

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **EFFIN**  
County : **LIMERICK**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 09-07-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27	27
The Built Environment	40	28	27
Landscaping	40	27	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	23	22
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	19	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	25
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>181</b>

## **Effin, County Limerick**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for the completed application and sketch map of the village which in fact looked very well on a very hot summer's day. Effin has a sense of tranquillity which is in short supply in these days of hustle and bustle, long may it remain that way. It is good to see that the relationship with the local authority is paying dividends for the village. Effin is in the heartland of Ballyhoura country and Ballyhoura Failte Ltd plays its part in helping the local community.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The standard in this category was very good. Both the Church and Community Hall (formerly Cannon Hayes Hall a mecca in days gone by for dancers from North Cork and South Limerick!) were in top condition. Private dwellings were well presented as was the resurfaced carpark. The Graveyard was well maintained with the green areas cut back

### **LANDSCAPING**

It is noted that the Committee intends to plant additional shrubs in and around the Village. I would suggest that you seek the advice of the County Council horticulture department to ensure that any planting is done to good effect. Don't overbeautify the village as it would spoil its natural appeal.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The comment in the application form that "Effin is a very rural village and has its own natural wildlife" is very true. Any developments in this category in future should take cognisance of the above statement. I would suggest that a leaflet on all aspects of Effin be published. Seek the support of Ballyhoura Failte for this undertaking.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

The litter control was excellent and the work of the committee members is paying off.

### **TIDINESS**

Again there is a lot of effort being put in by the locals to keep the village tidy. There was a little weed growth at kerbside and some farm residue to be seen on a few of the approach roads. Overall the standard was good.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The private dwellings in the village were a credit to the owners especially the house near the Church which was very well presented. Adjacent gardens and back areas were also kept well.

## **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

The two main entrances were in good condition although the verges on the Ballyhea end of the village need to be cut back. The village nameplate and directional signs were clearly visible.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Effin is a nice rural village with plenty potential to do well in future competitions. Keep up the effort.