

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **FEENAGH**
County : **LIMERICK**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 09-06-99

| | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 1999 | Mark Awarded 1998 |
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| Overall Developmental Approach | 50 | 32 | 31 |
| The Built Environment | 40 | 32 | 31 |
| Landscaping | 40 | 31 | 31 |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 30 | 20 | 20 |
| Litter Control | 40 | 34 | 33 |
| Tidiness | 20 | 14 | 14 |
| Residential Areas | 30 | 24 | 24 |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas | 40 | 30 | 30 |
| General Impression | 10 | 7 | 7 |
| TOTAL MARK | 300 | 224 | 221 |

Feenagh, County Limerick

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thanks for the detailed questionnaire and accompanying map, which was very helpful in identifying various areas of the village and its surrounds. It is good to see such practical co-operation between the Committee, County Council, FAS, Telecom and the local community. It's been a few years since this adjudicator visited Feenagh and one could not be but impressed by the efforts of all involved in the Tidy Towns initiative as the village looked resplendent on a pleasant June evening. Long term objectives are very achievable so keep up the excellent effort.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Feenagh is a typical Golden Vale village where farm dwellings, commercial buildings and private residences make up the fabric of what is a very attractive place. The majority of buildings were presented to a very high standard. Two farmhouses, one on each side of the road as one enters from Ballyagran, deserve special mention; it is good to see farmyards kept in such condition. The "Village Inn" and the salmon painted house were noted. Most of the private residences were very well presented. Plastic signs in a village so traditional stand out like a sore thumb. Encouragement should be given to the owners of these businesses to dispense with these signs and replace with something a little more appropriate. The School and Church are a credit to those responsible for their upkeep. The new pathways and the restoration of the old village pump are welcome additions to the village as they give it a more complete look.

LANDSCAPING

The trees in the village are maturing nicely complemented by a selection of shrubs and flowers. There is a particular nice and simple planting arrangement in front of the impressive private dwelling opposite the School. Ongoing work is welcomed as the standard in this category is very good.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

It would be worthwhile if the proposed school project could be forwarded for next year's competition. I feel there is great scope to develop a worthwhile project in the village or its immediate surrounds. It may be possible to seek out the assistance of a local wildlife enthusiast to help out in this regard.

LITTER CONTROL

Very good performance in this category. Suffice to say that the message of litter control is being heeded, as the village was virtually litter free on adjudication day.

TIDINESS

In the main the standard in this category was quite good. There was evidence of some weed growth in parts of the village. It is important to assign one of the committee to check on weed growth at intervals. Some areas of untidiness referred to in last year's report have been addressed and improved upon.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The Village as a whole could be considered a residential area and should be judged as such as there is no housing scheme or council development. Most of the premises were in excellent shape some with beautiful gardens and colourful flowers. The house opposite the school with the landscaped area in front is particularly impressive as are two farmhouses mentioned in the built environment section. As regards the vacant houses issue all one can do is keep examining ways of resolving the problem in the hope that a solution can be reached.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

All approach roads into the village were maintained to a high standard except for a scattering of grass here and there. One has to make allowance for the fact that this is farming territory. The whitewashed walls, as one enters from Milford, once again caught the eye as they had just been painted and were weed free. The new footpath from the village to the school was a necessary amenity for local residents.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Feenagh is pleasant and tranquil village. The efforts of the committee to involve all sections of the local community are commendable, as everybody seems to be contributing to the Tidy Towns cause. Keep up the good work.

SECOND ADJUDICATION (10/08/99)

The Ballyagran Road gives the visitor a long lead into the village. The flower-filled pot by the village nameplate was admired. As indeed were the freshly whitewashed walls – however, weeds were apparent to the base of same. The children-crossing sign appeared to be quite grubby although the school itself was fine. The new footpaths were noted and admired. Some rusty tin sheds create a bad impression and should be painted up before next year's competition. Curved canopies should be discouraged and replaced with more traditional fabric awnings. Plastic signage is also a problem

as should be replaced with more traditional timber ones. The church looked well in its dominant position at the centre of the village. Litter control was generally quite good on the day although the odd paper was evident. The quaint Carnegie Library was admired – however weeds were evident to its chimney pot. Although the community centre was fine its plinth appeared to be quite flaky.