerick

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thanks for your completed application form. Unfortunately there was no sketch map attached and this adjudicator had a little difficulty in identifying places in the village and its immediate surrounds. As was suggested in last year's report it is very important that the committee put together a plan of work over a three-year period. As in any plan, there should be a set of achievable practical objectives which can be worked in tandem with the County Council, other agencies and the local community.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The old National School is in the process of being refurbished as a community amenity. Work was ongoing on adjudication day. Other buildings including the new Church and a number of private dwellings were presented to a high standard. It is important that the effort in this category is maintained.

LANDSCAPING

The St Colmanswell development looked well with the rose beds looking very appealing. A landscape programme for the village should be put in place as apart of the suggested workplan. The Village has a number of ideal areas that could be worked upon.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

A number of suggestions were made under this category in last year's final report. It is important that these are acted upon. There was no mention of a proposed project in the application form. If progress is to be made in this category the committee should try and involve a local wildlife expert to help draw a design for a nature trail along the river. It would serve as a start for further additions.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control was quite good on adjudication day. Keep up the good work.

TIDINESS

There were a number of gate areas that were a little untidy. I appreciate that this is a farming area and there is bound to be some evidence of farm activity but it is important that the committee assign a sub group to assume responsibility for general tidiness.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Residential properties are presented to a good standard, most boundary walls and gardens were kept in pretty good condition.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The entrances in to the village were for the most part in reasonable condition; some verges were slightly overgrown. To reiterate what was stated in last year's report, the Village is hard to find and certainly the signposting lets a lot to be desired. The fact that this adjudicator had no map did not help matters, whilst I had a general idea of where it was I still had to ask for directions on two occasions. A detailed map should be included with your submission next year.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Colmanswell is nice village off the beaten track but not too far from villages such as Castletown and Ballyagran and the main market town of Charleville. With a little more effort it will progress in the competition. Keep up the good work.